



The Weekly

Immanuel Anglican Church
Prince William County

Pastor's Corner **"A Long Walk with Jesus"**

We are in our final few days of Epiphany, the season celebrating the revelation who Jesus is: "The radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature" (Hebrews 1:3), sent by the Father into the world to rescue *all* people out of sin, darkness, and death into holiness, light, and life. This last Sunday of Epiphany, Transfiguration Sunday, is a culminating moment of this revelation, and we're invited to join Peter, James, and John in becoming fully awake to the true Jesus (Luke 9:32).

Jesus consistently invited these three disciples to walk with him in unique ways, and each time they were given an even clearer vision of who he is. The Transfiguration of Jesus literally shines as the brightest of these visions (Luke 9:28-35:1-9). The biblical context of this event fits well within the liturgical flow from Epiphany to Lent.

Just days before this moment Peter declares Jesus to be the Messiah, and Jesus begins teaching the disciples that this truth will require his suffering and death (Luke 9:18-27). Luke tells us that Moses and Elijah are discussing with the transfigured Jesus his impending crucifixion (Luke 9:30-31). And when Jesus walks down the mountain with his three disciples, he is heading down the road to Jerusalem. The Transfiguration is the Scriptural bridge from the brightness of the Epiphany into the Lenten journey to the Cross.

This Sunday, and this Lent, Jesus is inviting you to walk with him, that you may see more clearly who he truly is – a revelation that

comes to fullness in the light of his death and resurrection. The prologue to Lent is bright: the celebration of the Transfiguration on Sunday, and the feasting on **pancakes, playing games, and singing praise this Shrove Tuesday, March 4, starting at 5pm** at the Mission Outpost/Worship House. **Lent begins the following day, Ash Wednesday, with the Imposition of Ashes offered at 12pm, and the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist offered at 7pm** (childcare provided at this 7pm service). At those services, you will be invited *“to the observance of a holy Lent: by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and alms-giving; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word”* (p. 544, BCP 2019).

On Sunday, we will give you a Lenten guide entitled, “A Long Walk with Jesus.” This guide offers a variety of ways to walk with Jesus each week. I encourage you to read through these disciplines ahead of time, prayerfully decide which practices you will observe, then ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with his power and grace “that you may faithfully keep this Lent” (BCP 2019).

Using this guide *together* will enable us to walk with Jesus this Lent as a church family. In earlier times, Lent was a discipline taken on by an entire community, people supporting each other in engaging these “rhythms of grace.” This can become another experience of *koinonia* – a communing with each other and our Trinitarian God that results in transformation and joy (1 John 1:1-4).

I pray that this will be a turning point in all our lives, as we turn from the other voices that disturb, distract, and tempt us, to walk together with Jesus and listen to his voice.

Your Pastor in Christ,

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INFORMATION

March 2, 2025

Worship

Please join us, in person, each Sunday at 8:00am or 10:30am at 7075 Hoadly Road, Manassas, VA. You may also join us at 10:30am via [livestream](#).

Morning Prayer is offered via [Zoom](#) every Thursday at 8am.
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8593465171>
Meeting ID: 859 3465 5171

Beginning March 4th, Morning Prayer will also be offered at Immanuel Tuesday - Friday, 8:30am - 9:30am.

Midday prayer is offered Tuesday – Friday in the Nave at noon.

Visit iachurch.org/worship for more details.

IMPORTANT DATES

March 4, 2025	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	5-7 Nave
	Praise and Prayer	7-7:15
March 5, 2025	Ash Wednesday Services	12pm, 7pm
	(nursery provided for 7pm service)	
March 11, 2025	Praise and Prayer	7-8 Nave
March 18, 2025	Learn to Pray	7-8:30 Nave
March 25, 2025	Pray for the Prodigals	7-8:30 Nave

Holy Week Services to be announced next week.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Catherine Annand's Uganda Trip: There have been some significant events which have impacted Catherine's plans and led her to postpone her mission trip to Uganda. Catherine is seeking God's guidance on next steps, and hopes to return to Uganda in the future. Thank you for your generous donations, and there will be updates on Catherine's plans once she has further information.

Backpacks For Kids: Backpacks For Kids is back at King Elementary School for the 2024-25 school year! Each week Immanuel will provide weekend food to 40 kids in need. You can help by donating food from the [Amazon Wish List](#), bringing food to Worship Sunday mornings (the collection box is to the left when you walk in the front door) or writing a check and including Backpacks For Kids in the memo. See iachurch.org/backpacks for details. We also need help packing bags and delivering food each month. If you are interested in helping pack or deliver food, contact mbyers@iachurch.org.

Meals to Hilda Barg: Immanuel Anglican Church will be providing meals to the Hilda Barg Homeless Prevention Center on March 12th & 13th. Please sign up to prepare and deliver one or more of the items on the menu by clicking here: [SIGN UP](#). Instructions for delivery and the address are on the sign up page. Your generous provision of food provides for those less fortunate and shines the light of hope into those lives.

Mission and Outreach Food Cupboard: The Food Cupboard Ministry Food of the Month for March is canned peas in 15-ounce cans. Recently we learned that ACTS food pantry has not received enough canned peas for some time so let's help with that need! FYI-Our food cupboard has moved. After you enter the building, turn left and walk down the hallway. Open the second door on your left. The food cupboard is on the left, next to the attic stairs, in the room where the chairs are stored.

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

Immanuel Kids: Every great movie tells a great story. When we see those stories played out on the big screen, we can learn a little more about ourselves and the world around us. Jesus knew how powerful stories could be, and he made them a big part of how he taught his followers. In this 5-week series, kids will hear some of the stories Jesus shared that can help them see the big picture of a life spent following God. Kids will see that God helps us know what's true, the ways we can give back to God, how God sends us helpers, and how God gives us second chances.

Immanuel Youth Group: Students (6th-12th grade) are welcome to attend youth group every Sunday after service from 12:15 -1:30 p.m. Lunch is provided. Join us as we learn from the Bible and the Anglican Catechism, eat food, and play games. For more information, contact Fr. Drew at Drew.McGinley@anglicanchaplains.org.

Sunday Night Men's Bible Study: On March 2, we will continue the study "DON'T GIVE THE ENEMY A SEAT AT YOUR TABLE". Join us at 7pm in classroom 4 to view Louie Giglio in a 21-minute session "The Battle for Our Mind" followed by discussion and fellowship. You will be out by 8:30 with no homework assignment! Promise!

Monday Men's Dinner: All men, that is IAC members and guests are invited to join us for some fellowship and conversation at our weekly Monday Men's Dinner this time at Not Your Average Joes located at 15101 Potomac Town Pl, Ste 150 this coming Monday, March 3, at 5:00 pm. New attendees are always welcome so come join us and bring someone with you.

Women's Monday Night Bible Study: We are not meeting on March 3, but will meet on March 10 to continue our study of Romans using Warren Wiersbe's *How to be Right with God, Yourself, and Others*, discussing Chapter 11 (we will study

Romans 12 and 13). We meet via Zoom from 7-8:30 pm. For more information about the Women's Monday Night Bible Study, contact Deb at dtomchek@aol.com or (703) 597-4136. Please join us!

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study: Join us Tuesdays at 10:00 AM in Room 1 as we continue the study, **The Gospel of John: Savoring the Peace of Jesus in a Chaotic World.** In this 7-session study on the Gospel of John, Melissa Spoelstra will encourage you to slow down and linger with the living Word. You'll appreciate the pace of the Savior who never hurried but completed all that the Father called Him to accomplish. As you turn the pages of John's Gospel, you'll be challenged to take on the posture of a learner—understanding that the peace Jesus offers is not an ease of circumstances, but a stillness of the soul. As a result, you'll grow in intimacy with Him and learn to live, serve, and rest in His peace. You can also join us via Zoom, click [here](#).
Meeting ID: 859 5395 5885 Passcode: 642280
Questions? Call or text Barbara Finney at 703-405-2651

Women's Book Club The next women's book club will be held on March 11th at 7 PM. We will be meeting at the home of Anne Witty, 5134 Cannon Bluff Drive. We are reading **REMARKABLY BRIGHT CREATURES** by Shelby Van Pelt. Please call Cathleen Giannini at 703-851-0908 or cragchat1@gmail.com with any questions. Please let Anne know if you will not be coming. Her home number is 703-590-5912 (IMWitty7@gmail.com).

Thursday Evening Choir Rehearsal: Please prayerfully consider joining the choir as part of the music ministry and share your talent for singing or playing a musical instrument to the glory of God. It is a commitment requiring that we meet every Thursday from 7:00 to 8:30 PM and Sunday morning from 9:30 to 10:00 AM at Immanuel, where we learn to read and interpret the musical notation and practice anthems to be offered about every two weeks for the Sunday morning 10:30 AM worship service. All

ages are welcome, both adult and youth. The choir is a family that prays and works together within the Immanuel family, and we'd love to welcome you!

Saturday Morning Men's Discussion Group: The IAC men will meet at 8AM on 3/01/25 to continue our study of Genesis using Wiersbe's Commentary BE AUTHENTIC. In preparation read Genesis 32 - 34 in your bibles; in the Commentary read CHAPTER FOUR (pp.63 - 75) and ponder the questions on pages 76 and 77. **Food for Thought:** In question #10, the author seems to characterize delayed obedience as a failure. Do you agree? Need a book? Contact Alan Clark at (703)627-4725 or alan.clark!@verizon.net. You may also attend via ZOOM. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82791399156> Meeting ID:827 91399156.

Saturday Men's Breakfast: The men will meet next time for the monthly breakfast at 8:00 AM Saturday, March 15, at Immanuel. Mark this on your calendar. Please come and feel free to invite others to share this time together for food and fellowship.

Life First Update: This Sunday, March 2nd, we will have a visit from Kirk Gillespie our Community Liaison Co-ordinator at Life First. She will speak to us and be available for questions between the services. This is the Sunday we will start our BABY BOTTLE campaign which will run through the season of Lent. Blessings to all our faithful supporters and see you Sunday

County Community Activities: send your activity name, location, date and time to be placed here!

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Lost and Found

The found items are on the Usher's Table.