



Emmanuel
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
STAUNTON VA



Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Sunday, July 5, 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

July 5—THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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| | 9am | Lectionary Discussion Group |
| | 10:30am | Brunch Church |
| | 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 |
| | 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 | AI-Anon Meeting |

Next SUNDAY (JULY 12, SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST)

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| 10:30am | Holy Eucharist Rite II |
| 5:30pm | Centering Prayer (online) |

LEADERSHIP

Vestry Members: Mitzi W, Skip B, Elijah D, Kethera M,
Ginny W, Robert W, Dan L, Jim E, Barbara D
John K (Treasurer)

SERVING IN TODAY'S LITURGY

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| Officiant | The Rev. Kristin Holbrook |
| Music | The Worship Band |
| Welcomers | Rick Marks |
| Lector | Laura Barnett |
| Intercessor | Riikka Halme-Berneking |

SERVING NEXT WEEK (JULY 12)

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| Officiant | The Rev. Paul D. Weber |
| Welcomers | Bonnie and Chris Starcher |
| Lectors | Saul Herrera |
| Spanish Gospel | Rikka Halme-Berneking |
| Intercessor | |
| Altar Server | |
| LEM's | Kethera Moore and Christianna Herrera |
| A/V & Livestream | Gillian Starcher and Laura Barnett |

Help make church
happen! Sign up using
the QR code.



PRELUDE

I've got a race to run

God is in you
And also in you
This is the day that the Lord has made
We will rejoice and be glad in it!

WELCOME

PRAYER

Creator of community,
we gather in your name.
Generous and inclusive Friend,
we rejoice in our friendship here.
Lover of laughter and song,
we offer these to you.
Giver of our daily bread,
we thank you for all that nourishes us.
God, our constant Companion,
be present in all our sharing.

Iona Abbey Worship Book

SONG

There's a wideness in God's mercy
Kate Campbell, Lee Dengler, Frederick Faber

THERE'S a wideness in God's mercy Like the wideness of the sea
There's a kindness in His justice which is more than liberty.

But we make His love too narrow By false limits of our own
And we magnify His strictness With a zeal He will not own.

For the love of God is broader Than the measure of man's mind
And the heart of the Eternal Is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple, we should rest upon God's word
And our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.

There's a wideness in God's mercy Like the wideness of the sea.

A Bible is brought forward and placed on the altar

Open our ears, God:
to hear the whisper of your Spirit

Open our hands, God:
that we may do your work in the world

Open our lips, God:
that our mouths may sing out your praise

BLESSING THE FOOD

Bendice Señor nuestro pan
Y da pan a los que tienen hambre
Y hambre de justicia a los que tienen pan
Bendice Señor nuestro pan

Lord bless our bread
Give bread to those who are hungry
And a hunger for justice to those who have bread
Lord bless our bread

WE EAT TOGETHER

THE PSALM

Psalm 145:8-15

THE Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The Lord is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.

10 All your works praise you, O Lord, *
and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

14 The Lord is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

JESUS said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

For the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

SONG

Amazing Grace • Hymnal 671

AMAZING grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch; like me! I once was lost, but now
am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace
appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord hath promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing
God's praise than when we first begun.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ever listening,
ever watchful,
ever loving God,
We rest in you.

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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

OFFERING

*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.*



'Tis the gift to be sim - ple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
and when we find our - selves in the place just right,
'twill be in the val - ley of love and de - light.
When true sim - pli - ci - ty is gained to
bow and to bend we shan't be a-shamed, to turn, turn, will
be our de-light till by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING PRAYER

God, in whose heart is love and justice,
show us this day whom we must love
and what we should challenge or change
in order that your will for the earth might be done.

**Increase our hope,
dispel our apathy;
inspire our imagination,
and deepen our commitment
until we become the signs of your kingdom
for which we and others pray.
Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Christ be our light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness
Longing for truth, we turn to You
Make us Your own, Your holy people
Light for the world to see

Refrain:

Christ, be our light
Shine in our hearts
Shine through the darkness
Christ, be our light
Shine in Your church gathered today

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair,
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Refrain

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
share until all are fed.

Refrain

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Refrain

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

Refrain

BLESSING

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet
walk with you on the road.

May the Christ who serves with wounded hands
stretch out your hands to serve.

May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart
open your hearts to love.

May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet,
and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you. **Amen.**

A Celtic Blessing

POSTLUDE

City of God • Dan Schutte

1. Awake from your slumber, arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning, for all those who weep.
The people in darkness, have seen a great light,
The Lord of our longing, has conquered the night.

Refrain:

Let us build the city of God, may our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love, has turned the night into day.

2. We are sons of the morning, we are daughters of day,
The One who has loved us, has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness, has called us to be,
A light for his people, to set their hearts free.
3. O comfort my people, make gentle your words,
Proclaim to my city, the day of her birth.
Oh, city of gladness, now lift up your voice
Proclaim the good tidings, that all may rejoice.

FOR OUR PRAYERS:

Blount & Baird	Mary	Jeff
Wendy	Linda	Ruth
Diane	Nancy	Fabian
Neal	Lee	Paula
Carter	Bill C	Trace
Libby	Joseph C	Charlie
Dan	Jim and Janet	Joann
Breiley	Charles D	Cayla F
Teddy and Elliot	Monica and her infant son	

Departed: Wayne Gibson**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 youth of our diocese and our Youth Missioner, Patricia Cope-Levy.

Our companion Anglican / Episcopal Dioceses of:

-Leeds (Church of England), and its Bishop, Toby+

-The Diocese of Haiti

CELEBRATIONS:

Birthdays: Russ Rutan, Chris White, Karen Stinson, Allan Hadfield, Dotty Rutan, and Pearl Estrada

Anniversaries: Sidney and Linda Bland, Aaron and Teresa Childs, and Art and Sally Hurme

A PRAYER FOR OUR RECTOR SEARCH PROCESS

Holy Spirit, you search us and know us more deeply than we know ourselves.

All our thoughts, hopes, and fears lie open before you.

Quiet our hearts, and free us from opinions, preferences, and perceptions that bind, divide, or limit our vision.

Release us from nostalgia for what has been and from fear of what may yet be.

Turn our hearts toward your mission and toward the future you are calling our parish to embrace.

In our discernment, help us seek not simply a leader for ourselves, but the shepherd you have already chosen -- one who will proclaim your truth with humility, shepherd your people with love, and guide this parish in faith, hope, and unity.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Air Conditioning Capital Campaign Matching Gift Challenge

We are delighted to announce that longtime Emmanuel Episcopal Church member **Deborah Patton** has generously pledged a **dollar-for-dollar matching gift of up to \$50,000** for our Air Conditioning Capital Campaign. All donations made between now and **September 30** will be matched, doubling their impact.

If we are able to raise the full **\$50,000 match**, together we will generate **\$100,000** toward the campaign and move significantly closer to our overall goal of **\$500,000**.

If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, we invite you to consider supporting the campaign today. If you have already contributed, please consider increasing your gift to help us take full advantage of this matching opportunity.

As a reminder, qualified charitable distributions from mandatory IRA withdrawals may provide an additional way to support the campaign.

And keep your eyes open: construction and installation activity has already begun. A cool Emmanuel sanctuary is coming soon!

For more information or to discuss giving options, please contact **David Greiner** (828-273-5857) or **Steve Berneking** (540-292-2169). We would be happy to answer any questions.

Every gift counts—and every dollar donated before September 30 will be matched. Thank you for helping us make this important project a reality.

Please join us in thanking Deborah for this extraordinary commitment to Emmanuel!



Vestry News

We had a very inspiring Eucharist, lunch and discussion with Bishop Karin on Sunday as she visited our convocation. Thank you to Trinity for hosting! Emmanuel was very well represented.



Vestry Highlights:

- Jim Echols is organizing an **AED class on August 23**. More details will follow.
- Barbara Damico is going to be generating a new committee for Emmanuel folks. Keep an eye out for more information on the **Parish Life Committee**. Please help if you are able.
- Mission and Outreach has been very busy working on several activities to raise funds for local non-profits in or community. They will be working with our new Parish Life team for some of these events! Keep an eye out for more information in the coming weeks!
- **Save the Date!** We will worship and picnic with St John's Waynesboro on **August 30!** Details will follow!
- Worship can not happen every week without your help! Please use the QR code to sign up to read, serve, set the altar, read prayers or help with the sound system if you are able. If you would like to learn more about one of these ministries, please let me know!

-Mitzi White, Senior Warden

Kairos Reunion at Emmanuel

On Saturday, July 11, 12:00-2:00 there will be a reunion at Emmanuel of folks who are involved in SW Virginia's Kairos Outside prison ministry. Kairos Outside offers a weekend Christian retreat and periodic reunions to women whose lives have been affected by incarceration, either their own or that of a loved one. The reunions are a time of sharing and encouragement in our Christian walks. We eat a potluck meal together, sing a bit, hear a speaker, and then share with each other in small groups. If any Emmanuelites would like to know more about this ministry, you are welcome to attend. Women mainly run the program, but there is also a role for men's involvement.



Skip & Laura Barnett

Call for Donations

Help Stock the Blessing Box

WITH SINGLE SERVE - READY TO EAT ITEMS

GRANOLA
PROTEIN BARS
SINGLE SERVE FRUIT CUPS
TUNA POUCHES OR CANS
BAKED BEANS
POP-TOP CANS
CANNED SOUP
PACKS OF NUTS

***NO GLASS OR
PERISHABLE ITEMS***



**DROP-OFF LOCATION:
IN THE KITCHEN ON THE BACK COUNTER
OR PLACE ITEMS DIRECTLY IN BLESSING BOX**