



# The Weekly

Immanuel Anglican Church  
Prince William County

January 4, 2026

Pastor's Corner  
"Introducing the Rev. Addie Anderson"

Merry Christmas!

Yes, it's still the Christmas season, and this upcoming Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, is the second Sunday of Christmas. I'll be away – I'm taking a few days to be with my family, and then I'm spending time on my annual silent retreat where I seek the Lord's blessing and guidance for Immanuel for the coming year. Please pray for me.

Your celebrant and preacher on January 4<sup>th</sup> will be the [Rev. Addie Anderson](#), an Assistant Rector at [Restoration Anglican Church](#), one of our sister churches here in the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic. Pastor Sallie and I sat down with Addie for dinner at the Diocesan Synod. Both of us were impressed by her kindness, her gentle spirit, and her depth of intimacy with Jesus. She is one who has experienced several interruptions in her life as the intervening grace of God drawing her closer to himself and into her current ministry.

"CS Lewis once said that he was the most reluctant convert in all England," she writes in her autobiography. "I may have been the most reluctant seminary student. God's calling was both the biggest and sweetest surprise I have ever known."

Addie—who prefers to be called by her first name, but is comfortable with Pastor Addie as well—and her husband Dakota live in Falls Church with their two little boys, “heaps of books, and more yarn than I could knit in a lifetime, though I do plan to try (ask me to teach you!). You can find us playing board games, wandering nature trails, or watching old musicals.”

I’m grateful Addie accepted my invitation to lead you in worship and share God’s word with you while I’m away, and I’m confident you’ll welcome her and be ready to receive the gifts she brings.

Remember that this is the Sunday we will bless our Epiphany Chalk! While we will not be offering a worship service on Epiphany (January 6), I encourage you to mark the door of your home and pray the prayer of blessing that we will provide you on Sunday.

In preparation for Epiphany, this Sunday you will hear Matthew’s telling of the “Visit of the Wise Men.” They are a worthy example for all who would worship our King as we gather together this week: *“As they offered gifts most rare/at thy cradle rude and bare/so may we with holy joy/pure and free from sin’s alloy/all our costliest treasures bring/Christ to Thee our heavenly king.”* (from the hymn *As with Gladness Men of Old*, by W. Chatterton Dix).

Your Pastor in Christ,

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## VESTRY NOMINATIONS

The Vestry Nominating Committee, consisting of:

Kathy Oravetz, Chair – (koravetzdpt@gmail.com)

Janice Flynn – (grammy41966@icloud.com)

Becky Ragon – (beckyragon25@gmail.com)

Jean Albert – (jwalbertpk@gmail.com)

announces that the next Vestry election will be on January 25, 2026, at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Vestry Nominations are now open, and applications are being accepted through January 5, 2025. An application can be found [here](#) or by using this link:

<https://www.immanuelanglicanchurch.org/vestry>

There are three vacancies for three-year terms each and one vacancy for one-term. We are asking that:

1. those interested carefully and prayerfully consider indicating your interest to one of the Nominating Committee members; and,
2. if anyone eligible to vote in the election knows of someone they believe would be a strong candidate, please contact one of the Nominating Committee with his/her name so we can follow up.

According to the Bylaws of Immanuel Anglican Church, Vestry members must be at least eighteen years of age, have been confirmed or received by a Bishop of the ACNA and GAFCON, and who do not have immediate familial relationships, such as spousal, sibling, or parental (including in-law) relationships, with current staff or with continuing Vestry members. In addition, a candidate shall be:

- a. A mature Christian;
- b. One who maintains an active life of prayer and study of Scripture;
- c. One whose life and relationships are in order;
- d. One who is known and respected among the Congregation;
- e. One who has been or is currently active in ministry;
- f. One who is known as a cheerful giver of time, talent, and treasure;
- g. One who understands, has counted the cost of, and is committed to fulfilling the responsibilities and duties of a Vestry member; and,
- h. One who affirms the Fundamental Declarations of the Diocese as set forth in Article I of the Diocesan Constitution and the Standards (see Appendix I).
- i. One who affirms and abides by The Standards of Morality and Ethics as set forth in Title II, Canon 5 of the Diocesan Canons (see Appendix II).

Additional notifications and important information will be communicated in future.

Click [here](#) to view the following Appendices

Appendix I: The Fundamental Declarations of the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic

Appendix II: The Standards of Morality and ethics

## 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](http://iachurch.org/worship) for more details.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Jan 4	Blessing the Epiphany Chalk	
Jan 5	Vestry Nominations Close	
Jan 6	Epiphany-no service, chalk your doors	
Jan 9 and 10	Hilda Barg Meals	
Jan 25	One Service Sunday	9:30 am
Jan 25	Annual Meeting	11:30-1:00 Nave

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BP4 KIDS** – Thank you for offering Refuge, Reconciliation, and Renewal by providing weekend food for the underserved children of our area. Bless you for offering your prayers for all to experience life with God the Father in Jesus Christ. Join us for the next packing event in classroom #1, 12:30 p.m., Weds., January 7th.

Questions? Contact Dean or Pat Tony -- patbtony@gmail.com.

**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.

**Meals for Hilda Barg:** Immanuel Anglican Church will be providing meals to the Hilda Barg Homeless Prevention Center on January 9th & 10th. Please sign up to prepare and deliver one or more of the menu items by clicking [here](#) or by visiting our website. Your generosity helps shine the light of Jesus for those in need.

**Chalking the Doors Epiphany Tradition:** January 6 is the day we celebrate Epiphany, the day the wise men arrived with gifts for Jesus. A centuries-old tradition of Epiphany practiced all over the world is chalking the doors. It is a time of a family asking God's blessing on their home and on those live in it or visit. It is also an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in your home and your daily routines.

Directions: The traditional way to chalk your door is to write 20 + C + M + B + 26 above the entrance to your home using chalk. The letters C, M, B have two meanings: They are the initials of the traditional names of the three wise men: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross and 2026 is the year.

Prayer: Peace be to this house and all who live here. O God, please bless this house and all who live here. May all who come to

our home this year find Jesus living among us. Holy Spirit, fill us with your love so that our concern for others may reflect your love. Amen

Chalk will be available at both services on January 4.

## 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:** Youth Group is for youth in 6th-12th grade. Youth Group will resume January 4 after the 10:30 service. Save the Date for Second Sunday at 6 on January 11 at 6pm! High Schoolers interested in Feb 13-16 Breakaway Retreat contact [mbyers@iachurch.org](mailto: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](mailto:mbyers@iachurch.org).
- We are still in need of financial support, if you are able to give, your generosity would be greatly appreciated.
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**Night Men's Bible Study:** The men will not meet the next two Sundays but will reconvene 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](mailto:mannrm@comcast.net)) or Mike Harpster ([MikeHarpster@comcast.net](mailto: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 5, 2026 at Armetta's located at 5224 Staple Mill Plaza, Dale City. New attendees are always welcome so come and join us and bring someone with you.

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

We will be on hiatus through the Christmas season. Newcomers, old-timers, and everyone in-between are welcome to come, taste and see what God has for us in this group. January 8, 6 p.m. the group will meet for dinner and fellowship at Giorgio's Family Restaurant 4394 Kevin Walker Dr., Montclair, VA 22025.

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 beginning January 6th 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](mailto: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](mailto:Teharpster@comcast.net), so reservations can be made.

**Saturday Morning Men's Discussion:** 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

Place your notice here!

**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](mailto: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](mailto:office@iachurch.org) or [tharpster@iachurch.org](mailto:tharpster@iachurch.org) to schedule the date, time and room. Unscheduled meetings cannot always be accommodated.

## NOTES