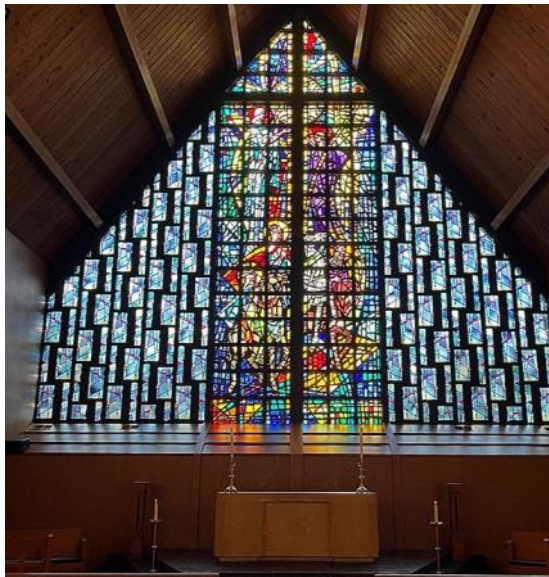


Emmanuel Episcopal Church

The Feast of The Presentation of Our Lord

February 2, 2025

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Prelude

First Signs of Spring

Tom Birchwood

(stand as you are able)

The Processional

Hail to the Lord

Hymn #259

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (†)

People: And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant: **A**lmighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Gloria in Excelsis

**People: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

(sung at 10:30am)

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect for The Presentation of Our Lord

Celebrant: **A**lmighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The First Reading

Lector: A Reading from the Prophet Malachi

Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Psalm 84

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O / LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh re-/joice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may / lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my / **King** and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell / in your house! *
they will / always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength / is in you! *
whose hearts are set / on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a / place of springs, *
for the early rains have / covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from / height to height, *
and the God of gods will re-/veal himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts / hear my prayer; *
hearken-/en, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our de-/fender, O God; *
and look upon the / face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in / my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the / **tents** of the wicked.
- 10 For the LORD God is both / sun and shield; *
he / will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the / LORD withhold *
from those who / walk with in-tegrity.
- 12 O / LORD of hosts, *
happy are they who / put their trust in you!

The Second Reading

Lector: A Reading from Hebrews

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Sing we of the blessed Mother

Hymn #278

The Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Conrad Selnick

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People: Form II

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop Sean and our Bishop Paula; for Emmanuel; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Especially we pray for Donald, our President, and JB, our Governor, and all those in authority in our country. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those celebrating birthdays, especially Eliot Hardesty (02/06), Kathy Torrence (02/06), Rick DeRango (02/07), and David Hatch (02/08).

Silence

I ask your prayers for the sick, poor, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for Nancy, Bob, Sydney, Barbara, Nina and family, Sean and family, Grisanzio family, Mary and family, Stanton, those participating in Shelter Care Ministry programs, the victims of gun violence, and the people of Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, and Sudan.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the ill, and those in harms way in the military, including: Pierce, Hayden, Nate, Colin, Tyler, Harry, and Cameron.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died, especially Jim, Janette, and Bob.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant: **A**lmighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory

Offertory Anthem

Nunc Dimittis

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared, before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.*

Offertory Response (8:00 am spoken)

Celebrant: All things come of thee O Lord.

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

(10:30am sung)

Hymn #11

vs. 4

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Eucharistic Prayer B

(standing)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: **I**t is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say)

Sanctus *(8:00am spoken)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. (†) Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

(10:30am sung)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life. On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People: **Christ has died.**
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

Celebrant: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.
AMEN.

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Agnus Dei (8:00 am spoken)

Celebrant and People:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.

(10:30 sung)



Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn

How bright appears

Hymn #497

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing (†)

(standing)

Recessional Hymn:

How lovely

Hymn #517

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Quiet Peace

Gerald Peterson

Sunday School each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Please join us in the undercroft for coffee hour each Sunday after the 8:00am service and from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Emmanuel's Women's Guild meets on the third Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the undercroft, followed by a brown bag lunch. Come join us, we'd love to have you.

Adult Forum Schedule

Sundays at 9:15 am

Today, Theresa Sinks - Balance and Stability (for seniors?)

February 9, Anne Dempsey - Five Wishes and End of Life Planning

February 16, TBA

February 23, Mike Schultz - An introduction to NAMI

Announcements

Help the Overnight Cafe for Women. Show up! Bring Food! Soup and Casseroles can be dropped off week-days at the Jubilee Center between 9 and 3:30 or after 7:00 P.M. Maximum Number of guests is 12. Mark your gifts with Overnight Cafe, please. The cafe opens at 7 PM. There are staff available, but volunteers are welcome from 6:45 P.M. to 8:00 A.M. Email Karen Hills at SAKJHill@gmail.com to tell her what you have put in the refrigerator.

Grief Group: meets **tomorrow at 7 p.m.** Entry at parking lot entrance. All are invited to come.

Book Club: Join us on **Tuesday, February 14th at 1pm** in the Janet James Room. February's choice is "The Women" by Kristin Hannah. "Women can be heroes. When twenty-year-old nursing student Frances "Frankie" McGrath hears these words, it is a revelation. Raised in the sun-drenched, idyllic world of Southern California and sheltered by her conservative parents, she has always prided herself on doing the right thing. But in 1965, the world is changing, and she suddenly dares to imagine a different future for herself. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path."

Emmanuel Guild is hosting Musicale: Love Is In the Air on **Saturday, February 22nd from 5-8 p.m.** Tickets are \$20 per person and \$50 per family. Music will be provided by Tribute. (<https://www.facebook.com/tributebandrockford>) Dinner will be provided by the fabulous cooks in Emmanuel Guild. Proceeds will benefit the Mary Kiefer Ward Scholarship Fund that provides a financial boost to our high school graduates as they continue their education.

Ginny Hatwich is organizing photos of "Love In Action" for the bulletin board in the undercroft. Please send digital photos to Ginny (ghatwich@gmail.com) that show members of the Emmanuel Family demonstrating love in action. These might be photos of helping with projects at church, at home, or in the community. Please write "Love in Action" in the subject line. Photos should be submitted by February 1st.

The February Dining Out Group: will huddle near the toasty fire place at the Hearth Rock Cafe located in the Benson Stone building at 1100 Eleventh Street. We will gather there at 11:30 on **Thursday, February 27th** to enjoy lunch and fellowship. Come early and/or stay late. Benson Stone is a beautiful venue for all kinds of shopping. Call Mary Nielsen for your reservation at 815-654-8995.

Mark your calendars! Sunday, March 2nd, 'Shrove' Sunday Pancake breakfast. Hosted by the Emmanuel youth. Breakfast will be available after both services. Please join us. This is a free event. Any donations made will be used to build the youth activities/education fund.

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Todd Burton, & Tamara Ross

Assisting in the Liturgy

8:00 a.m. **Server: Tyler Hillman**
 Lector: Kyla Chapman- Neal

10:30 a.m. **MC/Server: Stacey LaRosa**
 1st Reading: Theresa Sinks
 2nd Reading: Dennis Horton
 Prayers of the People: Mary Dammann
 Altar Guild: Gale Degner
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