



The Weekly

Immanuel Anglican Church
Prince William County

Pastor's Corner

"Celebrating Pentecost as One Congregation"

Even though we're still in the Easter season, I want to look toward Pentecost for a moment. Pentecost often is called "the birthday of the Church," as on that day our Father poured his Holy Spirit on Jesus' disciples (Acts 2:1-4, 14-18). In that moment, the followers of Jesus became the body of Christ on earth, filled with his Spirit, **empowered to bring Refuge, Reconciliation, and Renewal through Jesus** to the world.

We will celebrate Pentecost on Sunday, June 8, in two ways. Remembering that we are *one congregation with two services*, everyone is encouraged to attend the 10:30am service so that we can worship our God together with one voice, at the same time. We will still offer the 8am service on that day, but having as many people as possible present at the second service provides a significant expression of our Spirit-enabled unity in Christ. (Later in the year, everyone will be encouraged to attend the early service for yet another experience of this unity.)

Our annual "Family Picnic" is the second way in which we will celebrate Pentecost! Immediately following the 10:30am service, we will gather on the church lawn for an extended time of food, fun, and fellowship. Using the signup sheets outside the Nave doors, please sign up to let us know you're coming, and what food you're able to bring.

We'll remind you of this festive day in the coming weeks, but please mark this on your calendar now. Just this morning I heard the song "Pentecost" by Mitch Wong, and it will be wonderful for us to embody his lyrics as one congregation on June 8 at 10:30am:

*Make this Your upper room
Take Your time, we'll wait on You
Make this Your upper room*

*One heart, in one accord
We're here for You, and nothing more
One heart, in one accord*

*Spirit fall fresh on us
Like You did at Pentecost
With holy fire, a mighty rush
Like You did at Pentecost*

Your Pastor in Christ,

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INFORMATION

May 18, 2025

Worship

Please join us, in person, 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

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| May 17, 2025 | Men's Breakfast | 8:00-10:00am Narthex |
| May 18, 2025 | Newcomers' Lunch | 12:15-1:15pm Nave |
| May 20, 2025 | Prayer Lab | 7-8pm Nave |
| May 27, 2025 | Prayer for Prodigals | 7-8pm Nave |
| June 8, 2025 | Church Picnic | outside after 10:30 service |

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Conference on Spiritual Warfare: The Rev Kathleen Christopher has been with us recently to teach us more about prayer. On Tuesday, May 13th she will speak about spiritual warfare here at Immanuel at 7PM. As a follow-on to her evening with us, all the congregants are invited to attend this conference.

Do you feel like you're fighting an unseen battle – one that leaves you weary, confused, or spiritually stuck? You're not alone. And you're not without weapons. Join us May 30-31 in Falls Church, VA, for a powerful, in-person conference that will awaken your authority in Christ and help you break free from the lies of the enemy. Through Spirit-filled teaching, personal testimony, and powerful activation, you'll gain practical tools to live victoriously. Whether you're new to spiritual warfare or seeking deeper understanding, you'll leave empowered and encouraged.

Dates: Friday, May 30 (6:30-9PM) & Saturday, May 31 (8:30AM-5PM)

Location: The Fall Church Anglican Ministry Center, 6565 Arlington Blvd, Concourse Level, Falls Church, VA

Cost: \$65

Space is limited and Registration closes on May 22.

Register at <https://www.christianhealinginstitute.org/reg-form-darkness-to-light>

Youth Lock-IN: Get ready for a night like no other! This summer's lock-in is all about discovering your identity in Christ: that you are CHOSEN by God, fully KNOWN, and deeply LOVED. We'll dive into powerful truths, play games, eat way too much junk food, and stay up way too late! Youth entering 6th-12th grade are invited 6pm Friday, June 27- 8am Saturday, June 28. Invite your friends! Registration is required. Email mbyers@iachurch.org for more information.

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.

Mission and Outreach Food Cupboard: The May Food Cupboard Ministry Items of the Month are toiletries: toothpaste, deodorant, bar soap, and shampoo. All other items on the ACTS list are also welcome! "Every donation brings hope and relief to a neighbor in need. Thank you for standing with us and making a real impact!"- ACTS on Facebook.

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

Immanuel Kids: Puzzles don't come with step-by-step instructions for solving them. That's what makes them so much fun! You must try to figure out the next best step to take. When Jesus left Earth, his followers had to wonder the same thing— "What's next?" In this 4-week series about the Early Church, kids will see how Jesus' followers solved the puzzle of what to do next and the ways we can follow in their footsteps. As kids discover what to do next, they'll learn they can follow Jesus, pray for others, love like Jesus did, and share the good news.

Youth Group: Youth in 6th-12th grade are invited to join youth group Sundays after the service from 12:15 -1:30 p.m. Lunch is provided. Bring a friend and come ready for games, great conversations, and growing closer to God. Contact Melissa Byers mbyers@iachurch.org to join our newsletter for important dates for our youth.

Sunday Night Men's Bible Study: There will be no Bible study tonight. The group will meet again on May 18, 2025, at 7:00pm in classroom 4 and finish the last two sessions: Chapter 5 "intimacy with God" and Chapter 6 "The Treasure's Benefits". Please contact Bob Mann with questions at mannrm@comcast.net.

Monday Men's Dinner: All men, that is IAC members and guests are invited to join us for some fellowship and conversation at our weekly Monday Men's Dinner this time at Not Your Average Joe's located at 15101 Potomac Town Pl, Woodbridge, this coming Monday, May 19, at 5:00 pm. New attendees are always welcome so come join us and bring someone with you.

Women's Monday Night Bible Study: On Monday, May 19, we continue our study of John with session 4 of our study guide: *I AM the Good Shepherd*. We meet via Zoom from 7-8:30 pm. For more information about the Women's Monday Night Bible Study, please contact Deb at dtomchek@aol.com or (703) 597-4136. We welcome you!

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study: Join us Tuesdays at 10:00 AM in Room 1 as we continue the study, **The Gospel of John: Savoring the Peace of Jesus in a Chaotic World**. You can also join us via Zoom, click [here](#). Meeting ID: 859 5395 5885 Passcode: 642280 Questions? Call or text Barbara Finney at 703-405-2651

Tuesday Ladies Dinner: The next dinner will be at Armetta's located at 4585 Daisy Reid Ave, Woodbridge, on May 19, at 5:00 pm. We get together to enjoy a meal monthly on the third Tuesday of the month. Please RSVP to teharpster@comcast.net.

Saturday Morning Men's Discussion Group: The IAC men will not meet on 5/17/2025 due to Men's Breakfast. The group will reconvene on Saturday, May 31, and begin a new study on Revelation, using a commentary by Warren Wiersbe. Books are available for \$10 from Alan Clark at (703)627-4725 or

alan.clark1@verizon.net. We start at 8:00 am in room1. Hot coffee and fresh donuts are provided. Join us in person or join us via [ZOOM](#). Meeting ID:827 91399156.

Saturday Men's Breakfast: The men will meet next time for the monthly breakfast at 8:00 AM Saturday, May 17, at Immanuel. Mark this on your calendar. Please come and feel free to invite others to share this time together for food and fellowship. The sign-up poster is in the Narthex before you enter the Nave.

Vacation Bible School 2025: Registration is open for Live It Out VBS! Vacation Bible School. VBS will be July 28-August 1 from 9am-12pm with family lunch after. Register at <https://www.immanuelanglicanchurch.org/vbs>. We need YOUR help to make this year's Vacation Bible School amazing! We are in need of volunteers to help with Music/Dance, Games, Small Groups and much more! If you are interested in Volunteering, please contact Melissa Byers at: mbyers@iachurch.org.

County Community Activities

Spring Concert of the Manassas Chorale: The Princesses and Pirates Concert will be performed at the Hylton Performing Arts Center on Friday, May 30, at 7:30 pm. The Chorale will be joined by the Greater Manassas Children's Choir. Tickets are available at the box office. Enjoy an evening of fun music!

Not receiving The Weekly? You can sign up on the IAC website by going to [here](#). Scroll to the bottom of the page and complete the subscribe form. If you need help, contact the Parish Administrator at office@iachurch.org.

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.