

The Bennett family ... Melissa, Barry, Ella and Andrew couldn't be happier at Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

Like many of our Emmanuel friends, Emmanuel on High was not our first church in the area. Our relationship with church started with our daughter Ella attending the preschool. At that time we were attending another church in Northern Virginia.

As we were dressing for Christmas Eve Service our then 5-year-old daughter Ella said "Why aren't we going to Emmanuel to church?" We had no good answer and we soon began worshiping here as well.

What we found was what we had really been looking for but didn't know it was under our nose. Emmanuel is full of young families and we quickly came to understand this was the perfect fit for our family.

Emmanuel is a very welcoming experience. We both love that the church is filled with little ones who enjoy coming each Sunday.

Emmanuel is not a place that much cares what you wear on Sunday. Emmanuel is certainly not for adults only. Emmanuel is for the whole family. Family life is complicated enough on the weekends without adding to the stress on Sunday mornings.

We remember how our parents would stress over getting us all dressed up. Stressing about our shoes, clothes, and behavior. It was not a pleasant experience as a child. We didn't want that for our children. We want our children to grow up in a church that they love to attend each week.

Rev. Chuck and the entire team are friendly and engaging. Our church is growing, vibrant, embracing, and energetic.

Our experience is that the children of a church make all the difference. Our children's love of the church started from their preschool experience and continues to grow.

We came here looking for a community more concerned with being better Christians than what you wear. We came here looking to grow our faith while being with our children. Our family found everything we wanted here at Emmanuel.

We were both raised in small towns in the Midwest. We desperately wanted to find a church where our children could find similar experiences, where they wanted to come, and where they could grow their faith. We found everything we were looking for at Emmanuel and we think you might as well.