



The Weekly

Immanuel Anglican Church
Prince William County

January 11, 2026

Warden's Word

We cultivate a Spirit-filled family that goes out to invite all people to experience life with God the Father in Jesus Christ, offering Refuge, Reconciliation and Renewal to the communities of Northern Virginia and beyond.

Dear Immanuel Family, In entering the New Year, God provides us an opportunity to look back (for celebration?) and to look forward (to where He calls us to new perspectives, opportunities, and blessings). Our mission statement offers an anchor for our reflection as Immanuel has entered 2026.

Celebrations:

Refuge: The Lord has been growing our congregation! Newcomers are arriving and some are deciding to join Immanuel on our journey together. Attendance in our Youth Group and Children's Church increased. Immanuel parishioners went overseas to spread the Good News and offer God's refuge to those who have not yet heard the gospel.

Reconciliation: The Lord increased our awareness and love for Him through Bible knowledge and teaching, reconciling us to Himself and to each other! Through weekly worship, sermons, Retreats, Bible Studies, and the rhythm of on-going fellowship and prayer, God is reconciling Himself to us and to each other. We have grown in knowing and loving Him more and more.

Renewal: The Lord provided for the needs of Immanuel through your giving! Although this past year the Vestry reduced the planned budget mid-year, giving to Immanuel continued so that expenses were covered at the close of our financial year on December 31. Through your giving, our congregation has been renewed and strengthened.

New perspectives: Where does God plan to lead us in this New Year? During Bishop Chris's visit with the Vestry in November, he offered a new perspective on how the Vestry should think about God's provision for our church. Although we used words such as small, constrained, or limited to describe our progress, programs, and resources to Bishop Chris, he admonished us to remember the words of Jesus, *"All things are possible with God."* In this coming year, the Vestry will be seeking closer alignment with God's will for Immanuel through a Visionary Budget. Please join us at the Annual Meeting on January 25 to learn more about this new perspective, opportunity, and blessing. We look forward with joy to telling you about it at the meeting.

Your Sister in Christ,

Deb

Worship

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

Morning Prayer is offered via [Zoom](#) every Thursday at 8am.
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85934655171>
Meeting ID: 859 3465 5171

Morning Prayer is offered at Immanuel Tuesday - Friday, in the Nave from 8:30am - 9:30am.

Midday prayer is offered Tuesday – Friday in the Nave at noon.
Visit iachurch.org/worship for more details.

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan 25	One Service Sunday	9:30 am
Jan 25	Annual Meeting	11:30-1:00 Nave

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Backpack for Kids News: The Bells are back! The third book of the series, *Bells in the Wind*, is available for a suggested donation of \$10. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the books will help feed underserved children of Martin Luther King Elementary. The first two books (*Bells in the Air* and *Bells in the Fog*) are still available, thanks to a generous friend of Immanuel.

Thank you for offering your support, gifts, and prayers for all to experience life abundantly in all its fullness in Christ Jesus! Our BP4 Kids ministry provides weekend bags of food placed in the backpacks of children in cooperation with school guidance counselors.

The Food Cupboard Ministry: For the month of January we are collecting canned vegetables and breakfast cereal. The food cupboard is to the left as you enter the storage room located between classrooms 1 & 2.

Blessing Bags: What are Blessing Bags? They are donated purses given to women in need at the ACTS Women's Shelter in Dumfries, VA. These purses are filled with donated toiletries, and each woman will receive 1 purse during their stay. It is our prayer and goal to complete 10 purses PER Month in this ONGOING Ministry. Examples of needed items are hairbrush, travel size deodorant, toothpaste, and face wash. All necessary items can be found on a list on the side of the collection box, along with tags of Immediate needs required to complete unfinished purses. Ministry Leaders: Lee & Jennifer Roberds. If you have questions, would like to help, or your small group would like to assemble purses, please contact Lee or/ and Jennifer at Lee: Home- 703) 590-7918 or Cell- 703) 298-5240. Jennifer: Cell- 571) 427- 8713

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

Immanuel Kids: Inventors take ordinary objects and transform them into extraordinary innovations with some creativity and a lot of tinkering. But Jesus didn't need tools, blueprints, or a workshop to make extraordinary things happen. On the outside, Jesus may have seemed ordinary, but his life, actions, and love regularly defied expectations. He transformed ordinary people and situations, showing us what an extraordinary God can do. In this 4-week series, kids will learn that Jesus is one of a kind, Jesus is humble, Jesus trusted God, and Jesus calls us to follow.

Youth Group: Middle and high school students are invited to Youth Group each week. We meet on Second Sundays at 6:00 PM, and on all other Sundays from 12:00- 1:30 PM. For more information, contact mbyers@iachurch.org.

Breakaway High School Retreat (February 13–16): Breakaway is a Christ-centered weekend retreat where high school students gather for worship, teaching, and community with other believers.

- Please pray for our students, leaders, and all the preparation and travel involved. Pray for open hearts, deep faith, and God's transforming work in our students.
- Any high school students interested in attending should contact mbyers@iachurch.org.
- We are still in need of financial support, if you are able to give, your generosity would be greatly appreciated.

Sunday Night Men's Bible Study: The men will meet January 11, 2026, to continue their study of Genesis. They meet from 7-8:30 pm in classroom 4. If you have any questions, see or email Bob Mann (mannrm@comcast.net) or Mike Harpster (MikeHarpster@comcast.net).

Men's Dinner: All Immanuel men and their guests are invited to join us for some fellowship and conversation at our weekly Monday Men's Dinner. The next dinner will be on January 12,

2026 at Chili's located at 14432 Gideon Drive, Woodbridge. New attendees are always welcome so come and join us and bring someone with you.

Women's Monday Night Bible Study: Please contact Kathy Oravetz at 571-334-8786 or koravetzdpt@gmail.com for more information.

January 12, 7 p.m. we will resume Monday night studies with a video series "Truth Rising", a Colson Fellows program. It will be facilitated by Lydia's daughter, Kristina. From the website: [The Study - Truth Rising](#)

"What You'll Gain:

A deeper understanding of today's civilizational moment—and why it matters.

A biblical framework to live in the world as a Christian.

A clear sense of identity in Christ, not the culture around us.

The confidence to live out your calling with purpose and impact."

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study: Join this lovely, caring group at 10:00 am in Classroom #1 as we dive into Isaiah using the Melissa Spoelstra book and video: "Isaiah: Striving Less and Trusting God More". We'll unpack Isaiah's words to reveal that you can trust God more than your own human effort or the counterfeits the world suggests. You won't be striving harder but instead trusting more deeply in the Faithful One who is so worthy of our utter dependence. In Him you'll find the comfort and peace you need to sustain you. Workbooks will be around \$22.00. Contact Barbara Finney at blynn56@verizon.net or 703-405-2651.

Tuesday Ladies Dinner: The next dinner will be at The Montclair Family Restaurant located at 17001 Dumfries Rd, Dumfries on January 20, at 5:00 pm. Please RSVP to Teharpster@comcast.net, so reservations can be made.

Saturday Morning Men's Discussion: For the next session on 1/10/2025 Read Chapter Six in the commentary, "Jesus Loses His Crowd", pages 93-105, and the questions on pages 106 and 107. In your bible, read John 6.

Books are available for \$10 from Alan Clark at (703)627-4725 or alan.clark1@verizon.net. Coffee and donuts are provided. Join us and bring a friend or join us via [ZOOM](#). Meeting ID:827 91399156.

Women's Book Club: The book club will not meet in December. The next book club meeting will be on Tuesday, January 13th at 7pm at Penny Barriteau's home located at 3217 Culbreth Ct. Woodbridge, VA. The book we are reading is The Demon of Unrest by Erik Larson. You can call Cathleen Giannini at 703-851-0908 or cragchat@gmail.com with any questions.

Men's Breakfast: The men will meet January 17, for the monthly breakfast at 8:00am. Come join in for a hot breakfast and fellowship.

County Community Activities

Polar Plunge: Support Jeannie and Jacob Brill as they participate in the Polar Plunge on February 7 in Virginia Beach to support the Virginia Special Olympics. See the poster in the narthex and scan the QR code to donate financially to support the Brill's

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Lost and Found

The found items are on the Usher's Table.

Building Usage

If you or your group would like to use a room at the church, please contact the office at office@iachurch.org or tharpster@iachurch.org to schedule the date, time and room. Unscheduled meetings cannot always be accommodated.