



The Weekly

Immanuel Anglican Church
Prince William County

April 19, 2026

Pastor's Corner

"Images, Words, and Faithful Discipleship"

Images and words are powerful, especially when those images and words come from powerful individuals. In our era of hyper-fast communication, it takes very little time for images and words to have a powerful impact on the hearts and minds of people. **Followers of Jesus, therefore, must be quick to turn to the primary Image and Word that is to form our thoughts, words, and deeds:**

[Our Lord Jesus Christ] is the image of invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. (Colossians 1:15-18)

With Jesus as God's enfleshed image, with Jesus as Lord, with Jesus preeminent in everything, **this requires**

Christians to reject all words and images that dilute, confuse, or contradict who the resurrected Christ is and what he teaches. Due to the glut of communication pouring out from news and social media, we need to ask our Father for grace to moderate our intake, exercise rigorous discernment, and seek Spirit-given guidance for response. **Listening to the living Word – Spirit-enabled listening to Scripture and to Jesus – provides the conduit for receiving that grace** (John 16:13-15).

The recent posts on President Trump’s Truth Social account are, of course, on my mind as I write this Pastor’s Corner. As a result, it may sound as though I’m participating in political partisanship in what I am writing. **The reality, however, is that biblical truths almost always overlap with areas of public concern and political discourse.** The value of life from conception to death, the nature of marriage, issues of gender and sexuality, relationships between races, care for the refugee and immigrant, provision for those in need, stewardship of finances and creation are just a few examples. As one of my fellow clergy has written:

“Before any of these are political or partisan issues, they are first and foremost biblical issues. And because they are biblical, we will address them in our preaching and teaching. In doing so, my goal is not to bring politics into the pulpit, nor to commend a politician, party, or policy. Rather my goal is to be faithful to the full counsel of God and commend personal discipleship to Jesus Christ in all areas of life.”h

This is among the reasons, by the way, we pray by name for our President and our Governor and for those serving on our local boards and counsels. *“I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions,”* Paul instructs the young pastor Timothy. Paul was not endorsing the Roman emperor; Paul was recognizing the need for God’s intervention in the emperor’s life. Pray for him and all leaders, he writes, *“that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth”* (1 Timothy 2:1-4).

Not partisanship, but faithful discipleship to Jesus Christ, the image of the invisible God, into whose image the Holy Spirit conforms us as we submit ourselves to the living Word of our Father in Heaven, rather than to anyone or anything else.

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 for more details.

IMPORTANT DATES

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| April 19 | Ministry Leaders Meeting | 9:00 am CR4, 12:00 pm Nave |
| | Cruciform | 5-7 pm Nave |
| April 24-26 | Women's Retreat | Off site |
| May 10 | Second Sunday @ 6 | 6-8 pm Nave |
| May 17 | New Members Class | 12-1:30 pm Nave |
| | Nursery provided (please register) | |
| | Cruciform | 5-7 pm Nave |
| May 20 | Life Group Leaders Training | 7-8:30 pm CR4 |
| | Nursery provided (please register) | |

May 24 One Service Sunday/Picnic 9:30-12:30 pm
May 31 Prayer Team Interest Meeting
9:15-10 am CR4, 12-12:45 pm Nave

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission Trip: Catherine Annand is going back out on the mission field May 29, 2026, through June 15, 2026. She is asking for support through donations to SAMS at [Catherine Annand - Donate to Anglican Missions Work](#) to help defray the costs of travel to Tanzania, food and lodging in country, and miscellaneous mission expenses yet to be determined. Catherine is traveling to Munyoni, Tanzania to be part of a training team providing Restore Wholeness training and supplies to lay leaders in Tanzania. Catherine is also asking for prayer for the team, the mission to help people find healing through Christ Our Lord and to help community leaders help others in their community find healing and joy through a relationship with Christ and His healing love.

Reach out to Sallie: Bring cards of well wishes and birthday greetings to provide Sallie with love from her Immanuel family for the work she is doing and celebrate her on her birthday in May. Place your cards in the basket on the usher table. Kevin Robertson will hand deliver them in early May.

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. Needed: Individual milk cartons: https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0FRNMKKFH/ref=sspa_dk_hqp_detail_aax_0?sp_csd=d2lkZ2V0TmFtZT1zcF9ocXBfc2hhcmVh&th=1 or pick up at Costco for best price. Thank you for all your generous help. You make a difference in the lives of children! To be informed about our next packing event and/or for more information, please contact Dean or Pat Tonypatbtony@gmail.com.

The Food Cupboard Ministry: For the month of April we are collecting cans of soup. Many families in PWC are struggling and your support for this ministry can make all the difference. Every donation helps restore dignity, hope, and stability. 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. 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. 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

Register now for Immanuel's Women's Retreat! April 24-26 at White Sulfur Springs, Mann's Choice, PA. Our speaker, Dr. Erika Moore, will lead us through Ezekiel's four visions, offering us reasons for hope, reassuring us of God's power, presence, and faithfulness to his promises, even in the most disappointing and confusing circumstances. Paperless (and SIMPLE) registration is available on Realm. Feel free to bring guests! Questions or help registering can be directed to Barbara Finney: 703-405-2651 blynn56@verizon.net or Taira Oravetz: 703-963-8812 tairaoravetz@gmail.com. Payments in full are due by April 19.

Immanuel Kids: This series kicks off with the greatest news ever—Jesus is alive! But even his closest friends were surprised by what they discovered. Each week, kids will follow the clues in the Bible, looking at the stories leading up to Easter and connecting them to other moments in Jesus' life and ministry. Along the way, they'll see that the Bible isn't just full of clues about who Jesus is—it's the complete story of God's love. In this 4-week series, kids will learn that the Bible says Jesus is alive, the Bible tells us Jesus loves us, the Bible reveals who Jesus is, and the Bible shows us how to share God's love.

Youth Group: Middle and high school students are invited to Youth Group each week. We will not have Second Sunday on May 10th due to Mother's Day but

mark your calendar for June 14th where 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.

Sunday Night Men's Bible Study: No meeting this week. The men meet each Sunday night except the third Sunday of the month. They are currently studying the Book of Genesis. They meet from 7-8:30 pm in classroom 4. If you have any questions, see 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 April 20, 2026 at Red Lobster located at 2544 Prince William Parkway, Woodbridge. New attendees are always welcome so come and join us and bring someone with you.

Women's Monday Night Bible Study: We are studying, "Cold-Case Christianity" by J. Warner Wallace. We will finish the last video Monday April 20 at 7 p.m. We will not meet Monday, April 27. (We hope to see all of you at the Women's Retreat April 24-26!) Monday, May 4 is our next fellowship dinner, 5:30 p.m. at Ruby Tuesdays on the Parkway, and then resume our regular Monday evening gatherings at 7 p.m. via ZOOM. Please contact Kathy Oravetz at 571-334-8786 or 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 or 703-405-2651 for workbooks or more information.

Tuesday Ladies Dinner: The next dinner will be at Brothers located at 5135 Waterway Drive, Dumfries, on April 22, 2026 at 5:00 pm. For this month only we are gathering on Wednesday. Please RSVP to Teharpster@comcast.net.

Saturday Morning Men's Discussion:

April 18: Saturday Men's Bible Discussion Group will not meet at 8:00 am on April 18 due to Men's Breakfast.

April 25: Saturday Men's Bible Discussion Group will meet at 8:00 am to discuss Chapter 3 in Wiersbe's Commentary., "Relations and Responsibilities," pp. 49-59 and questions on pp. 60 and 61. Also read in your Bible John 15:1-17.

Books are available for \$15. We start at 8:00 am in Room 1. Coffee and donuts are provided. Laughter is free. For more information, contact Alan Clark on 703-627-4725. 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, May12, at the home of Monika Dew. The meeting starts at 7 pm. Monika's address is 14315 Raddock Ct., Woodbridge. We are reading, *How to Read a Book* by Monica Wood. Please call Cathleen Giannini at 703-851-0908 or email at cragchat1@gmail.com with any questions. Let Monika know if you will be attending at 202-257-2348 or morningdewgreen@hotmail.com

This is the last meeting before our summer break.

Men's Breakfast: The men will meet April 18, for the monthly breakfast at 8:00am. Come join in for a hot breakfast and fellowship.

Financial Update thru March 31, 2026

Operations

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| Revenue | \$186,068.48 |
| Expenses | <u>\$134,380.31</u> |
| Net | \$51,688.17 |

Building

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| Revenue | \$57,032.00 |
| Expenses | <u>\$26,137.08</u> |
| Net | \$30,894.92 |

Income for these months has been above average because several donors have made payment of their full annual pledge. The Operations fund pays for salaries & admin costs, mission outreach, ministry expenses (such as children, youth and adult, altar guild, fellowship), and facility expenses (such as insurance, maintenance of property, equipment costs). The Building fund pays for the monthly mortgage, that loan amount due monthly is \$15,420.

County Community Activities

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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. 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.