

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Confirmation & Holy Eucharist

with forms for Reception and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows



Emmanuel Episcopal Church

September 21, 2025 | 10:00 am

Welcome to Emmanuel!

We are a welcoming community where the dignity of every human being is respected, and we are so very happy you are here. Everything you need to participate in today's service can be found in this bulletin – the people's parts appear in **bold type face**.

A special welcome to our visitors! Please consider filling out a visitor card found on the table behind the back pew, or in the vestibule; your completed card can be placed in the offering basket or handed to an usher. Our clergy look forward to personally welcoming you.

Do you require accommodations during your time at Emmanuel? ***Magnifying Lenses*** are available to help with what may be considered small print in the bulletin and ***ear plugs*** for those sensitive to the crowd or music volume. A ***Sensory Basket*** can be found in the narthex containing noise cancelling headphones, a picture schedule for Holy Eucharist, as well as other sensory items. If you need use of our ***Quiet Space***, please let an usher know. ***If you require other specific accommodations, please let us know – we are happy to help make your worship experience more comfortable.***

If you are curious about what it means to be a Christian in the Episcopal tradition, we invite you to contact our Associate Rector, Rev. Jennie M. Leahey, who would love to chat with you and answer any questions you might have (revjen@emmanuelonhigh.org).

For families:

Please visit our ***Children's Corner*** – located in the corner of the narthex – for items your child might need throughout the service. Children's bulletins, worship bags, and laminated children's worship schedules are available; please return these items at the conclusion of the service for reuse.

A ***Soft Space*** is located in the back of the church for our youngest worshippers, aged newborn – 4 years.

Nursery service is available for children up to 4 years of age every Sunday from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. Please see an usher for directions to the nursery. The nursery is closed in July, August, and occasional church holidays.

Godly Play, EEC's children's formation curriculum, is offered for children ages kindergarten through 5th grade during the 10:00 am worship service (academic year only). Following the Collect of the Day, participating children may follow the crucifer to the parish hall for formation; they will return at The Peace.

2025-26 CFM and CHAOS Calendars – Please see bulletin boards in the parish hall or visit Emmanuel's website for more information.

Emmanuel Episcopal Church records sounds, images, and video at its services and events. If you and your child(ren) are in attendance, you will be part of these recordings and videos. These recorded images may be used in church publications, marketing, and promotional material, and on web and social media sites operated by the Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

*For more information about Emmanuel's people and/or programs,
please visit us online at: emmanuelonhigh.org*

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*Our liturgy has been taken from the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer and is included in this leaflet for your convenience. The people's parts are in **bold typeface**.*

Prelude

Opening Hymn 390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe Den Herren

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
sure-ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!

Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.

join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
if with his love he be - friend you.
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's reign now and forever. Amen.**
Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray. Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Lessons

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: "Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?" ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?") "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 79:1-9

O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance; they have profaned your holy temple;
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.

**They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air,
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.**

They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem,
and there was no one to bury them.

**We have become a reproach to our neighbors,
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.**

How long will you be angry, O Lord?
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?

**Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.**

For they have devoured Jacob
and made his dwelling a ruin.

**Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us;
for we have been brought very low.**

Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name;
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

A Reading from the First Letter to Timothy

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
 Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

The Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop
People

Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop
People

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop
People

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Bishop
People

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
I will, with God's help.

Bishop
People

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
I will, with God's help.

Bishop
People

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
I will, with God's help.

Bishop
People

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
I will, with God's help.

Bishop
People

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

Leader
People

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ. Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader
People

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader
People

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

A period of silence is kept.

At Confirmation and Reception

The Bishop says to the congregation

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of the Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

For Confirmation

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant (*Name*) with your Holy Spirit; empower him/her for your service; and sustain him/her all the days of his/her life. Amen.

Candidates: Vicki Vaughan, David Raglin, Susan Pearce

For Reception

(Name), we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. Amen.

Candidates: Heidi Bogacz, Richard Bogacz, Monica Selcik, Brigid Christenson, Erin Harkins-Medina, Russell Griffith

For Reaffirmation

(Name), may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. Amen.

Candidate: Mark Vaughan

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your sister or brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your sister or brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Offertory

Oh, Happy Morning!
Emmanuel Handbell Choir

Loo Ashubuhi Njema

In honor of today's celebration, a special offering is given to the Bishop's discretionary fund. You can drop a check/cash in the collection basket, send by mail to the church office indicating this special offering on the memo line, or donate online via e-giving by selecting "Other" from the dropdown box and include "Bishop's Discretionary Fund" as a note.

Please stand as you are able.

The Presentation of Offerings

Old 144th

Handbell score for 'The Presentation of Offerings' in G major, 4/4 time. The score is written for two staves (treble and bass clef) and includes lyrics. The music is divided into three systems, each with a key signature change to G major (one sharp) and a 4/4 time signature. The first system has 8 measures, the second has 8 measures, and the third has 4 measures. The lyrics are: 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.'

G D Em D G Am G

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures

4 D G Am G D G

here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host;

Am G D G

praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

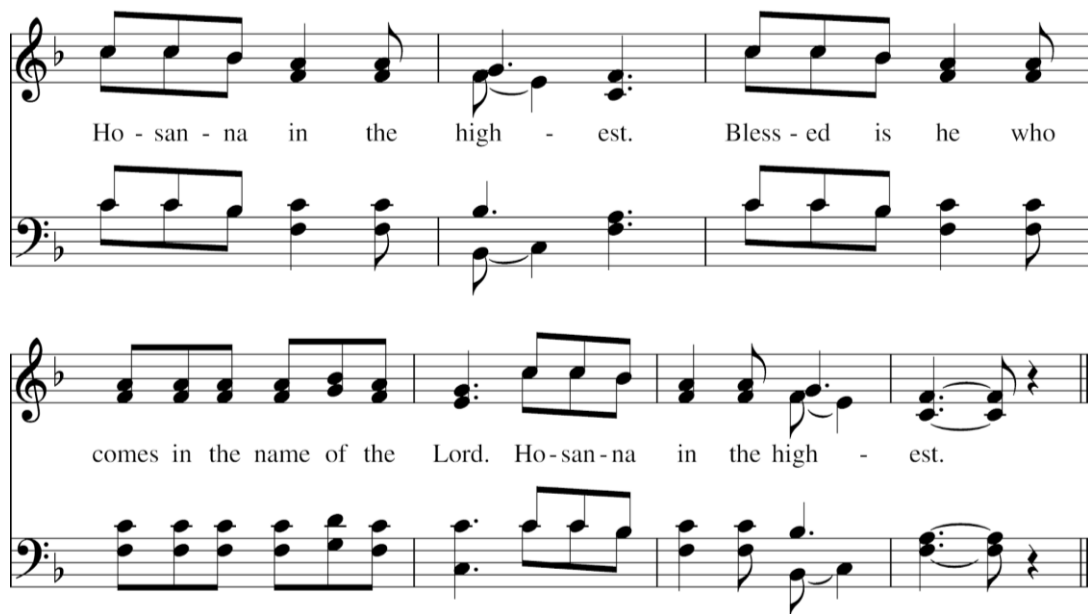
It is a right and good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of Heaven and earth because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

Sanctus WLP 857

Holy, Holy, Holy

Freedom Mass

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow'r and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the maker and preserver of all people.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

A period of silence is kept.

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1.

Be known to us Lord Je - sus, in the break-ing of the bread. Be

5 2.

bread. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, is the com - mun-ion of the bod - y of

9

Christ. Be known to us Lord Je - sus, in the break-ing of the bread. One

14

bod - dy are we al - le - lu - ia, for though man-y we share one bread. Be

18

known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break-ing of the bread.

The Invitation

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized Christians are welcome to Holy Communion. Please follow usher instructions and stand in two lines in front of the sanctuary to receive.

Hold out your hands to receive the sacrament.

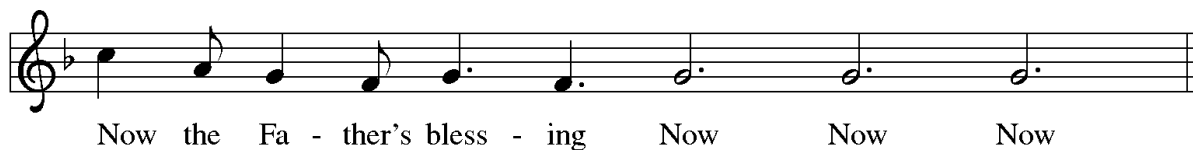
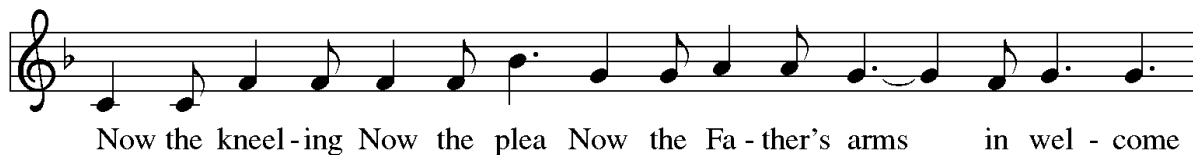
You may dip (intinct) the consecrated host in the wine or drink from the common cup.

If you prefer not to receive the consecrated wine, simply pass by the minister offering the chalice and proceed back to your pew.

Gluten free wafers are available; please say "gluten free" when you are offered the sacrament.

If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion, please cross your arms over your chest to indicate you would prefer a blessing instead.

If you wish to receive Holy Communion in your seat, please notify an usher.





1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Please stand as you are able.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food, in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.
 4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.
 I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here his ten - der com - fort stilled you.
 I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."
 Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace."

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Our Sunday service here has ended: Our service in the world has just begun.

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God
 by Marion Ervine in loving memory of her son, Donald M. Ervine II*

***Please join us for a festive coffee hour in the parish hall,
 as we welcome Bishop Bourlakas to Emmanuel!***

Ministry of Worship for September 21
Confirmation Sunday

10:00 AM

Celebrant & Homilist: The Rt. Rev. Mark Bourlakas

Music Director: Ryan W. Fitch, MM

Cantor: Theresa Severin

Music: Handbell Ensemble

Crucifer: R/T Cruz

Bell Ringer: TBD

Readers: Barbie Frank (Readings), Jennifer Jones (Prayers)

Chalice Bearers: Jennifer Jones, Barbie Frank

Ushers: Pat Hadley, Frank Esquivel

Counters: TBD, TBD

Stream Team: Will Reinke

Altar Guild: Mary Anne Frank, Molly Watson, Barbara Huffman, Donna Thompson

Vestry Greeter: Anne Reinke

Coffee Hour Hosts: Altar Guild

Ministry of Worship for September 28

Instructed Eucharist

10:00 AM

Celebrant & Homilist: The Rev. Jennie M. Leahey

Assisting Priest: The Rev. Charles C. McCoart, Jr.

Music Director: Ryan W. Fitch, MM

Music: Adult Choir

Crucifer: Kennedy Dorn

Bell Ringer: Henry Hastings

Readers: TBD, Joan Rodano

Narrators: Vicki Vaughan, Mark Vaughan

Chalice Bearers: Mandy Dorn, TBD

Ushers: Tyler Dorn, Kelly Dresen

Counters: Bill Allison, TBD

Stream Team: Heidi Bogacz

Altar Flower Dedication: TBD

Altar Guild: Meredith Wade, Lucy Mustin, Jeanie Lange, Jane Kolson,

Anna Mary Portz, Amy Fortney Parks, Hannah Keefer

We Are Here for You

Emmanuel Church is a community of faith which seeks to nurture and support individuals and families in every stage of life and circumstances. If you or a member or your family are in need of prayer or letters of encouragement, assistance with meals or transportation, or any other kind of support, please contact Nancy Dupree, Chair of the Compassionate Care Team at nsdupree@live.com.

Announcements

CHAOS Returns “Christ, Hope And Occasional Snacks” is Emmanuel’s self-branded Episcopal Youth Community, in which tw/eens come together for fellowship, formation, and service. ALL middle and high schoolers are welcome to participate! Our first meeting will be **TODAY September 21, from 5:30-7:00 pm** in the parish hall. During this informal gathering we will share a meal, play some games, and get to know each other. We have a very welcoming group of tw/eens, so even if yours has never attended a previous meeting, they will be incorporated into the flock with open arms. Help providing dinner would be appreciated; please see the Thursday e-news for the Sign Up Genius link.

Instructed Eucharist For nearly 2,000 years, Christians have come together week after week to remember the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus and to experience him in their midst. Join us next Sunday, **September 28** during the 8:00 am and 10:00 am services for a unique opportunity to learn about the Episcopal liturgical service of Holy Eucharist. Whether you are a cradle Episcopalian, or new to the Episcopal tradition, there is something for everyone to learn!

Table Setting 101, EEC Style Pick up a snack at Coffee Hour on **September 28** and join Altar Guild members in the Memorial Room (lower level near offices). We'll get down to business about 11:20 am, review some new practices with Rev Jen, and look ahead to our holiday activities. If you're wondering what the 'AG' is about (so much more than arranging flowers), please come! Many hands make our service a joy. Questions? contact Meredith Wade, meredithswade@gmail.com.

Popcorn Theology: "Join or Die" Do you belong to any clubs? Do you play sports or music in a group? If so, you're part of a declining trend in American life: social, civil engagement. The number of Americans who belong to clubs, churches, teams and groups has plummeted in the past 40 years with dire consequences for our nation's, and our own, health. Loneliness and online life has skyrocketed while democracy and civility are endangered. What can we all do? "Join or Die" is a documentary that uses research from Dr. Robert Putnam's book "Bowling Alone" to explore the depressing trend and suggest solutions. Join a club, join a team...and join us in the Memorial Room on **September 28**, refreshments and social time at 6:30 pm, screening at 7:00 pm, followed by discussion. Bring a friend! Cost free; refreshments provided. More information at <https://joinordiefilm.com/>

Acolytes & Bell Ringers Wanted Have you ever wanted to take a more active role in worship? Now is the perfect time! We are seeking volunteers of all ages—young and young-at-heart—to serve as acolytes and bell ringers during our 10:00 am Sunday services. Whether you're lighting the candles, carrying the cross, or ringing the bell to call the congregation to worship, these simple yet meaningful roles are a beautiful way to participate in the life of the church.

No experience? No problem! Training will be provided. To those who have served in the past, please sign up on the Ministry of Worship Sign Up Genius link which can be found in the Thursday e-news.

Let's come together across generations to serve and worship as one church family. If you or your child/youth is interested in joining this ministry, please contact Susan, Thomas or Rachael Cruz at slcruz57@gmail.com.

“Breaking Bread” – A New Fellowship Ministry at EEC At Emmanuel Episcopal Church, we believe connection happens best not just in pews, but around tables, coffee cups, some good eats, and shared moments. That’s why we’re launching “Breaking Bread,” a new ministry of small, casual gatherings where 6–8 people meet to get to know one another better.

Whether over a home-cooked meal, coffee at a local café, or happy hour on a patio, these gatherings are meant to nurture belonging, spark meaningful conversation, and help both longtime members and newer faces feel connected and welcomed. All are welcome, individuals, families, young, and old no matter how long you’ve been attending or how many names you know. Come as you are. Bring your stories, your curiosity, and maybe a snack to share.



This new ministry will be led by parishioners Amanda Bow and Meghan Foley. We’ll start with a quick interest survey to help shape what this ministry will look like. Whether you’d like to host, attend, or just learn more, we’d love to hear from you! Please complete the survey by October 5. Scan the QR code or go to our website at <https://www.emmanuelonhigh.org/breaking-bread-survey> to fill out the survey.

Emmanuel Ministry Discernment Committee Introduction The Episcopal Church works tirelessly for the church to remain relevant in our lives, in our community, and in our world. That work is performed at the national level, within each diocese in the country, and ultimately in each individual church. It is our call at Emmanuel to consider the pressing needs both within and outside the doors of this church through the Christian call to love and serve our neighbors—and then respond through discerning the best use of the resources that abundantly bless each of us and the Emmanuel family and dedicating those resources and ourselves to areas and activities that best fulfill those needs.

Emmanuel’s Executive Committee and vestry have decided to form a Discernment Committee concerning the future of EEC outreach ministries, programs, and use of church space. The purpose of the Committee is to evaluate current ministries and programs and make recommendations on any changes the Committee feels should be made, whether any ministries or programs should be changed, discontinued, or added, and how best to use EEC resources and space to serve our community.

This discernment process is intended to allow for open and honest discussion and gather input from EEC members and staff to prepare well-informed and thoughtful recommendations about ministries and programs. The purpose of this holy work is to ensure that our valuable time and treasure are being utilized in ways that best reflect Emmanuel’s current mission, to assess our parish’s relevance within our community, and to evaluate what, if any, changes are needed to our current missions and activities. To the extent any changes in the use of EEC space are recommended, the Committee is asked to assess what renovations or capital expenses might be necessary.

The Committee is made up of eight EEC members and will be co-chaired by Lauren Maxey and Ginger Courtney. Lauren Maxey: maxey424@gmail.com; (757) 620-1994 and Ginger Courtney: ggingcourt@gmail.com; (412) 417-5457. More information about the findings of this committee will be offered as this ongoing evaluation occurs, and your prayers for the Discernment Committee and its work would be deeply appreciated.

Refugee Ministry Supporting our Alexandria-based refugee families is life changing for these families! Over the past couple of months, your donations of all kinds have truly helped the Kashimi family feel welcome and loved. They are extremely appreciative of your generosity and kindness. If you wish to become a care team member to support this family or another, please contact Ms. Cessilye Smith directly at: csmith@historicchristchurch.org or 703-778-4939. May God speak to you through them!

6-Week Grief Support Group Lost a loved one in the past 18 months? We are here to help. Parishioner and counselor Dr. Joanie Rodano will be offering 6 weekly grief support discussions on Thursday nights at 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Memorial Room **beginning October 2**. Designed for those dealing with a relatively recent loss, these confidential group sessions will cover topics such as steps forward, practical matters, loneliness, dealing with family, and other grief related topics. The sessions will be facilitated from the perspective that grief is different for everyone, but common threads and experiences exist. You do not have to attend every session. Attendees from the two previous groups unanimously shared positive feedback on their experience. For more information and to sign-up for the grief support sessions, please contact the office at office@emmanuelonhigh.org, or 703-683-0798 and we will share participation information with Joanie.

From the Parish Administrator Unbelievably, we are winding down the third quarter of the year. How has the year gone by so quickly? Giving statements will be sent to the email address on file at the beginning of October to summarize the amount you have given to date. Please review and complete your pledge giving for 2025 no later than December 31. If you have any questions, please email Sandy at administrator@emmanuelonhigh.org.

Weekday Worship Opportunities

Wednesday Morning Holy Eucharist

Held at 11:00 am in the chapel.

Daily Offices offered via ZOOM

(links also available in the Thursday e-news)

Monday Noonday Prayer 12:00 pm – Meeting ID: 86897298151 | Passcode: 666629

Thursday Compline 9:00 pm – Meeting ID: 84727433610 | Passcode: 100209

Emmanuel Prayer List

When you pray for your loved ones, you don't really need words. If a loved one needs healing, remember the story of the four friends holding up their paralyzed friend on a mat before Jesus. Without words, just imagine holding your loved one before Jesus. It can be very hard work. But they didn't give up. And neither should we.
-Br. Geoffrey Tristram

Patricia Adams – friend of Sally Masri, late-stage multiple myeloma

Tom Anderson – recovering from surgery after a fall

Steve Beggs

Greg Bischak – friend of many parishioners, diagnosed with a brain tumor

Jake Britt – son of Barbara Huffman, suffering with Guillain-Barre syndrome

Anne Campbell – friend of Mary Morrison, for peace and comfort

Susan Connolly – friend of Gail Eger, waiting for a liver transplant

Ellen Dougherty – friend of Evelyn & John Griswold, fighting cancer

Diane Feters – friend of Nancy Kuhn, in hospice care

James Epes Grigg – father of Jane Grigg, battling health issues

Maria Gomez – friend of Doris Rudolph, battling cancer

Jane Hoge – friend of Nancy Kuhn, in treatment for breast cancer

Hayden Hopkins – friend of Kate Bartholomay, in need of a heart and kidney transplant

Christine Kaineg – friend of the Bartholomays, facing a new cancer diagnosis

Tony Kasik – son of Mary & Phil Kasik, living with chronic heart disease

Phil Kasik – diagnosed with prostate cancer

Nancy Kuhn – multiple myeloma

Lou Lothman – friend of the Bartholomays, navigating cancer

Meredith Martino – recovering from ankle surgery

Iris McCloskey – friend of Joan Rodano, diagnosed with lung cancer

Maryann McGarry – friend of Doris Rudolph, cancer recurrence

Jay Miller – friend of the Wades, working through cancer treatment options

Kitty Porterfield – friend of Meredith Wade, in chemotherapy treatment

Chad Schantz – nephew of Nan DeRenzi and Laura Bishop, continuing cancer treatment

Melanie Six – friend of Joanie Rodano, diagnosed with cancer

Tim Slade – friend of Hayes Willingham, in treatment for cancer

Lora Smolenski – sister of Amy Ernst, suffering with leukemia

Danielle Thalmann – niece of Gail Eger, in treatment for cancer

Fred Thalmann – brother of Gail Eger

Mark Turner – brother-in-law of Hayes & Jode Willingham, undergoing treatment for cancer

Kevin Werthmann – beginning treatment for cancer

Kathy Woodley – friend of Sally Masri, blood and kidney cancer

Elizabeth Anderson's brother

Eileen

Janet – mother of Ryan Fitch, undergoing treatment for liver cancer

John – son of Donna Thompson

Richard – brother of Meredith Wade, preparing for back surgery

For Nicholas Soppa, friend of Laura Ewan, who had died and now rest peacefully in heaven.

For the Hussainzada and Karimi families from Afghanistan supported by our Refugee Ministry.

We pray for the ALIVE! family, for all staff, volunteers, supporting congregations, donors, and the individuals and families who receive aid through ALIVE!'s programs.

In the Virginia Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the congregations, clergy and staff of Lynwood Parish (Grace Memorial) in Port Republic, and St. John's in West Point.

In the Anglican Communion of Prayer, we pray for The Church of South Sudan.



Clergy and Staff

The Rev. Charles C. McCoart, Jr., *Rector*
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