



The Weekly

Immanuel Anglican Church
Prince William County

November 10, 2024

Pastor's Corner "Citizens and Saints"

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ...

(Paul to the *ekklesia*/called-out-ones/church in Phillipi under Roman rule, Phil. 3:20)

Drawing on the above Holy Spirit inspired words, Father Sam Pascoe exhorted us this past Sunday with these words: "We are citizens and we are saints; we are holy ones, set apart. We need to see this world through the lens of the Gospel. We need to see our citizenship in this world through the lens of our citizenship in heaven."

Each Sunday we hold a weekly gathering of citizens and saints, what we've come to call "going to church." The central purpose of this gathering is *remembering*—bringing again to the forefront of our lives the sovereign goodness of our Holy God, and his expansive grace in reconciling us to himself through Jesus our Savior. An essential part of our worship-full response is joining with our Father in cultivating his Shalom in our nation. This vocation remains unchanged whether we celebrate or lament the election results.

“Whatever is happening in the White House or the State House, [cultivating] shalom begins at your house, in your family, in your relations with neighbors, in your community involvement.... The results of the election do not prevent or excuse us from the work of shalom, and this is good news. We are a royal priesthood, a holy nation, who can bear witness to the goodness of God by seeking the health and wholeness of our cities” (Miranda Zapor Cruz).

As we gather together this Sunday, bring with you your joy and your fear, ready to offer both through Jesus to the Ancient of Days. Also carry in your hearts Paul’s reminder that as the body of Christ, “if one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together” (1 Corinthians 12:26). May that awareness form our attitudes and guide our conversations in these initial post-election days.

Finally, I commend to your reading and reflection the following Scriptures that I have found helpful this week: [Jeremiah 29:4-14](#); [Psalm 146](#); [Hebrews 13:1-21](#); [Philippians 3:20-4:9](#).

And may our prayer always be as Jesus taught us: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be *your* name. *Your* kingdom come, *your* will be done on earth as it is in heaven. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are *yours*, now and forever. Amen.”

Your Pastor in Christ,

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INFORMATION

November 10, 2024

Worship

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

Morning Prayer is offered via [Zoom](#) every Thursday at 8am.

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

Visit iachurch.org/worship for more details.

IMPORTANT DATES

November 15-16

Diocesan Synod

November 24

Bishop Chris Visitation

November 30

Make your own Advent wreath

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prepare to Welcome Bishop Chris! Immanuel is looking forward to the weekend of November 23-24 when Bishop Chris will visit and spend time with us.

On Saturday, November 23, we are invited to meet at the church at 9:30 for fellowship and then gather in the nave from 10am-12pm as Bishop Chris leads us in a teaching about the Holy Spirit.

On Sunday, November 24, Bishop Chris will preach at both services; at the 10:30 service, he will confirm and receive members of our parish who have been preparing for this sacrament. After the 10:30 service, we will have a reception in his honor and then return to the nave for a Q&A session with the Bishop.

The Bishop asks that everyone wear nametags at each of these events to help him in calling people by name.

Please mark your calendars for this weekend of learning and fellowship with our most gracious Bishop. We hope to see you there.

Welcome to Advent: Prepare for the Advent season by making your own Advent wreath! Join us Saturday, November 30 from 10am-11am for a special event where we'll come together to create beautiful advent wreaths for our homes and hearts. This is for all ages, invite a friend to come along! Supplies for 1 wreath per family are provided. Sign up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E4FAEA72CA2FA7-52604979-welcome> or contact Melissa Byers at mbyers@iachurch.org for more information.

Christmas Gift Card Drive for Coles Elementary: We are excited to announce a gift card collection to support our local elementary school- Coles Elementary! Your generous contributions will help

provide Christmas gifts for families in need. Gift cards can be placed in the offering plate on Sunday morning or dropped off at the church office by Sunday, December 8th. Contact Melissa Byers mbyers@iachurch.org for more information.

Men's Monday Dinner: All men, that is IAC members and guests are invited to join us for our weekly Men's Monday Dinner this time at *Tony's Pizza*, located at 13629 Dumfries Rd, Manassas, VA, this coming Monday, November 11 at 5:00 pm. Join us and enjoy a tasty Italian inspired selection from their colorful menu and most importantly some fabulous fellowship. There is no better time for you to give this a try. We would love to have you join us.

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.

Immanuel Choir: The youth are cordially invited to join us. We need your voice to join with us to sing praises to God. There is room in every section particularly the bass section. No prior experience necessary, just a willingness to lift your voice in praise. Please come and meet with us every Thursday from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at Immanuel where we learn and practice anthems to be sung about every two weeks for the Sunday morning 10:30 worship service.

Ladies Tuesday Dinner: The next dinner will be at Dixie Bones BBQ, 13440 Occoquan Rd, Woodbridge, VA 22191 on November 19 at 5:30 pm. We get together to enjoy a meal monthly on the third Tuesday of the month.

Please RSVP to teharpster@comcast.net so a seat is reserved for you.

Men's Saturday Breakfast: The next time the men will meet is at 8:00 AM on Saturday, November 16 at Immanuel. Mark this on your calendar and just let Alan Clark or Mike Harpster know you are coming, so they can obtain adequate provisions. Please come and feel free to invite others to share this time together for food and fellowship.

Immanuel Youth Group: Students (6th-12th grade) are welcome to attend youth group every Sunday after service from 12:15 pm.- 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.

Women's Book Club: The next Women's Book Club will be on Nov. 12th at 7 PM. We will be meeting at the home of Kristi Ellison, 13134 Lodi Ct. Manassas, 20112. We will be discussing *The Women* by Kristan Hannah. Please contact Kristi (ellisonfam@verizon.net) or Cathleen Giannini with questions at cragchat1@gmail.com or 703-851-0908.

Life First Pregnancy Center: They have hired a new nurse and need pregnant women to be ultrasound models for her training. If you or someone you know is pregnant, the center is offering free ultrasounds the week of November 19-22 and December 3-6. The earlier you are in your pregnancy, the better for training (Preferably 6 to 27 weeks). To schedule a free ultrasound, contact the pregnancy medical centers, First Care Women's Health at 703-330-1300 Monday-Thursday 10-6. If you call after hours, leave a message and they will return the call. Please let them know if you are calling to be a model because these appointments are scheduled differently than abortion- minded patients. Please share this with anyone you know who may be pregnant.

PROGRAMS

Sunday Nite Men's Bible Study: Join us on Sundays at 7:00pm. in classroom 4 for a look at Revelation. Each session will include opening prayer, an audio followed by discussion, and we'll wrap up by 8:30 pm with a closing prayer. No homework and just listen if you like.

Immanuel Kids: People often say, "It's about the journey, not the destination," when their travel plans don't work out how they expected. This phrase couldn't have been more true for Job, who went through a shocking journey. In this 4-week series, kids will hear from Job's story as he learned to navigate loss and trust God's itinerary every step of the way. Through the story of Job's perseverance and faithfulness, kids will learn that **God is with them no matter what they go through, they can show God's love in small ways, God is bigger than they could ever understand, and they can trust God will make everything right.**

Women's Monday Night Bible Study: On Monday, November 11, we will NOT be meeting, in honor of the Veterans Day holiday. On Monday, November 18, we will continue our study of Romans using Warren Wiersbe's *How to be Right with God, Yourself, and Others*, reading and discussing Chapter 5 (which we postponed from November 4). 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 Women's Bible Study: Join us as we dive into Beth Moore's *James: Mercy Triumphs*. In this 8 week study, we will learn that our heartbreaks, sickness and failures are not empty. Those holes in our hearts leave space for mercy to fill, making us complete. ***Your story is powerful.*** Tuesdays, starting October 22 at 10:00 am – noon in Room 1. In person or via

Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85953955885?pwd=U21UK1MyYWozRks1TXlBR2dwbWNyZz09>

Meeting ID: 859 5395 5885 Passcode: 642280 No small groups. No compulsory sharing. Enjoy learning YOUR way. If you would like a study guide (you can go deeper with 5 days of course work each week), contact Barbara Finney at 703-405-2651 (call or text) or blynn56@verizon.net.

Saturday Morning Men's Discussion Group: The IAC men will meet at 8AM on November 9 in Classroom #1 of IAC to continue our study of Genesis using Wiersbe's Commentary "BE OBEDIENT". In preparation read Genesis 24 in your bibles, and in the Commentary, Chapter Eleven, "HERE COMES THE BRIDE" (pp.143-152). Also ponder the questions on pages 153 and 154.(All men as potential grooms (and brides as well) should give serious attention to the responsibilities of both parties under God.) All IAC men are invited; bring a friend. As usual, coffee and donuts are available. Need a copy of the Commentary - contact Alan Clark at (703) 627-4725 or alan.clark1@verizon.net. You can also attend the meeting on ZOOM.

<https://iachurch.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=7c748aaa4c951466365758f50&id=cae94f72bc&e=69440a42ed>

Mission and Outreach Food Cupboard: Sunday, November 10th, is the last day The Mission and Outreach Team Food Cupboard Ministry will collect 15 oz. cans of pumpkin and 29 oz. cans of yams. For the remainder of November, the featured food is flour in 2- pound or 5-pound bags.

Lost and Found

The found items are on the Usher's Table.