



The Weekly

Immanuel Anglican Church
Prince William County

December 22, 2024

Pastor's Corner
"Lord We Wait for You"

The Apple Music app has a feature where it recommends songs or albums its algorithms calculate that I will appreciate. Most of the time it's wrong, particularly where worship music is concerned. This morning, however, it introduced me to a song called, "[Advent 1: Hallelujah! Christ Is Coming](#)" by the cross-generational poet-musician duo [Liturgical Folk](#). (I assure you the fact they are Texans is entirely coincidental.) (Really.) (But I admit I'm "tickled," as my Texan dad would say.) I'm sharing the lyrics with you below because I think they declare with simplicity the heart of our theme this Advent, "What are you waiting for?" We are waiting for Jesus to come.

The first Advent broke darkness' sway,
Christ's birth made night as bright as day;
When Jesus spoke the truth was known,
When Jesus walked the way was shown,
When Jesus died all death was slain,
When Jesus rose 'twas life's refrain.

Hallelujah! Christ is coming
Lord, we wait for you

Yet still the dark with light contends:
Until the Lord Most High descends

His people bear their cross of pain,
His people from the world abstain,
His people thirst for wisdom still,
His people seek his kingdom's will.

Hallelujah! Christ is coming
Lord, we wait for you

He will return to end the fight,
To banish all the powers of night;
When Christ returns our hope is sealed,
When Christ returns the world is healed,
When Christ returns he is the prize,
When Christ returns the dead will rise.

Hallelujah! Christ is coming
Lord, we wait for you

Wait with us this final Sunday of Advent, and then celebrate with us the First Advent on Christmas Eve at 5pm or 8pm.

Your Pastor in Christ,

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INFORMATION

December 22, 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.

We are not having Children's Church or a staffed Nursery on **December 24 or December 29**. Families are invited to worship together. The nursery will be open if you need to use it for changing, feeding or for kids to use if they need a break.

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 24, 5:00pm	Christmas Eve Service with Children's Homily
Dec. 24, 8:00pm	Christmas Eve Service II
Dec. 24-26	Office closed
Dec 29, 10:30am	Lessons & Carols (one service)
Jan. 9, 2025	Vestry nomination form returned to office. (Form on website) Application
Jan. 26, 2025	Annual Meeting

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Retreat: Ladies we are excited and want to share our excitement with you. The Women's Retreat, scheduled for May 2-4, 2025 will be led by the Rev. Catherine Warner, (Bishop Chris's wife). She will be teaching us on "Living in the Rest of your Life", around the Samaritan Woman (Woman at the Well). Save the date and more details to follow.

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.

Anglicans for Life: will be hosting An Anglican Prayer and Worship Service at The Falls Church Anglican Church (6565 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church, VA. 22042) on FRIDAY, JANUARY 24th, 2025 from 9:30 to 10:45. Please consider joining us during this special event. IF YOU LIKE, you can join us at the March for Life in Washington, DC following the service. A bus ticket will be required if you want that convenience. The Bus ticket can be procured at the Anglicans for Life Web Site (<https://anglicansforlife.org>). Please contact Cathleen Giannini at cragchat1@gmail.com or 703-851-0908 if you have any questions.

Mission and Outreach Food Cupboard: A member of the Mission & Outreach Team delivered 159 pounds of canned fruit, rice and other foods to the ACTS Hunger Prevention Center food pantry this past week. Immanuel Your generosity to hungry neighbors has been outstanding-1,881 pounds of food since

September 1! The December Food of the Month has been canned fruit or fruit cocktail in 15-ounce cans.

The food pantry will be closed from December 23rd- January 5th. Our next ACTS food delivery date will be January 6, 2025. If you want to, feel free to hold off placing food in the food cupboard until January.

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

Immanuel Kids: At Christmas, gifts are all around us, but we know the holiday isn't about the toys—it's about the joy of Jesus' birth. We might experience joy from opening up gifts, but God gives us even greater joy through Jesus. In this 4-week series, kids will learn all about the joy Jesus brought into the world. They'll learn **Jesus is the savior God promised**, how **God sent Jesus at the perfect time**, that **Jesus brings joy to the world**, and what it means to say **Jesus is God's greatest gift**.

Immanuel Youth Group: The youth group is on Christmas break and will meet again January 5. 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

Sunday Nite Men's Bible Study: We will not meet the remainder of the holidays. We will reconvene on January 5th

Monday Men's Dinner: All men, that is IAC members and guests are invited to join us for some very friendly fellowship and lively conversation at our weekly Monday Men's Dinner this time at *United Buffet*, located at 2942 Prince William Parkway, Woodbridge, VA, this coming Monday, December 23 at 5:00 pm. Pick your favorite selections from their bountiful buffet stations or custom grill. If you have never dined with us before, it is about time you gave us a try!

Monday Night Women's Bible Study: Our Bible Study is taking a break until after the New Year. We will meet again on Monday, January 6, 2025 when we will discuss Chapter 6 of Warren Wiersbe's *How to be Right with God, Yourself, and Others*. 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=U21UK1MyYWozRks1TXIBR2dwbWNyZz09>

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.

Tuesday Ladies Dinner: The next dinner will be at Smokey Bones Bar & Fire Grill, 2601 Prince William Parkway, Woodbridge, VA 22192 on January 21 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.

Thursday Evening Choir Rehearsal: For those that enjoy singing praises to God meet with the Choir every Thursday from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at Immanuel, where we learn to read and interpret the musical notation and practice anthems to be sung about every two weeks for the Sunday morning 10:30 AM worship service.

All ages are welcome, typically High School and above, with an innate ability to match pitches and blend with others in your section. The Choir is a family within the Immanuel family, and we'd love to welcome you!

Saturday Morning Men's Discussion Group: The SMMDG will not meet for the remainder of December. The group will resume meeting on January 4, 2025 at 8AM in IAC Classroom #1 to complete our study of Genesis utilizing Dr. Wiersbe's third

commentary in the “BE...” series – “BE AUTHENTIC.” All IAC men are welcome and encouraged to join the group. Long time attendees of the group can vouch for the blessing that these meetings have been in their lives over the years as they collectively strive to better understand the will of God. As the Baltimore Catechism states, we are called to KNOW God. This is the blessed calling of our existence. As always, coffee and donuts are available. Need a book? Contact Alan Clark at (703) 627-4725 or alan.clark1@verizon.net. You may also attend via ZOOM. <https://iachurch.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=7c748aaa4c951466365758f50&id=cae94f72bc&e=69440a42ed>

Saturday Men's Breakfast: The men will meet next time for the monthly breakfast at 8:00 AM Saturday, December 21 at Immanuel. Mark this on your calendar. Please come and feel free to invite others to share this time together for food and fellowship.

Women's Book Club: The next Women's book club will be on January 14th at 7 PM at the home of Amy Greenslit. (15318 Maribelle Place, Woodbridge). We are reading the book, Horse, by Geraldine Brooks. Please consider joining us this New Year. Call Cathleen Giannini at 703-851-0908 or email at cragchat1@gmail.com with any questions.

Lost and Found

The found items are on the Usher's Table.