



The Weekly

Immanuel Anglican Church
Prince William County

November 23, 2025

Pastor's Corner "The Baptismal Font"

We thank you that by faith and through the waters of Baptism we die to sin and are reborn in Christ. Grant through your Spirit that those baptized here may enjoy the liberty and splendor of the children of God.
(“Dedication of the Font,” BCP 2019)

Many of you will have noticed our new Baptismal Font standing just inside the Nave as you enter for worship. Its placement is intentional! It stands as a reminder that we enter the promises and the people of God through the waters of baptism. On future Sundays, the Font will be filled with holy water, a weekly invitation to remember and renew your baptismal vows. Dip your fingers in the water as you pass, make the sign of the cross, and receive again the grace flowing from the Father through Jesus by the Holy Spirit into your life.

This beautiful Font is an original creation fashioned by Ryan Schroeder, the same artisan who made the cross hanging on the stone wall behind the Holy Table. In a wonderful movement of creativity and symbolism, the Font's stand is made from the same wooden beam as that cross, bearing the same cracks. The bowl and base are carved from an oak tree from Ryan's home, located a mere five miles from Immanuel.

We are very grateful to the people whose generosity made it possible to commission this important piece so central to our life as the Church.

Bishop Chris will dedicate our Font this upcoming Sunday. For this significant moment, and for all future baptisms, we will move the Font to the center of the Nave so all can see and celebrate the power of what is

conveyed at Baptism: the cleansing of sin, rebirth into eternal life in Jesus, the giving of grace and the Holy Spirit, and participation in the promises and people of God our Father.

This Sunday Bishop Chris will also lay hands on those who have completed the Confirmation class. *“Through the Bishop’s laying on of hands and prayer for daily increase in the Holy Spirit, God strengthens the believer for Christian life in the service of Christ and his kingdom”* (BCP 2019). After the 8am service, all will have the opportunity to greet the Bishop at a brief reception. After the 10:30am service, a Question and Answer session will follow the reception.

I encourage everyone to attend one of our two services so that you can participate in the joyful experience of connecting with our larger Diocesan family by welcoming and receiving from our Bishop—his presence, his preaching, his celebrating. Even more importantly, Bishop Chris will turn our attention to Jesus, reorienting us to the grace-giving authority of our one true King.

Your Pastor in Christ,

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.

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](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85934655171) 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

Nov. 22	Bishop's visit and teaching	9:30-noon	Nave
Nov. 23	Confirmation/Consecration of Baptismal Font		
Nov 27	Thanksgiving in the Park		
Nov 27-28	The Office is closed		
Nov. 29	Welcome to Advent	10:00 am	Nave
Nov. 30	One Service-Contemplative	9:30 am	Nave
Dec 3	Advent Oasis	5-7:30pm	Nave
Dec 10	Advent Oasis	5-7:30pm	Nave
Dec 17	Advent Oasis	5-7:30pm	Nave
Dec 21	Carol Sing & Tree Lighting	5-9:00pm	Outside

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SALLIE

Dear Immanuel Family,

Yesterday was a very special day for me for which I give you thanks! Flowers (in my favorite color), delicious cake and

fellowship reception, cards, notes, gifts....and especially the hugs made the day a memory I will carry with me to Bali.

Your generous loving hearts are in each and every piece of the service and reception. Yesterday I said during the message that "You always provide a love and acceptance that is unique to our community."

Thank you all so very much!

Pastor Sallie

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Angel Tree Tag Sundays: There are still tags left. Help our church bless the local community and Beville Middle School by helping provide Christmas gifts for members of their school family who are in need. Tag Sundays are 11/23, and 11/30--select a tag from the tree and as an individual, family, or small group, shop for the listed item. Sunday 12/7 is Gift Return Sunday...bring the wrapped gift AND tag (so we can match it) back to church so we can bless it and deliver it! If you have any questions, please see Kristi Ellison or contact her at ellisonfam@verizon.net.

BP 4 Kids: Opportunity to Be Instruments of God's Love: Immanuel is blessed to be able to help nearly 40 needy students at M L King Elementary with bags filled with breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks for the weekends. You can help with monetary and/or food donations. The donation box (and list of items needed) is in the hallway near the restrooms. Contact: Dean or Pat Tony patbtony@gmail.com. Thank you for your donations for the inspiring book, *Bells in the Air*, written by E.B. Butler. *Bells in the Fog*, the second book in the series, is now available, for a suggestion donation of \$10. Thanks to Hugh Replogle for donating these children's adventure books to support the Backpack 4 Kids Mission.

The Food Cupboard Ministry: For the month of November, we are continuing to collect food for Thanksgiving (NO GLASS CONTAINERS!). Canned sweet potatoes/yams, canned pumpkin or fruit filling, pie crusts mix, evaporated milk, canned cranberry sauce, cans or packets of gravy, chicken or turkey stock, cornbread or biscuit mix, instant potatoes, stuffing mix and canned vegetables. Your generous support helps families in need enjoy a bountiful Thanksgiving. The food cupboard is to the left as you enter the storage room located between classrooms 1 & 2.

Thanksgiving in the Park: For anyone who still hasn't made plans for Thanksgiving, or who knows someone without plans, we have rented a VERY spacious cabin in Prince William Forest Park with a large kitchen, a giant fireplace, and lots of room for fellowship. There's plenty of space for outdoor activities, so bring balls and frisbees. Bring board games as well to play indoors. More information, such as registration, directions, and a way to sign-up to bring a dish or two, is available on Realm [here](https://onrealm.org/IACChurch/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=MjcwNmQxMWUtNGU4NS00MDVmLWJmOGQtYjM3ZDAxODU5MmZk). If there are any questions, contact Jerry or Rose Fitzsimmons.

Welcome to Advent: Join us Saturday, November 29 at 10am to learn about the meaning of Advent, create your own Jesse tree ornaments and discover how Immanuel will celebrate this special season together. Sign up on Realm: <https://onrealm.org/IACChurch/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=MjcwNmQxMWUtNGU4NS00MDVmLWJmOGQtYjM3ZDAxODU5MmZk>

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

Immanuel Kids: Immanuel Kids: Can you imagine if Esther and Mordecai were spies sent on a mission to infiltrate the palace and thwart Haman's plot to harm the Jewish people? It might sound like a stretch, but God was working behind the scenes the entire time, even though God's name is missing from the official records! In this 5-week series, kids will learn that **God gives me a mission, nothing will turn me away from God, I can stand up for God**

and others, I can follow God even when nobody's watching, and God can send me to make peace.

Youth Group: Youth Group is for youth in 6th-12th grade. We will not have Youth Group on November 23 or November 30. Youth Group will resume December 7 from 12:15-1:30. Also, Save the Date for December 14 at 6pm for our Youth Christmas Party. RSVP on Realm. Contact Melissa Byers mbyers@iachurch.org to join our newsletter for important dates.

Sunday Night Men's Bible Study: The men will meet on November 23, 2025 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) or 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 on November 24, at 5:00 pm at Tony's Pizza located at 13629 Dumfries Road, Manassas. New attendees are always welcome so come and join us and bring someone with you.

Women's Monday Night Bible Study: Continues for the next 2 Mondays using Sarah K. Howley's book "Word: An 11 Session Study of Matthew". The group meets via ZOOM on Mondays from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Please contact Kathy Oravetz at 571-334-8786 or koravetzdpt@gmail.com for more information.

Upcoming Meetings: November 24, 7 p.m. -Chapter 10, Matthew 23-25; December 1, 7 p.m. -Chapter 11, Matthew 26-28. We will be on hiatus through the Christmas season.

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 Giorgio's – Family Restaurant

January 12, 7 p.m. will resume Monday night studies with a video series "Truth Rising," a Colson Fellows program. It will be facilitated by Lydia's daughter, Kristina. You may see a preview here: [The Study - Truth Rising](#)

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study: Join us, as we follow The Chosen, Season 5: Last Supper. Workbooks are available, price TBD (but under \$20). To pre-order a workbook or for any questions, please call or text Barbara Finney at 703-405-2651 or email blynn56@verizon.net. We meet at 10:00 am on Tuesdays in classroom 1. There is room for you!!

Tuesday Ladies Dinner: The next dinner (Potluck this time) will be at the home of Barbara Finney Located at 12629 Stone Lined Circle, Woodbridge, on December 16, at 5:00 pm. Please RSVP by to Teharvester@comcast.net by December 10, so there is enough time to plan a menu. We get together to enjoy a meal monthly on the third Tuesday of the month. The restaurant rotation will resume in January!

Saturday Morning Men's Discussion: There will be NO SMMD meetings for the balance of November due to the Bishop's meeting on the 22nd, and the Thanksgiving holidays beginning on the 29th. The next SMMD meeting will be on 12//06/25 for a special presentation on comparisons of bible translations. (All IAC men are invited).

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 with any questions.

Men's Breakfast: The men will meet next time for the monthly breakfast at 8:00am Saturday, December 20, 2025, at Immanuel. Come join in for a hot breakfast and fellowship.

Life First News: THE DUMFRIES CENTER IS WELL ON THE WAY TO OPENING!!!! It amazes me that this center, which is in the perfect location to serve such a vulnerable population, should be opening in the New Year. The Center was successful in meeting a \$25,000 matching gift campaign last month. If you feel the Lord leading you to participate in procuring small and/or larger needs to get the center up and running, please click on the link below to reach the Gift Registry for the Dumfries location

<https://share.google/whYtsiCw2iaLvYBHK>

I will share with you the end of year statistics when they are available. I am so grateful to be a part of this congregation which is committed to saving the unborn and sharing the gospel to all who find themselves in crisis with an unplanned pregnancy. Thank you everyone, from the bottom of my heart!

County Community Activities

The Manassas Chorale Performance: The Chorale is performing Merry and Bright on Saturday, December 13, 2025, at 7:30 pm at the Hylton Performing Arts Center. Come enjoy this concert with a cause and help by bringing cereal/oatmeal, pasta/sauce, soup, rice, beans (dry/canned), canned vegetables, and canned meat. Contact Rebecca Verner, Director at info@manassaschorale.org or the Hylton Center Box Office at 703-993-7759 Tues-Sat 10-6pm for more information.

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

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.

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