# The Weekly

Immanuel Anglican Church
Prince William County

**November 22, 2026**

## Pastor's Corner
"Gospel Thanksgiving"

**This past Sunday was "Pledge Sunday," a day of thanksgiving and commitment.** Our Scripture readings pointed to "the Day of the Lord," awakening us from "the complacent assumption of an inactive God" (Alec Motyer), and reminding us of his loving intervention in our lives through our Older Brother and Lord Jesus. **Wake up to the Good News – Jesus endured the Day of the Lord on our behalf,** so that we might become "children of light, children of the day," who walk in this world wearing "the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 5:4-10).

**In response to this Gospel, and in response to God's faithfulness to Immanuel, we prayed a Litany of Thanksgiving, and then brought forward our pledge cards as an offering of our lives, and as an expression of our commitment to join with him in being Pro-Vision.** During both services, I knelt with my eyes closed, silently thanking God and praying for you. In that silence (and even above the music in the second service), I could hear the sound of your feet as you walked forward with your pledges. The words first spoken through Isaiah then echoed by Paul came to mind: "*How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good*

*news!*" (Isaiah 52:7/Romans 10:15). **Your feet were preaching this past Sunday. Thank you!**

The Good News will be evident in a beautiful way this upcoming Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King. **Bishop Chris Warner will be with us, along with his wife, the Rev. Catherine Warner. In both services people will stand before him and proclaim their belief in this Gospel**, and he will lay hands on them pray for God to "strengthen these your servants for witness and ministry through the power of your Holy Spirit." **After the first service, at about 9:15am, we will spend time in the Nave with the Bishop,** inviting you to ask questions about believing in Jesus, being a disciple, and the life of our Diocese and Province. After the second service, the Bishop will join us for food and fellowship Please join us!

**If you weren't able to be in attendance this past Sunday, please do bring your pledge card expressing thanksgiving and commitment!** You can place it in the offering plate, mail it in to the church office, or drop it off during the week. In December the Vestry will finalize the budget that supports our 2027 vision to "Cultivate Healthy Growth," and your pledges are an integral part of their discernment.

I look forward to being with you this Sunday to celebrate our King Jesus, welcome Bishop Chris and the Rev. Katherine, and rejoice with our Confirmands in the Good News!

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 at Immanuel Tuesday - Friday, in the Nave from 8:30am - 9:00am.

Midday prayer is offered Tuesday – Friday in the Nave at noon.

Visit iachurch.org/worship for more details.

# IMPORTANT DATES

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| Nov 22 | Angel Tree | Narthex |
| Nov 22 | Bishop Visit | Both Services |
| | Confirmation | |
| Nov 28 | Greening of the Church | 12:30 pm Nave |
| Nov 29 | First Sunday of Advent | |
| Dec 2 | Advent I Compline | 7-7:30 pm Nave |
| Dec 6 | Angel Tree Gift Collection | |
| Dec 9 | Advent II Compline | 7-7:30 pm Nave |
| Dec 12 | Ladies Coffee | 9 :30 am |
| Dec 16 | Advent III Compline | 7-7:30 pm Nave |
| Dec 20 | Nativity and Tree Lighting | 5:00 pm Nave |
| | Caroling | Nave |
| Dec 23 | Advent IV Compline | 7:-7:30pm Nave |
| Dec 24-25 | Office Closed | |
| Dec 24 | Christmas Services | 5 :00 pm and 8:00 pm |
| Dec 27 | First Sunday of Christmas | |
| | Holy Eucharist | 8:00 am Nave |
| | Lessons and Carols | 10:30 am Nave |
| Dec 28-Jan 1 | Office closed | |

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Angel Tree Tag Sundays:** We are grateful to be able to support our Beville Middle School community again this year by adopting families this Christmas season. Be on the lookout for our Angel Tree in the narthex beginning Sunday, November 22. As an individual, family, Life Group, or other group, consider selecting one (or more!) children to sponsor for gifts this holiday. Please read the sign-up instructions when you sign up so that we can be sure to match the gift to its intended recipient! Wrapped and tagged gifts will be returned by Sunday, Dec 6 for a blessing before being delivered to our families. Thank you for helping us share the love of Jesus with this school community who played such an important role in our church's history!

**Food Cupboard Ministry:** For the months of October & November we are collecting foods for Thanksgiving - canned yams, pumpkin or fruit filling, canned vegetables, pie crust mix, evaporated milk, cranberry sauce, cans or packets of gravy, chicken or turkey stock, cornbread or biscuit mix, instant potatoes and stuffing mix...you get the idea. The food cupboard is to the left as you enter the storage room located between classrooms 1 & 2.

**Blessing Bags:** Updated lists for the contents of the Blessing Bags are available. Please pick one and fill a bag for a woman in need. To date 44 purses for the ACTS Domestic Violence shelter have been delivered! Thank you to all who have donated to this ministry. Please contact Lee or Jennifer Roberds at (703) 298-5240 if you have any questions.

**Backpacks 4 Kids:** Every gift helps buy food for the ML King Elem. guidance counselors to place in the backpacks of

children who otherwise would not have much to eat over the weekends. **What's in a bag:** Individual cartons of milk, pre-packaged meals, breakfast or trail bars, fruit cups, mac and cheese, etc. Also, you are Invited to join our fun team, **packing food** once every 4-5 weeks on a Weds., 12:30 p.m.at Immanuel. Most importantly, **PRAY** for students, teachers, and families to know how much the Lord Jesus loves them. "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matt. 19:14

**Lighting of the Nativity and Christmas Tree with Caroling:**
The Immanuel Parish will gather on the front lawn on December 20th, at 5 pm to usher in the Season of Christmas by lighting the outdoor Nativity. Then, we will move indoors to sing traditional carols celebrating the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please invite friends, family, and people in the community to join us. We hope to see you there!

## COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

**Immanuel Kids:** Racers, start your engines! In a race, you might need to navigate obstacles, pit stops, and tight turns in order to stay on the right track. As you're zooming through the track there's so much to think about, and it can be hard to stay focused on what's most important! In this four-week series, we'll learn some important stories from Joshua about how obstacles are no problem for God and courage comes from knowing God's words. No matter how long the race, God can use someone like you because with God there is victory!

**Youth Ministry:** Youth Group will not meet on Sunday, Nov 22, (Bishop's visit) or on Nov 29, (Thanksgiving holiday weekend.) Watch the Weekly for updates on our December Christmas party. For more information, please text Rosemarie Fitzsimmons at 703-314-8348.

**Sunday Night Men's Bible Study:** The men meet each Sunday night except the third Sunday of the month which is reserved for Cruciform. The next meeting will be on November 22, in classroom 4 beginning at 7pm. The men are studying 1st, 2nd and 3rd John entitled "Abide" by Jen Wilkin. If you have questions, contact Mike Harpster here or Scott Finney here.

**Women's Monday Night Bible Study:** We are on hiatus until January. We will meet in December for a fellowship dinner. Stay tuned foe details to come.

**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 November

23, 2026, at El Paso located at 3031 Golansky Blvd., Woodbridge. New attendees are always welcome so come and join us and bring someone with you.

**Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study:** Join this Bible study as we continue our study Melissa Spoelstra's study on *Angels: Finding Hope in God who Reigns Over Heaven and Earth*. *Angels* is a call to put your hope in the God of angel armies who reigns over heaven and earth. We meet Tuesdays at 10:00 am in Room 1, or you can click here to join via Zoom: Meeting ID: 859 5395 5885 Passcode: 642280. Contact Barbara Finney to pre-order your workbook ($22.00) or to ask any questions: 703-405-2651 or blynn56@verizon.net

**Tuesday Ladies Dinner:** The next dinner will be at Olive Garden located at144058 Gideon Drive, Woodbridge, on December 12, 2026, at 5:00 pm. Please RSVP here.

**The Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study:** The Men's Bible Study Meeting will NOT be meeting this coming Saturday. Instead, we will be meeting for the Men's Breakfast. Additionally, we will NOT be meeting on Saturday, November 28th because of Thanksgiving weekend. The next Men's Bible Study Meeting will be on Saturday, December 5th at 8:00 AM in Classroom 1. We are studying "Romans for Everyone" by N.T. Wright and we will be discussing Romans 2:1-11. 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 David Robertson at 703-470-1620 (text is best). Join us and bring a friend or join us via ZOOM here.

**Saturday Morning Ladies Coffee:** Once a month on the second Saturday, the Immanuel ladies will meet for coffee. The next meeting is December 12, 2026, at 9:30 am. Location to be determined. Please register here. For more information contact Monika Dew at 202-257-2348.

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

**The Women's book club:** always takes December off. Our next book club meeting will be on January 12, 2027, at 7 PM. We will meet at the home of Kathleen Harding, 3731 Russell Rd., Woodbridge. Our book for January is Cleopatra, A Life Story by Stacy Schaff. Looking forward to seeing everyone. Have a Holy and Blessed Christmas and Thanksgiving.

## Finance update thru October 31, 2026

### Operations

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| Revenue | $510,886.53 |
| Expenses | $396,058.96 |
| Net | $114,827.57 |

### Building

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| Revenue | $227,956.21 |
| Expenses | $ 84,389.65 |
| Net | $143,566.56 |

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 church is required to have a net income at the end of the year of $80,000, to meet the Debt Service Coverage Ratio in the loan documents. Currently the net income is a little higher than that because parishioners have paid their annual pledge in advance.

The **Building Fund** pays for the monthly mortgage. The monthly loan payment is $15,420. Only the interest portion of this expense is recorded on the income statement. The [principal portion is recorded on the balance sheet. Since all income is recorded on the income statement but only interest is posted against it, it appears as though there is excess money. The church has paid $72,558.29 in principal payments. The remainder is prepaid pledges.

## County Community Activities

**The Manassas Chorale:** Mark your calendars for the December 5, 2026, performance of "A Measure of Excellence" by The Manassas Chorale. The program begins at 7:30 pm at the Hylton Performing Arts Center. Tickets are available at the Hylton Center Box Office Tuesday-Saturday 10-6pm or by phone at 703-993-7759 or online at hyltoncenter.org.

**Woodbridge Community Choir Christmas Concert:** Saturday, December 5th @ 8:00 PM and Sunday, December 6th @ 3:00 PM. All concerts are at the A.J Ferlazzo Building, 15941 Donald Curtis Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22191 (near the Route 1 end of Cardinal Drive). Get in the spirit of the season and see some of our Immanuel family sharing their voices. All concerts are free!

**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

Lost and found items can be found in the basket 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. Please return the tables to the closet at the end of the session.

## Parking Lot

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