Emmanuel
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
STAUNTON VA

THE Episcopal CHURCH



Holy Eucharist Rite II – The First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2026
10:30am

bringing People&God together

SPIRITUAL●INCLUSIVE●ENGAGED●COMPASSIONATE

Welcome - Bienvenido
to Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Whether you're new here, visiting us for the first time, or the first time in a long time,
you are welcome here.



Land Acknowledgement

We remember and honor
the Indigenous people of the world,
especially the Monacan,
whose land that we now occupy
in this region which was once their home,
and was taken from them.

We give thanks for them
and express our gratitude
for their witness to living
in honorable and humble ways.

We remember
that the Earth does not belong to us;
rather, we belong to the Earth,
and that we belong to one human family.

May we learn from our past mistakes
and be instruments of justice and peace
for all.

This Week at Emmanuel

This SUNDAY
November 29 - The First Sunday of Advent

	8am	Holy Eucharist Rite I
	9am	Lectionary Discussion Group
	10:30am	Holy Eucharist Rite II
	5:30pm	Centering Prayer (online)
MON		Office Open 10am-12:30pm, 1:30pm-4pm
	8:45am	Morning Prayer
TUES		Office Open 10am-12:30pm, 1:30pm-4pm
	8:45am	Morning Prayer
	5:30pm	Lectio Divina and Compline
	7pm	AA Meeting
WED		Office Closed
	8:45am	Morning Prayer
THU		Office Closed
	8:45am	Morning Prayer
FRIDAY		*Office Closed (every Friday)*
	7pm	AA Meeting
SAT	10am	Al-Anon Meeting

Next SUNDAY
December 6 - The 2nd Sunday of Advent
8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II
5:30pm Centering Prayer *(online)*

Leadership
Vestry Members: Mitzi White, Skip Barnett, Kethera Moore, Ginny Wemmerus, Robert Wiard, Dan Lynn, Jim Echols, Barbara Damico, John K (Treasurer), Laura Barnett (Clerk, Asst. Treasurer)
The Rev. Gail Goldsmith, Rector
Gail@emmanuelstaunton.org

Serving in Today's Liturgy

Preacher & Officiant	The Rev. Gail Goldsmith
Musician	Trace Stokes
Ushers	John Kolp
Lectors	Sally Hurme
Intercessor	Riikka Halme-Berneking
Spanish Gospel	Kristin Holbrook
LEM's	Mitzi White and Steve Berneking
Altar Guild	Debra Casado and Jill Kimbrough

Serving NEXT WEEK
December 6 - The Second Sunday of Advent

Preacher & Officiant	The Rev. Gail Goldsmith
Organist	Florence Jowers
Ushers	PLEASE SIGN UP
Lectors	PLEASE SIGN UP
Intercessor	PLEASE SIGN UP
Spanish Gospel	PLEASE SIGN UP
Altar Server	PLEASE SIGN UP
LEM's	Christianna Herrera & Kethera Moore
Altar Guild	Debra Casado, Mary Jane Joyce & Carter Hopkins
Audio/Video	PLEASE SIGN UP

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Book of Common Prayer P. 355

Prelude Wait for the Lord - Taize Community • Jacques Berthier

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near;
Wait for the Lord, be strong take heart.

Ringing of the Bell and Welcome

The people stand for the Processional Hymn.

The Processional Hymn Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding • **Hymnal 59**

Lighting the Advent Candle

The Advent wreath is believed to have originated with a Lutheran pastor who worked among the poor in Germany in the late 1800s. Tradition states that the children would ask every day if Christmas had arrived, so he arranged candles (four large candles for the weeks and then smaller ones for the days) to help the children mark time and journey with Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem without leaving Germany. The wreath came to appear as it does today through the adoption of the practice by German Catholics, who decreased the wreath to just the candles we use today. Different traditions attribute different meanings to the candles, and even use different colors, but the purpose remains the same: to provide Christians with a way of marking time through the season of anticipation until we reach the birth of Jesus.

The first candle is lit.

All: **Light of the world, in grace and beauty,**
Mirror of God's eternal face,
Transparent flame of love's free duty,
You bring salvation to our human race.

Reader 1: Sacred mystery, we light the first candle of Advent for hope and light.

The first candle is lit.

Reader 2: We kindle it with love and hope. As we await your coming, Jesus, help us to shine forth your light of love and truth

All: **Sacred mystery, fill us with your Spirit, that with your armor of light we can shine God's love, truth, and justice out into the world, giving hope to those on the margins and in all in your world. Amen.**

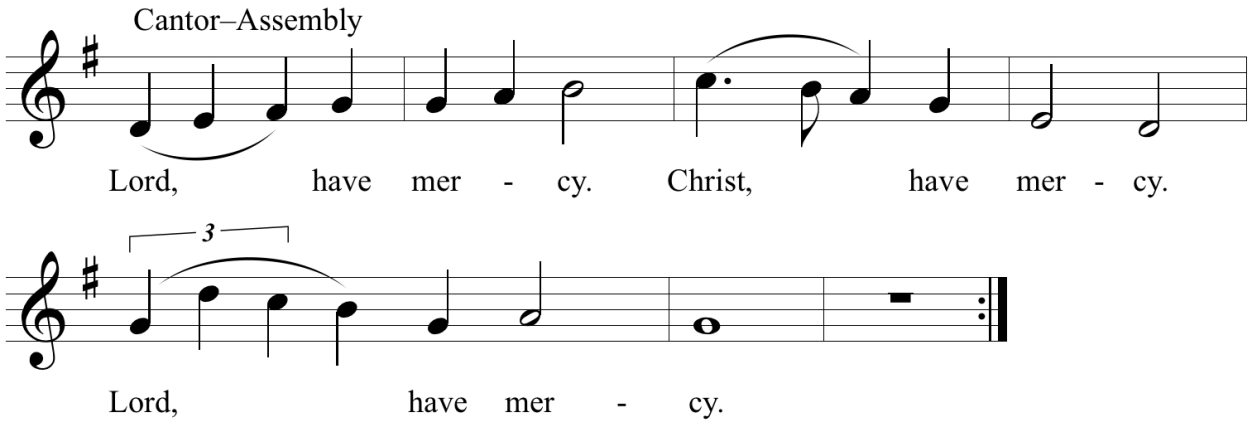
Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People are seated for the Lessons.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 64:1-9

O THAT you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—

as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—

to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,

no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM *Spoken by all* Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

HEAR, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

THE SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

GRACE to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The People stand for the Sequence Hymn and remain standing for the Gospel.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN Thy Kingdom Come on Bended Knee • **Hymnal 615**

The Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel in Spanish

Marcos 13:24-37

Santo evangelio de nuestro Señor Jesucristo según Marcos.
Gloria a ti, Cristo Señor.

Pero en aquellos días, después de esa tribulación, "se oscurecerá el sol y no brillará más la luna; las estrellas caerán del cielo y los cuerpos celestes serán sacudidos".

Verán entonces al Hijo del hombre venir en las nubes con gran poder y gloria. Y él enviará a sus ángeles para reunir de los cuatro vientos a los elegidos, desde los confines de la tierra hasta los confines del cielo.

Aprendan de la higuera esta lección: Tan pronto como se ponen tiernas sus ramas y brotan sus hojas, ustedes saben que el verano está cerca. Igualmente, cuando vean que suceden estas cosas, sepan que el tiempo está cerca, a las puertas. Les aseguro que no pasará esta generación hasta que todas estas cosas sucedan. El cielo y la tierra pasarán, pero mis palabras jamás pasarán.

Pero en cuanto al día y la hora, nadie lo sabe, ni siquiera los ángeles en el cielo, ni el Hijo, sino solo el Padre. ¡Estén alerta! Manténganse despiertos porque no saben cuándo llegará ese tiempo. Es como cuando un hombre sale de viaje y deja su casa al cuidado de sus siervos, cada uno con su tarea, y manda al portero que vigile. Por lo tanto, manténganse despiertos porque no saben cuándo volverá el dueño de la casa, si al atardecer, o a la medianoche, o al canto del gallo, o al amanecer; no sea que venga de repente y los encuentre dormidos. Lo que les digo a ustedes, se lo digo a todos: ¡Manténganse despiertos!

El evangelio del Señor.
Te alabamos, Cristo Señor.

The Sermon

The Rev. Gail Goldsmith

The people stand for the Nicene Creed, the Prayers of the People and the Peace.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

During the prayers, this response, or an alternative may be used:

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with the following words:

Source of all life
and giver of all that is good, hear our prayers
and grant us all that is in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Confession

BCP P. 360

Let us confess our sins before God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord and then are seated.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem I Can Hear Your Voice • Michael and Debbie Smith

All we have and all we are is a gift from God. We all have a faithful offering to make.
All gifts received today will be used to support Emmanuel's ministry, empower our service to the community,
and help sustain our buildings. You may place your offering in the Offering Plate, or you can give via this QR code.

Presentation Hymn *The People stand* What Feast of Love • *Tune: Greensleeves*

What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!

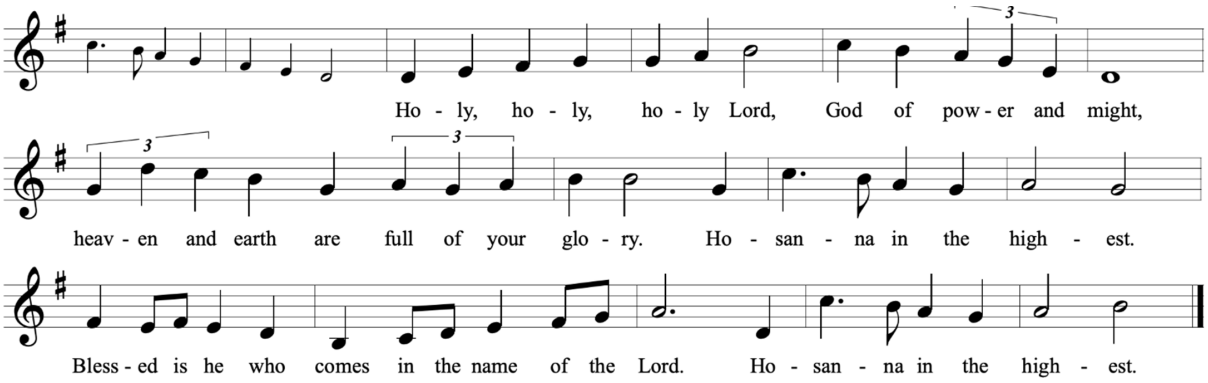
The Great Thanksgiving: Enriching Our Worship 1

Our Eucharistic prayer this Advent is from Enriching Our Worship, a supplement authorized by the Episcopal Church and developed to reflect the diverse experiences of worshippers, and to recover ancient biblical and patristic imagery to build up our vocabulary of prayer.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.
It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus *Sung by all* **Hymnal S 129**



The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:

"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of Bread

The Presiding Priest breaks the Eucharistic Bread and says,

O Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world,
Grant us thy peace.

Ministration of Holy Communion

*All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are invited to receive **communion** or a **blessing**. If you wish to have a prayer of blessing instead of communion, please cross your arms over your chest. Please wait to be invited forward by a Usher. All the consecrated bread has **already been marked with consecrated wine. Therefore, please do not 'dip' your bread. We have already done this for you.** You may receive the bread alone, or after receiving the bread, drink from the chalice. **Gluten-free bread and non-alcoholic wine are also available.** If you require communion to be brought to you, please let one of the Ushers know.*

Communion Hymn

I, the Lord of sea and sky • WLP 812

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save

I, who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go Lord, if You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart

I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away

I will break their hearts of stone
Give them hearts for love alone
I will speak my word to them
Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save

Finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

The Post Communion Prayer *Said by all, standing*

Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus • **Hymnal 66**

Dismissal

After the dismissal, the people respond —

Thanks be to God.

Postlude Emmanuel, Emmanuel • Bob McGee

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For Our Prayers

Blount & Baird	Jeff	Linda
Ruth	Diane	Fabian
Neal	Lee	Paula
Carter	Joseph C	Dan
Jim and Janet	Joann	Breiley
Michael L	Willis	Carolyn
Mike D	Becky C	Bethany

Departed: Elizabeth Marks and Susan Wiard

About these prayers

The names included here are those for whom prayer has been requested by a church member or someone close to that person. In addition to this *Public Prayer List,* our prayer team prays on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month for those on the *Private Prayer List.* We invite you to add yourself or members of your immediate family/friendship circle to either of the prayer lists by notifying the Church Office by email at office@emmanuelstaunton.org. Please let the office know if you or a family member/friend is hospitalized and/or in need of a pastoral call or visit. We have no other way of knowing of such pastoral needs. Please never assume we just, somehow, know!

Diocesan Cycle of Prayers:

For the residents and staff of Westminster Canterbury, their chaplain, The Rev. William Deal and their president, Sean Huyett.

Our companion Anglican / Episcopal Dioceses of:
-Leeds (Church of England), and its Bishop, Toby+
-The Diocese of Haiti

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays: Virginia Scher, Andy Childs, and Matthew Poteat.

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

DECEMBER 13

11:45 AM TO 3 PM

Bring your holiday baked goods, crafts, etc. and enjoy coffee while shopping; donations will go to the Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry. WARM organizes a cold weather shelter, transitional housing and outreach programs for the homeless or those at risk of homelessness in the Staunton, Augusta Waynesboro area.

JOIN US FOR A

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 6:30 PM

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN MEMORIAL HALL

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH
300 WEST FREDERICK STREET

CHARLES DICKENS

A Christmas Carol

ILLUSTRATED BY P. J. LYNCH

Join the Emmanuel Book Group every Thursday afternoon in the Smith Room at 2pm. We are presently reading *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. Everyone is welcome!

Staunton, VA

Winter Market

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Frederick & Washington Streets

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Veggies
Meats
Fruits
Coffee
Cheese
Breads
Treats
Jams
Hot Breakfast

Saturdays
Jan. 9 - Mar. 27
Nine - Noon