



Emmanuel
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
STAUNTON VA

THE
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CHURCH



HOLY EUCHARIST

RITE II

September 20, 2026
10:30am

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Sept. 20—THE 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

	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 followed by Compline 7pm AA Meeting
WED	Office Open 10am-12:30pm, 1:30pm-4pm 8:45am Morning Prayer 10-12 VPAS Café
THU	Office Open 10am-12:30pm, 1:30pm-4pm 8:45am Morning Prayer 5:30pm Centering Prayer (in church) 6:15pm Compline (night prayer)
FRIDAY	Office Closed (every Friday) 7pm AA Meeting
SAT	10am Al-Anon Meeting

Next SUNDAY (SEPT. 27, 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST)

10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II and Baptism
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 and
Asst. Treasurer)

SERVING IN TODAY'S LITURGY

Officiant	The Rev. Sarah Hess
Pianist	Florence Jowers
Welcomers	Rick Marks and John Kolp
Lector	Steve Berneking
Intercessor	Pearl Estrada
Spanish Gospel	Andrew Clem
Altar Guild	Jim Lott & Deborah Patton

SERVING NEXT WEEK

Officiant	The Rev. Paul Weber
Organist	Florence Jowers
Welcomers	Rick Marks
LEM's	Steve Berneking
Altar Guild	Jim Lott & Deborah Patton

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Sign up using the QR code
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church office.



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER P. 355

PRELUDE

Morning is Broken • Andrew Clarke

WELCOME

The people stand for the Processional Hymn.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Not here for high and holy things • **Hymnal 9**
(st. 4-6)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his 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.

GLORIA

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

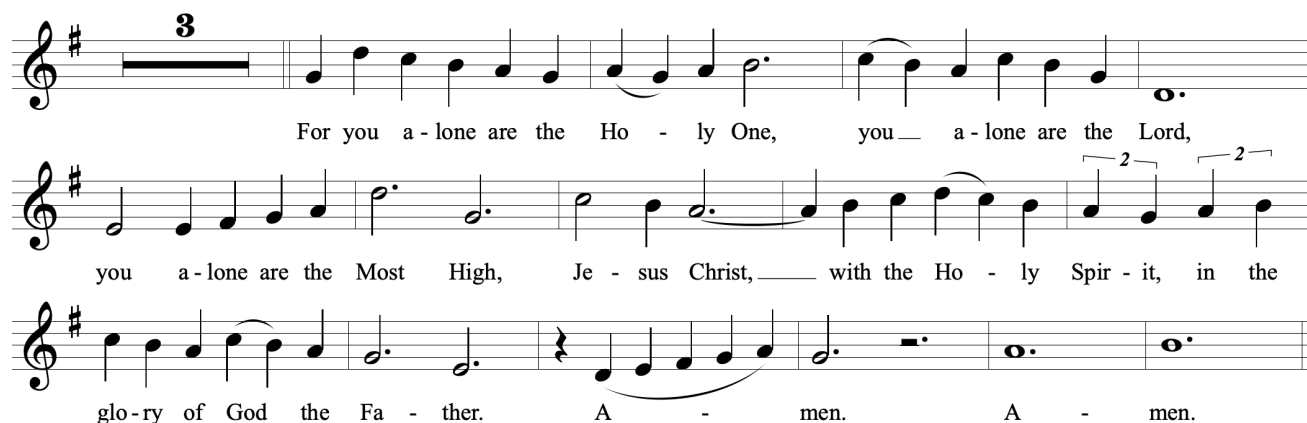
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, — al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give — you thanks, we praise you for — your glo - ry. —

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord — God, Lamb of God,

you take a - way — the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you — are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People are seated for the Lessons.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Jonah 3:10-4:11

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM *Spoken by all.*

Psalm 145:1-8

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

Rise up, ye saints of God! • **Hymnal 551**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE GOSPEL IN SPANISH

Mateo 20:1-16

Santo evangelio de nuestro Señor Jesucristo según Mateo.

Gloria a ti, Cristo Señor.

Asimismo, el reino de los cielos se parece a un propietario que salió de madrugada a contratar obreros para su viñedo. Acordó darles la paga de un día de trabajo y los envió a su viñedo. Cerca de las nueve de la mañana, salió y vio a otros que estaban desocupados en la plaza. Les dijo: "Vayan también ustedes a trabajar en mi viñedo y les pagaré lo que sea justo". Así que fueron. Salió de nuevo a eso del mediodía, y luego a la media tarde e hizo lo mismo. Alrededor de las cinco de la tarde, salió y encontró a otros más que estaban sin trabajo. Les preguntó: "¿Por qué han estado aquí desocupados todo el día?". "Porque nadie nos ha contratado", contestaron. Él les dijo: "Vayan también ustedes a trabajar en mi viñedo". Al atardecer, el dueño del viñedo ordenó a su capataz: "Llama a los obreros y págales su salario,

comenzando por los últimos contratados hasta llegar a los primeros”. Se presentaron los obreros que habían sido contratados cerca de las cinco de la tarde y cada uno recibió la paga de un día. Por eso, cuando llegaron los que fueron contratados primero, esperaban recibir más. Pero cada uno de ellos recibió también la paga de un día. Al recibirla, comenzaron a murmurar contra el propietario. “Estos que fueron los últimos en ser contratados trabajaron una sola hora —dijeron—, y usted los ha tratado como a nosotros que hemos soportado el peso del trabajo y el calor del día”. Pero él contestó a uno de ellos: “Amigo, no estoy cometiendo ninguna injusticia contigo. ¿Acaso no aceptaste trabajar por esa paga? Tómala y vete. Quiero darle al último obrero contratado lo mismo que te di a ti. ¿Es que no tengo derecho a hacer lo que quiera con mi dinero? ¿O te da envidia que yo sea generoso?”. Así que los últimos serán primeros y los primeros serán últimos.

El evangelio del Señor.

Te alabamos, Cristo Señor.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Sarah Hess

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

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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 HYMN

We will extol you • **Hymnal 404**
(Please stand at the last stanza.)

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.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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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.

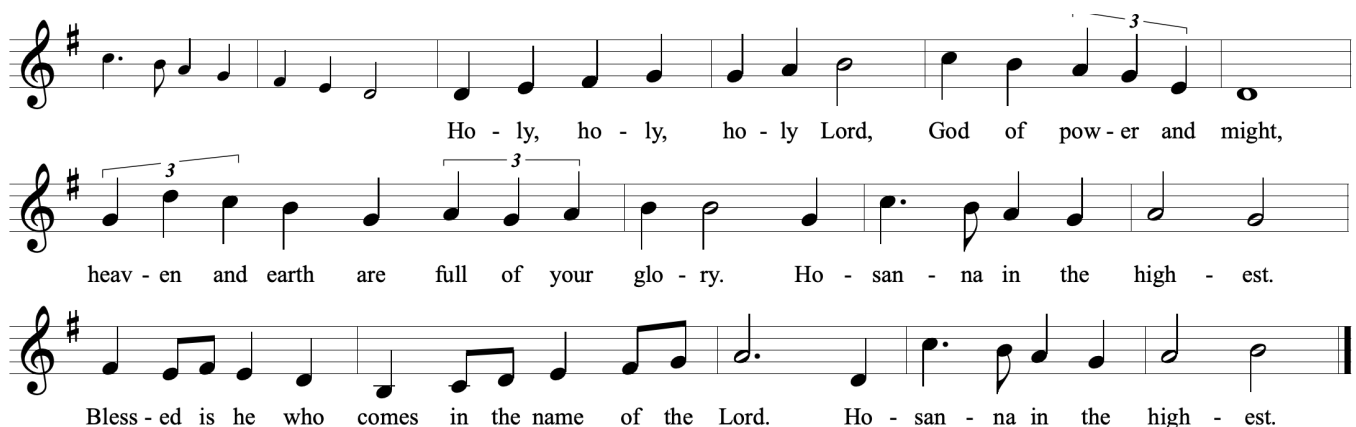
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS *Sung by all*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

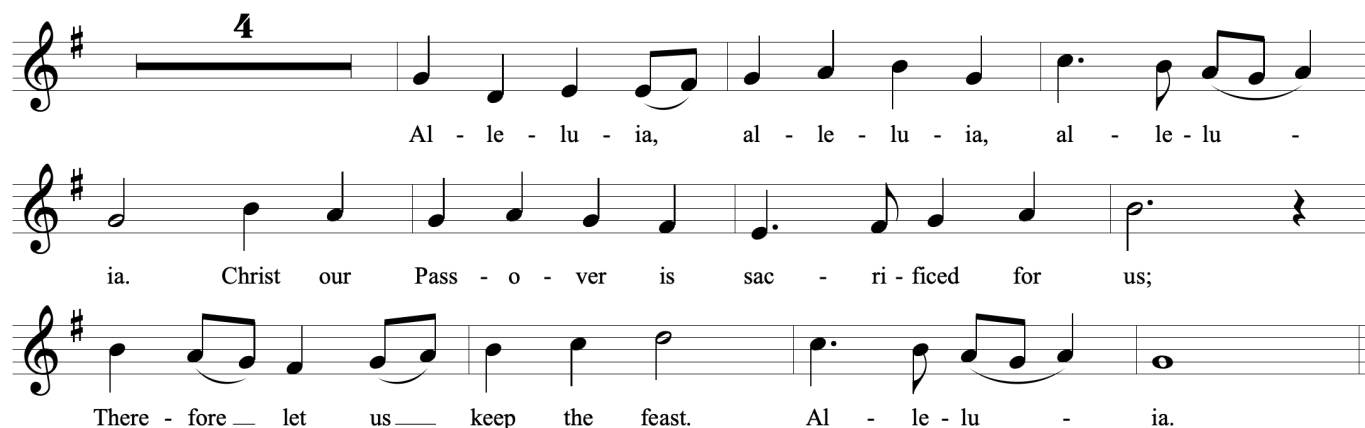
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

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 AND FRACTION ANTHEM *Sung by all.*



The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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 Welcomer. 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 Welcomers know.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Bread of the World • Trad. Scottish
arr. Alan Bullard

Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed, by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed; and be your feast to us the token that by your grace our souls are fed.

(Text by Bishop Reginald Heber, 1783-1826)

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Said by all, standing*

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Come, labor on • **Hymnal 541**

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G Major • J.S. Bach

The musical setting of the liturgy this fall is from the “Holy Emmanuel Liturgy” composed by Pastor Paul Weber. It was commissioned by his first parish in Pittsburgh which was of the Slovak heritage and called Svaty Emanuel, or Holy Emmanuel.

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Flowers on the altar are arranged and given by Beverley Harmon
to the Glory of God and in celebration of the lives of

DOUG AND TIDGE ROLLER

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Blount & Baird	Mary	Jeff	Wendy
Linda	Ruth	Diane	Nancy
Fabian	Neal	Lee	Paula
Carter	Bill C	Trace	Libby
Joseph C	Dan	Jim and Janet	Joann
Breiley	Charles D	Cayla F	Teddy & Elliot
Ruth	Michael L	Monica and son	
The community of Westwood Hills Elementary			

Departed: Doug Roller and all the recently departed

Diocesan Cycle of Prayers:

For the students and staff of Virginia Episcopal School, their Headmaster, Henry Clarke and their chaplain, the Rev. Adam White.

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

Celebrations

Birthdays: Race Drake, Gena Adams, and Emma Adams.

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!

Creating a Legacy at Emmanuel

Join Us for a Planned Giving Workshop — this Sunday, September 20 after worship.

Have you ever thought about leaving a legacy gift to Emmanuel Episcopal Church to help ensure its long-term sustainability? If so, join us on Sunday for a conversation.

Emmanuel Mini Market

presented by Mission & Outreach



On **September 20**, Mission and Outreach will present our first **Mini Market** entitled **"How Does Your Garden Grow?"** It will include flowers, plants, herbs, bulbs, fall vegetables, fruits and some baked goods. Purchase price is a free will offering to help support our donations to selected organizations in need. If you have produce from your garden or plants/flowers/bulbs you would like to donate to our table, that would be great!!

Questions? Contact Mary Jane Joyce at 540-886-6982 (leave a message)

Annual Fall Clean-Up Day! Saturday, October 10

"Now is the summer of our discontent made glorious autumn by this daughter of Goldsmith..." (Richard III, sort of). So! New rector! Time to spiff up our lovely church! Be thinking of your favorite soiled or cluttered area at Emmanuel and on Oct. 10, let's make it sparkle. You bring your cleaning rags, soaps, & rakes and I'll bring the doughnuts. It'll be glorious.

--Skip Barnett, Junior Warden



Save the Date Confirmation Classes

Confirmation/Refresher Classes in October. Mark your calendars for October 4, 11, and 18 for the first three classes. We will explore three topics in our Episcopal tradition and worship: Bible (Riikka & Steve); Hymnody (Florence); and Book of Common Prayer (Jim). We will meet 11:45-12:30 those Sundays, in The Guild Room. The class is for confirmands, new members, those seeking baptism and/or membership, and for any of us who would like to refresh our understanding. In November, Gail will lead additional sessions as our new rector. For questions, please reach out to Steve Berneking, the Chair of our Worship Commission.

Recycling in Staunton

The City of Staunton makes composting a piece of cake! In its effort to reduce the amount of trash going to landfill, Staunton is making composting easier than ever. As of September, the Staunton Recycling Center is collecting compostable material from your kitchen (**NO** yard waste at this time). Compostable material includes plate scrapings, moldy cheese, coffee grounds, fruit and vegetable peels and pits, eggshells, seafood shells, nut shells, and bones. A foolproof rule of thumb is, "If it grows, it goes!" In addition, certified compostable tableware, such as the cups, plates and cutlery Emmanuel uses at coffee hour, are also ok. For more information on the program visit the City's website:

<https://www.ci.staunton.va.us/Home/Components/News/News/2662/71>

The Recycling Center is located at 1911 Craigmont Road. You may drop off material anytime the Recycling Center is open: Monday and Tuesday, 9-2:45; Thursday 9-6:45; Friday 9-2:45 and Saturday 9-1:45.