



# The Weekly

Immanuel Anglican Church  
Prince William County

March 8, 2026

## Pastor's Corner "World News & Vestry News"

Like many of you, I came into worship last Sunday deeply concerned by the news of violence in the Middle East and Southeast Asia. That's why my heart latched onto our reading from [Psalm 33](#), and how it reorients our hope away from human solutions and military might toward the LORD whose sovereignty, wisdom, power, and love can do what seems impossible.

I appreciated the words and prayer offered by "[The Pour Over](#)" when they reported on this news:

*When our news feed fills with violence and chaos, we're often swept into a spiral of anxieties. But believers have an anchor in Jesus, whose peace pierces the darkness now and will one day shatter it completely. Come to Him in faith.*

*"Mighty God, You are never caught by surprise or overpowered. By Your overwhelming strength, work peace across the Middle East. Overcome evildoers; comfort those who are mourning; protect the vulnerable; strengthen those who will rebuild; and bring order from chaos so that Iran and its neighbors will taste and see the goodness of the One True King."*

I encourage you to pray the above prayer as well for the other regions of the world on your heart (e.g. Sudan, Ukraine and Russia, Venezuela, Haiti...). Please also pray for our leaders and the members of our military in their various roles in these conflicts.

I also ask you to pray for our Vestry. This weekend is our annual Vestry retreat. We will spend time drawing close to each other and to Jesus, praying, learning, and asking the Spirit to clarify our priorities for 2026 and guide us into the Lord's plans for accomplishing them.

Among the things we need to discern is whether to fill a vacancy on the Vestry. After recent conversations and prayer, Kevin Robertson, Deb Tomchek (our Senior Warden) and I decided that now is not the time for Kevin to be serving on the Vestry. Kevin has stepped down from completing Jazmyn McGinley's term. Pray for the Lord to bless Kevin, and for wisdom for the Vestry.

Prayer, of course, continues to be one of the primary spiritual disciplines of Lent. Remember that in addition to your personal times of prayer, there are opportunities to join your Immanuel family in prayer – **Morning Prayer** Tuesday-Friday from 8:30am-9am in the Nave; **Morning Prayer** via [Zoom](#) on Thursdays from 8am-8:30am; **Midday Prayer** Tuesday-Friday from 12pm-12:10pm in the Nave; and **Compline** every Wednesday from 8pm-8:20pm in the nave.

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

Mar 1-29	Baby Bottle Campaign	9-10:30 & 11:45-1	Narthex
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
Mar 11&12	Hilda Barg		
March 15	Realm Training	9:15-10:30	CR4
		12:15-1:45PM	Nave
March 15	Cruciform	5-7:00 pm	Nave
Mar 18	Compline	8:00-8:30 pm	Nave
Mar 25	Compline	8:00-8:30 pm	Nave
March 29	Palm Sunday		

## JANUARY INCOME AND EXPENSE RECAP

	Revenue	Expenses	Over/Under
Ops	53,138.22	47,358.06	5,780.16

Building Fund      15,997.00      15,420.48      576.52

**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).

**LIFE FIRST updates:** The visit of Kirk Gillespie was greatly appreciated two weeks ago when we launched the Baby Bottle campaign. Of course, we are most excited that the Dumfries location is now up and operational. The ribbon cutting ceremony will occur this week. Our donations will go a LONG WAY in helping what is an underserved and yet highly needed community in Dumfries and along the Route one corridor. Its location next to the DMV will hopefully draw in more clients that need assistance.

**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. Hard to get items: Personal size boxes of cereal and individual cartons of shelf milk. 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 Tony [patbtony@gmail.com](mailto:patbtony@gmail.com)

**The Food Cupboard Ministry:** For the month of March, we are collecting 2-pound bags (no larger) of flour and sugar. 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:** Thank you to all who are supporting this ministry. The first twelve bags have been delivered to ACTS! 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! As always, single occupancy rooms are VERY limited and will be first come, first served. Questions or help registering can be directed to Barbara Finney: 703-405-2651 [blynn56@verizon.net](mailto:blynn56@verizon.net) or Taira Oravetz: 703-963-8812 [tairaorevetz@gmail.com](mailto:tairaorevetz@gmail.com). Reservation deposits (\$100.00) are due by March 15.

**Immanuel Kids:** Getting invited to a party is one of the best feelings, and being left out is one of the worst. But there's good news, Jesus never leaves anyone out! He invites everyone to spend time with him, experience his love, and share it with others. This series will remind kids that Jesus' invitation is always open, and we're never too far away to join the party! In this 5-week series, kids will learn that I'm invited to believe in Jesus, love like Jesus

does, experience Jesus' miracles, ask Jesus for help, and worship Jesus.

**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 March 8, 2026, to continue their study of Genesis. They meet from 7-8:30 pm in classroom 4. If you have any questions, see 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 March 9, 2026 at Chuy's located at 2641 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. 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](#). The group meets on 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:** The next dinner will be at Gorgios located at 4394 Kevin Walker Dr., Montclair, on March 17, 2026 at 5:00 pm. Please RSVP to [Teharpster@comcast.net](mailto:Teharpster@comcast.net), so reservations can be made.

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

3/7/26 Read Chapter Eleven in the commentary, "The Last Miracle, The Last Enemy", pp 169-180, and study the questions on pages 181 and 182. Read John 11 in your bibles.

3/14/26 Read Chapter Twelve in the commentary, "CHRIST AND THE CRISIS", pages 183 - 196 and answer the questions on pages 197 & 198.

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 March 21, for the monthly breakfast at 8:00am. Come join in for a hot breakfast and fellowship.

## County Community Activities

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**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.