



# The Weekly

Immanuel Anglican Church  
Prince William County

Feb 22, 2026

## Pastor's Corner "A Long Walk with Jesus"

Epiphany is now behind us, the season celebrating the revelation who Jesus is: "The radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature" (Hebrews 1:3), sent by the Father into the world to rescue *all* people out of sin, darkness, and death into holiness, light, and life. Although we didn't explore it fully last week, **Transfiguration Sunday was a culminating moment of this revelation, and we're invited to join Peter, James, and John in becoming fully awake to the true Jesus (Luke 9:32).**

Jesus consistently invited these three disciples to walk with him in unique ways, and each time they were given an even clearer vision of who he is. The Transfiguration of Jesus literally shines as the brightest of these visions (Luke 9:28-35:1-9). The biblical context of this event fits well within the liturgical flow from Epiphany to Lent.

Just days before this moment Peter declares Jesus to be the Messiah, and Jesus begins teaching the disciples that this truth will require his suffering and death (Luke 9:18-27). Luke tells us that Moses and Elijah are discussing with the transfigured Jesus his impending crucifixion (Luke 9:30-31). And when Jesus walks down the mountain with his three disciples, he is heading down the road to Jerusalem. **The Transfiguration is the Scriptural bridge from the brightness of the Epiphany into the Lenten journey to the Cross.**

**During Lent, Jesus is inviting you to walk with him, that you may see more clearly who he truly is, and our deep need for him – a revelation that comes to fullness in the light of his death and resurrection. The prologue to Lent is bright: the celebration of the Transfiguration on**

Sunday, and the feasting on pancakes and fellowship at Tuesday's Pancake Supper. Lent began the following day, Ash Wednesday, with the Imposition of Ashes offered at our Ash Wednesday services. At those services, we were invited *"to the observance of a holy Lent: by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and alms-giving; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word"* (p. 544, BCP 2019).

Please be sure to get a copy of Immanuel's [Lenten Guide](#), "[A Long Walk with Jesus](#)." This guide offers a variety of ways to walk with Jesus each week. I encourage you to read through these disciplines ahead of time, prayerfully decide which practices you will observe, then ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with his power and grace "that you may faithfully keep this Lent" (BCP 2019).

**Using this guide *together* will enable us to walk with Jesus this Lent as a church family.** In earlier times, Lent was a discipline taken on by an entire community, people supporting each other in engaging these "rhythms of grace." This can become another experience of *koinonia* – a communing with each other and our Trinitarian God that results in transformation and joy (1 John 1:1-4).

**Among our shared Lenten disciplines is the invitation to participate in our annual Baby Bottle Campaign that supports our ministry partner [Life First](#).** During the announcements we'll watch a brief video, then hear from Kirk Gillespie as she brings gratitude and stories from Life First. She will be available after both services to talk with you further.

I pray that this Lent will be a turning point in all our lives, as we turn from the other voices that disturb, distract, and tempt us, to walk together with Jesus and listen to his voice.

Your Pastor in Christ,

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## 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

February 22	First Sunday in Lent	
	Baby Bottle Campaign	Narthex
Feb 25	Compline	8:00-8:30 pm Nave
Feb 28	Realm Training	10-11:30 and 1-2:30 Nave
Mar 1	Cruciform Vision Meeting	5-7pm Nave
Mar 3	Prayer and Praise	7-8:30 pm Nave
Mar 4	Compline	8:00-8:30 pm Nave
Mar 6-7	Vestry Retreat	CR1, CR4 Nave
March 8	Music Interest Meeting	12:15 pm Nave
	Youth Second Sunday	6-8:00 PM Nave
Mar 11	Compline	8:00-8:30 pm Nave
March 15	Realm Training	9:15-10:30 CR4
		12:15-1:45PM Nave
Mar 18	Compline	8:00-8:30 pm Nave

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Baby Bottle Campaign:** As an Abundant Life Church that supports Life First in rescuing babies from abortion and spreading the Gospel to the parents, we annually participate in the Baby Bottle Campaign. Because of Immanuel's generous giving, loving and compassionate heart and through your joyful offerings last year we finished 3rd amongst all the Abundant Life Churches. We ask you to stop by the Baby Bottle Campaign station in the Narthex to sign up and take a baby bottle (or 2). Place your spare change inside (dollars and checks are OK too!). Please return the baby bottle (empty or full) anytime. The Baby Bottle Campaign "officially" ends on Palm Sunday, March 29th. If you have any questions please contact Paul Giannini, [pjgiannini13@gmail.com](mailto:pjgiannini13@gmail.com).

**BP4 KIDS (Backpacks for Kids):** This ministry provides weekend bags of food placed in the backpacks of children in cooperation with school guidance counselors at ML King Elementary. For a list of needed foods, and/or to be invited to our next packing event, please contact Dean or Pat Tony [patbtony@gmail.com](mailto:patbtony@gmail.com)

**The Food Cupboard Ministry:** For the month of February, we are collecting canned tomato products (whole, diced, crushed, pureed, stewed, sauce and paste) and canned peas. 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. 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:** Immanuel Kids: Jesus was a true trailblazer—not just for his time, but for *all* time! Jesus' teachings and way of life often went against the grain of what people expected, showing us a whole new way to live and love. While blazing new trails, Jesus never wavered from the path of following God, and he paved the way for us to follow his lead. In this 4-week series, kids will learn to **trust Jesus even when it's not easy, show others the way to God, let God's love take the lead, and pray the way Jesus prayed.**

**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](mailto:mbyers@iachurch.org).

**Sunday Night Men's Bible Study:** The men will meet February 22, 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 February 23, 2026 at Crafty Crab located at 2706 Potomac Mills Circle, Woodbridge. New attendees are always welcome so come and join us and bring someone with you.

**Women's Monday Night Bible Study:** We are starting a new Bible Study, "Cold-Case Christianity" by J. Warner Wallace. The participants' guide can be found here [Cold-Case Christianity Participant's Guide: A Homicide Detective Investigates the Claims](#)

of the Gospels: Wallace, J. Warner: 9781434711441:  
Amazon.com: Books Monday evenings at 7 p.m. via ZOOM  
Please contact Kathy Oravetz at 571-334-8786  
or [koravetzdpt@gmail.com](mailto:koravetzdpt@gmail.com) for more information and the ZOOM  
link.

**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. Contact Barbara Finney at [blynn56@verizon.net](mailto:blynn56@verizon.net) or 703-405-2651 for workbooks or more information.

**Tuesday Ladies Dinner:** DATE CHANGE DUE TO PANCAKE SUPPER. The next dinner will be at Longhorn Steakhouse located at 13237 Worth Ave. in Woodbridge on February 24, at 5:00 pm. Please RSVP to [Teharpster@comcast.net](mailto:Teharpster@comcast.net), so reservations can be made.

### **Saturday Morning Men's Discussion:**

2/21/26 No discussion due to Men's breakfast.

2/28/26 Read Chapter Ten in the commentary, "The Good Shepard and His Sheep", pp 153-165, and study the questions on pages 166 and 1674. Read John 10 in your bibles.

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 next Women's Book Club meeting will be on Tuesday, March 10th at the home of Kathy Westcott. The meeting starts at 7 pm. Kathy's address is 3708 Beaver Ford Rd, Woodbridge. We are reading, WE BEGIN AT THE END by Chris Whittaker. Please call Cathleen Giannini at 703-851-0908 or email at [cragchat1@gmail.com](mailto:cragchat1@gmail.com) with any questions. Let Kathy know if you will be attending at 703- 987-5206 or [ktwestcott@gmail.com](mailto:ktwestcott@gmail.com)

**Men's Breakfast:** The men will meet February 21, for the monthly breakfast at 8:00am. Come join in for a hot breakfast and fellowship.

## County Community Activities

Put 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. Please note the configuration pictures in each room on the wall near the light switch. After your meeting, please return the room to the arrangement in the picture without exception. All rooms are used for many different activities.

### Parking Lot

If you or your group need to leave vehicles in the parking lot overnight during an activity, please contact the Parish Administrator before leaving. You will be asked to leave the make, model and license number of the vehicle, your departure and return dates and times. Any vehicles left in the parking lot without notification are subject to towing at the owner's expense.