



The Weekly

Immanuel Anglican Church
Prince William County

Pastor's Corner "World Mission Sunday"

As some of you may remember, when I first accepted the call to love and lead Immanuel as rector, I kept quoting Tod Bolsinger's compelling description of the role of the church: "To live up to their [apostolic] name, local churches must be continually moving out, extending themselves into the world, ***being the missional, witnessing community we were called into being to be.***"

At that time, we had not yet even cleared the land for our new building. It only existed in our imagination and in blueprints. Bolsinger's words inspired me to refer to our building-to-be as our ***Mission Outpost***, keeping alive in our hearts a primary reason for investing our resources in its construction.

Once our building began construction, however, several of you reminded me that the church – both the people and the place – exists to worship God. That led me to call our building a ***Worship House*** as well, and brought to mind John Piper's famous statement, "Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. ***Missions exists because worship doesn't.***"

This Sunday, our Worship and Mission are set within the global context. The Anglican Church of North America designates the second-to-last Sunday of Epiphany as "World Mission Sunday," a day on which we remember that "there is no distinction between Jew and

Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of **all**, bestowing his riches on **all** who call on him. For **everyone** who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Romans 10:12-13). Our Father desires that his Church invite **every** person in **every** people group into the true worship of God through an understanding of who Jesus is and what he has accomplished through his life, death, resurrection, and ascension.

Paul’s words above to the Romans continue with the question, “And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?” (Romans 10:14-15). This Sunday Pastor Sallie will briefly preach on the answer to that question, and then we’ll hear from members of our own congregation who are among those who have been sent.

Additionally, our Mission & Outreach Team will set up tables in the Narthex with information about our Mission Partners so you can learn more about our opportunities for participating in God’s mission in our world. (Isn’t it wonderful we have a building – a Mission Outpost and Worship House – in which we can do these things? Thank you, Father! And thank you, Immanuel family, for your continued giving that makes it possible!)

Mission is an overflow of worship, and has worship as its goal. Come join us in both this Sunday.

Your Pastor in Christ,

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INFORMATION

February 23, 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/85934655171>
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

Feb. 22, 2025	Stop the Bleed Training	10-noon Nave
Feb. 23, 2025	World Mission Sunday	
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 the later service)	
March 11, 2025	Praise and Prayer	7-8 Nave
March 18, 2025	Learn to Pray	7-8 Nave
March 25, 2025	Pray for the Prodigals	7-8 Nave

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. These challenges include the unexpected departure from Uganda of the missionary who hosts Catherine and serious health challenges for Catherine's mother. 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.

Mission and Outreach Food Cupboard: The Food Cupboard Ministry Food of the Month for February is Complete Pancake Mix (add water only) in two-pound boxes. Seniors who receive food from ACTS especially love pancake mix. Our latest food delivery to ACTS weighed 354 pounds! Thank you, Immanuel, for your generous response to our neighbors in need! The March food of the month will be canned peas in 15-ounce cans. 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: When we visit an aquarium, we find a whole world filled with sea creatures, plants, and more. Some of the discoveries we've made about what lives underwater can seem almost like a miracle. But it's not just under the sea where miracles happen—Jesus used water in some of his most well-known miracles! In this 4-week series, kids will learn about some of the incredible miracles Jesus performed to help people grow closer to God. As they do, they'll learn how Jesus does everything out of love, calls us to follow him, knows what we need, and most of all, that Jesus can do anything!

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 February 23, 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 Tactics of the Enemy" 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 Brittany's this coming Monday, February 24, 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 meeting on February 24 to continue our study of Romans using Warren Wiersbe's *How to be Right with God, Yourself, and Others*, reading and discussing Chapter 10 (we will study Romans 11).

We meet via Zoom from 7-8:30 pm. On Wednesday, February 26, we will meet for dinner and fellowship at 5:30 pm at Ruby Tuesday, 12721 Marblestone Dr, Woodbridge, VA 22192. 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 2/22/25 in Classroom #1 of IAC to continue our study of Genesis. In preparation, read Genesis 29-31 in your bibles, and Chapter THREE, DISCIPLINES AND DECISIONS in Wiersbe's Commentary (pp.47-59) including the questions on pages 60 & 61. **Food for Thought:** What is the difference between regret and repentance? How/do either of these apply to the relationship between Esau and Jacob? As always, coffee and donuts are available. 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.

Not receiving The Weekly? You can sign up on the IAC website, by going to [here](#). Scroll to the bottom of the page and complete the subscribe form. If you need help, contact the Parish Administrator at office@iachurch.org.

Lost and Found

The found items are on the Usher's Table.

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