Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Wakefield, Massachusetts

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost



November 15, 2026
10:00 AM

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Welcome to Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Wakefield, MA
Belong, Be Loved, Flourish!

We are thrilled you are here! We welcome every person without exception in the name of Jesus Christ. You ***belong*** here and are an essential part of our family. You are ***beloved*** by God. We strive to "love God and love our neighbor," affirming that God created us for relationship and all creation ***flourishing***. We pray you are drawn to healing and joy.

If this is your first time, or first time back in a while, please fill out the visitors' card in the pew or Narthex. Introduce yourself to Rev. Brett and our Greeters — we are a friendly family!

A Note about Communion *You (all!) are welcome.* God invites you to be fed. All are welcome at the altar rail. Wine options include the chalice, intinction (a separate cup), or a non-alcohol alternative — simply let the clergy know. If you prefer not to receive, come forward with arms crossed for a blessing. *Our Altar Bread is Gluten Free*. If you cannot come forward, let an usher know and we will come to you.

A Note about Children We *love* all our children. Childcare and Kids' Club are available most Sundays at the10:00 a.m. service in their special place off the Parish Hall. Once a month, children join us in the sanctuary as ushers, readers, and altar assistants. All children are welcome in the sanctuary — we ask that their grown-ups help them use quiet voices and quiet play, honoring those who need stillness to worship.

Assistive Listening Devices Four lightweight receivers are available at the back of the sanctuary. Pick one up, insert the earbud, and adjust the volume as needed — devices are charged and ready each week. Helpful for hearing differences or simply for clearer sound. See an usher with any questions.

We acknowledge that Emmanuel sits on the traditional land of the Algonquian-speaking Pawtucket tribe, whose caretaker's past, present, and future we honor with gratitude. As guests who have too often benefited at their expense, we commit to becoming better stewards and working toward a more just future.

As we prepare our hearts for worship, we kindly ask that you please silence your cell phones. Thank you.

Selections from Maurice Duruflé's Requiem *will be sung today by the choir.*

PRELUDE *Chant donné* Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

WELCOME

INTROIT

Requiem Aeternam Maurice Duruflé

Eternal rest
grant them, O Lord,
and let eternal light shine upon them.
A hymn befits you, O God in Zion,
and a vow to you shall be performed in Jerusalem.
Hear my prayer,
for unto you all flesh shall come.
Eternal rest
grant them, O Lord,
and let eternal light shine upon them.

KYRIE

Kyrie Eleison Maurice Duruflé

Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy.

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray together.

Eternal Lord God, you hold all souls in life: Give to your whole Church in paradise and on earth your light and your peace; and grant that we, following the good examples of those who have served you here and are now at rest, may at the last enter with them into your unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: ZEPHANIAH 1:7,12-18

Be silent before the Lord God!
For the day of the Lord is at hand;
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
"The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,

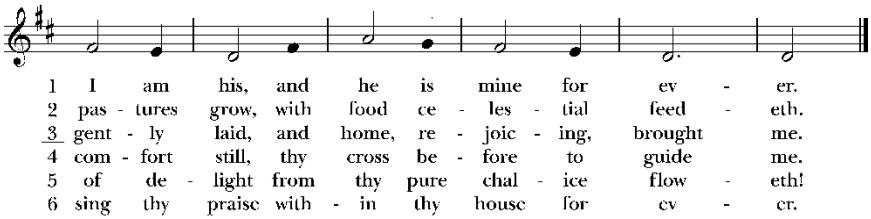
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN #645 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*





Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23. Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody, harm. *Hymnal 1982*.

SECOND LESSON: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

TRACT: PSALM 42:1-3

As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.
When shall I come and behold
the face of God?
My tears have been my food
day and night,
while people say to me continually,
"Where is your God?"

GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 25:14-30

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward,

saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON THE REV. BRETT R. JOHNSON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Prayers of the People were written by the people of Emmanuel for the people of Emmanuel.

Trusting in God's steadfast love for the world, let us pray for the Church, the nations, those in need, and all creation.

God of grace, strengthen your Church throughout the world. Inspire bishops, priests, deacons, and all the baptized to proclaim your Gospel with courage, humility, and joy, especially our Presiding Bishop Sean, and our own bishops Julia, Ian, and Mary. Bless also Emmanuel's leaders – our rector, staff, vestry, and all who offer themselves in service. Where we are divided, bring unity. Where we are fearful, grant boldness. Where we have caused harm, lead us to repentance and renewal, so that all people may know the wideness

of your mercy. We ask for your love and wisdom to guide our vestry as they meet this week.

Renew your Church, O God, and make us instruments of your peace. Amen.

God of justice, we pray for the nations of the earth, and all who exercise authority. Grant wisdom to leaders, compassion to those who govern, and integrity to all entrusted with power. Heal the deep divisions within our own nation. Replace contempt with understanding, fear with hope, and violence with the courage to seek the bonds that unite us.

We remember places torn apart by war, hunger, oppression, and displacement, praying especially for those in the Middle East, Ukraine, and Sudan, whose homes and futures have been shattered by conflict.

Guide the nations into the ways of justice and peace. Amen.

God of wisdom and truth, we pray for our nation, and for all who bear the responsibility of leadership. Guide all who serve in public office to be moved to servant leadership for the common good. Grant them humility to seek wisdom beyond themselves, courage to pursue justice, and compassion for every person entrusted to their care.

In a time of deep polarization and distrust, soften hardened hearts and open pathways to honest dialogue. Teach us to listen before we judge, to seek truth with humility, and to work together for the flourishing of all people. Strengthen those who labor for fair elections, equal justice under the law, and the protection of human dignity.

Give each of us the grace to remember that we belong first to your kingdom. Amen.

God of abundance, bless our neighborhoods, schools, workplaces, and local communities. Strengthen those who serve the public good—teachers, healthcare workers, first responders, caregivers, and volunteers. We pray for those struggling with rising costs of living, housing and food insecurity, loneliness, and uncertainty about the future. Help us become neighbors who listen generously, serve faithfully, and welcome all in Christ's name. We also pray for the Wakefield Alliance Against Violence, our coffee hour recipient this month.

Open our hearts to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

God of compassion, embrace all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Comfort those who grieve, all who are ill, facing anxiety or depression, recovering from disasters, and whose lives have been disrupted by violence or loss. We pray for refugees, immigrants, our LGBTQ+ siblings, and all seeking safety and dignity. We take a moment of silence to remember especially those on our Parish Prayer list. (*silence*) Give strength to all who care for others and hope to those who feel forgotten.

Be near, O Lord, to all who cry out to you. Amen

God of eternal life, we remember those who have died, giving thanks for their witness and the ways they revealed your love. Comfort all who mourn, especially those whose grief is fresh. May those who have died rest in your everlasting peace, and may we be strengthened by the hope of Christ's resurrection. We pray for the repose of the soul of Sr Mary Lou, Daughter of Charity, a friend of Mary Muir who died this week and we especially remember Roger Muir and Charlie Sparks in whose loving memory the altar flowers are given today.

Receive them into your everlasting light. Amen.

CONFESSION - *Enriching Our Worship*

Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

Silence may be kept

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

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Almighty 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

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The community shares a sign of peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

Celebrant: Offerings and prayers, O Lord, we present to you with praise: receive them on behalf of the souls we remember today; make them, O Lord, to pass from death.

People: **Which you promised of old to Abraham, and his descendants.**

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Pie Jesu — Maurice Duruflé

Gracious Lord Jesus, grant them eternal rest.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST - Eucharistic Prayer 2

Enriching our Worship

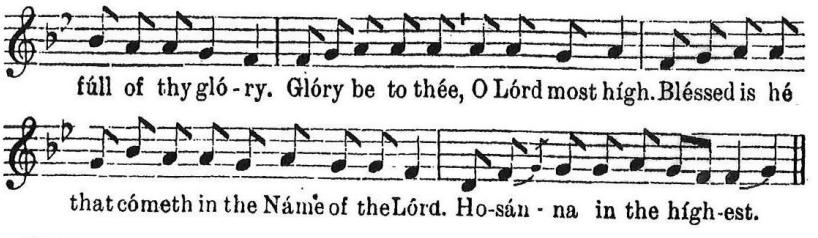
Please stand as you are able

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 our thanks and praise.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.
We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.
Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS





The people stand or kneel.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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.**

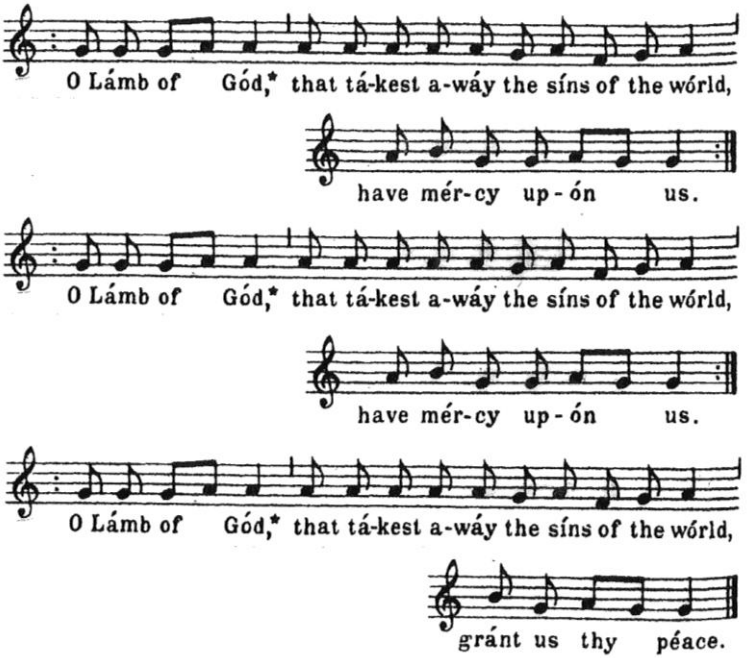
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation,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

The people stand or kneel.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God.
Behold him that takes away the sin of the world.

AGNUS DEI



COMMUNION

All are invited to come forward to receive communion or a blessing.

Our altar bread is gluten free.

Prayers for healing are also offered.

Choir members will receive communion first.

Please stay seated until you are invited forward by the usher, beginning from the back of the church.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Lux Aeterna — Maurice Duruflé

May eternal light shine on them, Lord,
with your saints forever,
because you are gracious.
Eternal rest
grant them, O Lord,
and let eternal light shine upon them.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.
Celebrant and People

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of Joy with all the saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

Live without fear, your creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road, and the blessing of God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you, forever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN #662 *Abide with Me*



Words: Henry Frances Lyte (1793-1847). Music: *Eventide*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

DISMISSAL

Intern The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Intern May they rest in peace.
People **Amen.**

POSTLUDE *Soliloquy* Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Please join us after the service for a
Loaves and Fishes Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall.
This month's coffee hour recipient is
Wakefield Alliance Against Violence (WAAV)

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant:	The Rev. Brett R. Johnson
Guest Conductor:	Holly Druckman
Organist & Music Director	Luca Cantone
Postulant Intern:	Lauren Rigsby
Lector:	Chris Healy
Litanist:	Kim Collins
Eucharistic Ministers:	Dawn Jackson and Amy Walsh
Usher:	Eddie Parsons
Altar Guild:	Joanne Crowe, Jen Miles and Nicole Russo De Souza
Vestry Greeter:	Kim Collins
Streaming Coordinator:	Lisa Ventura
YouTube Editor:	Kim Collins
YouTube Scheduler:	Denise Mallen

The flowers adorning our altar are offered to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Roger Muir by Mary Muir and in loving memory of her father, Charlie Sparks by Lisa and Joe Ventura.

HEALING PRAYER OFFERED TODAY

The Prayer Team is available as a healing prayer resource at a prayer station to the left of the main altar after each service and during communion at the 10:00 a.m. service.

Today we are thrilled to welcome Holly Druckman to Emmanuel to conduct our choir in movements from the Duruflé Requiem! Holly leads a rich and varied career on the Boston musical scene, directing a number of professional and amateur choral ensembles: Cappella Clausura, Vox Lucens, Carduus, Beneficia Lucis (Night Song), and the chorus of Opera51.

Luca has been privileged to sing the Duruflé Requiem under her capable baton with Camberville Somerchoir, as well as monthly at Night Song in Harvard Square, a sung Compline liturgy which features Gregorian chant and choral music from the Renaissance and the present day.

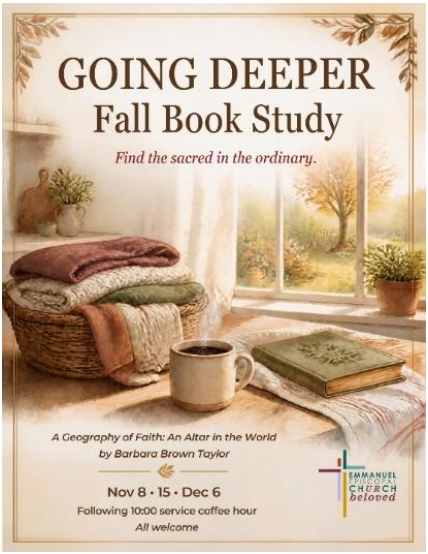
EMMANUEL PRAYER LIST

Andrew, Debbie and Evelyn Bourne, Peter Brown, Lydia Cedrone, John Claya, Jacob DeCarlen-Bumiller, John DeNatale, Donna, Erica, Kristen Goddard, Michelle Hager, CJ, Ginny Johnson, Jonathan, Kevin MacKenzie, Diane Manning, Mark Martino, Sara Murphy, Olivia, Mo Pollman, Rebecca, Carolyn and Jeff Robinson, Sheila and Josh, Jamie Souliotis, Trudy, Amy Walsh, Kelly Wood, and Alan Wright.

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

In the Diocesan cycle of Prayer, we pray for the churches of the Taunton River Deanery: Bristol Trinity Episcopal Church, North Easton**;** St. Thomas' Church, Taunton**;** Trinity Church, Wrentham**;** and Deputies to Provincial Synod.

JOIN US TODAY!



Please **join us today after the 10:00 a.m. coffee hour for the second session of our fall** book study ***A Geography of Faith – An Altar in the World*** by Barbara Brown Taylor.

This Sunday the session will be led by Chris Healy and will focus on Chapter 5: *The Practice of Getting Lost* and Chapter 8: *The Practice of Saying No*.

We would love to have you join us even if you haven't read the book!

WAKEFIELD FOOD PANTRY

The most needed item for the month of November is Pasta Roni.

If you would like to give to the ministries of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, please use this QR code.



Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986) stands out among the great French organist-composers of the 20th century. A perfectionist who destroyed many of his own manuscripts, we have from him only a small oeuvre, of uniformly high quality—around a dozen organ works, three multi-movement choral works (including the famous *Ubi Caritas*), and a few works for instruments.

We will hear four movements from his *Requiem* (1947) today, sung by the Emmanuel Choir. The nine-movement work was composed in response to a 1941 Vichy-French commission for an orchestral piece; he completed it after the war and was paid three times his original commission rate, in recognition of its complexity (and six years of inflation!).

Musical *Requiem* settings take their name from the first words traditionally sung at Catholic Masses for the Dead – *Requiem Aeternam* ("Rest eternal"). Unlike many of its fellow *Requiem* settings, Duruflé's eschews the high-dramatic potential of the text; instead, he follows in the footsteps of his countryman Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924), composing in a lyrical style and omitting the tempestuous *Dies Irae* sequence ("Day of wrath and doom") in favor of a devotional excerpt, *Pie Jesu* ("Pious Jesus").

In each movement, Duruflé quotes heavily the Gregorian chant melodies to which he sang *Requiem* masses as a choirboy in Rouen; these melodies create the contrapuntal architecture for the vocal parts and are undergirded by a colorful and impressionistic organ part.

Luca

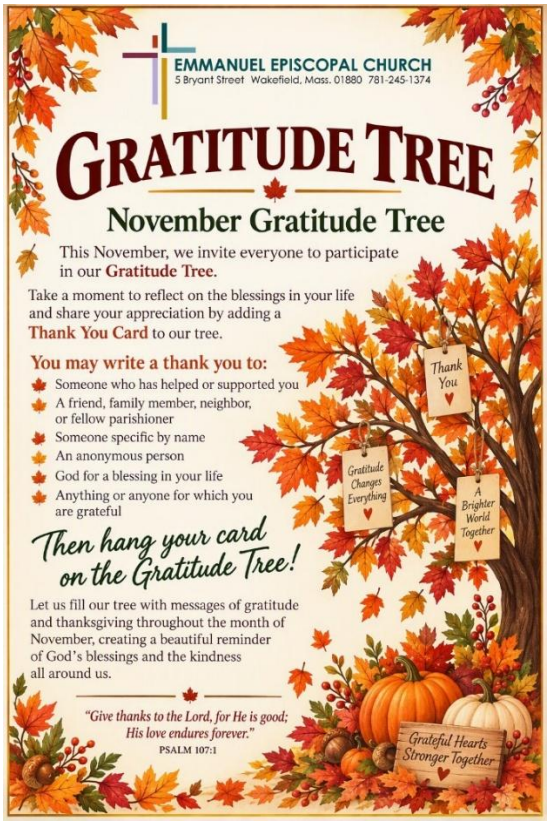
KIDS KORNER

IMPORTANT DATES:

November 15th: Youth Ministry after communion
November 22nd: Youth ministry after communion
November 29th: No Kids Club in Observance of Thanksgiving
December 6th: Intergenerational Service
December 11th: Advent Adoration Prep at 5:00pm in Parish Hall
December 20th: Advent Adoration during 10:00am service

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please help us keep the food pantry stocked! The need is increasing and we need all hands on deck to make sure our community stays nourished in all ways. We are getting closer to finalizing a plan to help raise money for the food pantry and finding more ways to support our neighbors. We are so excited for our Advent Adoration presentation; please check emails for all the details and ways you can help!



EMERGENCY REQUEST

Emergency Needs for our Siblings at St. Luke's/San Lucas

We have received a request for assistance, beloved Emmanuel.

The ICE surge in Chelsea is at a crisis point. They are especially targeting families with children and are blanketing elementary and high schools. The new Vicar at St. Luke's/San Lucas, the Rev. Max Sklar (a wonderful man you will enjoy meeting!), has put out the word that since families are holed up, they do need basic supplies – toiletries (soaps, toothpaste, sanitary pads), household items (laundry detergent, dish soap), and, always, diapers.

We are very fortunate that our Deanery is sponsoring a Candidate for Holy Orders in his final year, and he is seeking Deanery-wide help. God willing, Jason Kinchen will be ordained a Deacon next June. For now, we are helping our Deanery parishes determine how we can collaborate to support those affected by the immigration crisis.

We will put a box in the Narthex for contributions or you can leave it in the office during the week. **This is a one-week drive that will end on Sunday, 11/22.** Jason will pick up anything we collect and deliver it to St. Luke's/San Lucas.

I appreciate your generosity in helping our siblings in Christ who are in fear and crisis! Rev. Brett





Advent invites us to slow down, and December rarely lets us. This year, set aside a Saturday to do it on purpose.

Join us for an Advent Quiet Day led by The Rev. Dr. Bill Blaine-Wallace, an Episcopal priest, pastoral counselor, and spiritual director who has ministered in parishes, hospices, and mental health settings. Bill lives in rural Maine with his spouse on a farm that's also home to rescued donkeys, and he is passionate about creating space for conversations that matter.

Through the day, Bill will guide us in reflecting on St. Francis: praying alone in the woods, standing between those who fight, forgetting what others think, and offering and receiving motherly love. Each session pairs a short reflection with silence and conversation. A light breakfast starts the day, and we'll share a soup lunch together. The day is offered by free-will offering.
Please RSVP to lventura@emmanuelwakefield.org.

The Rt. Rev. Julia E. Whitworth, Bishop Diocesan
Will be visiting Emmanuel on Sunday, December 20th,

As I announced last Sunday, we are overjoyed that our Bishop Diocesan, the Rt. Rev. Julia Whitworth, will be joining us on Sunday, December 20th, the final Sunday of Advent. Please mark the date on your calendar. At her request, we will have one service at 10:00 a.m. during which she will preach and preside. After the service, we gather with her for a festive brunch led by our Special Events team. During this reception, she will share her vision and take questions. Afterward, she will meet with the vestry for an hour.

In the day's instructions, one of the great benefits she is offering is the opportunity for baptism, confirmation, receptions, and reaffirmation of vows. I realize the timing is short, so I invite each of you to consider if the Holy Spirit is calling you to one of these sacred commitments.

Baptism is "the full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body, the Church." (*BCP, 298*). Adult baptism is a real thing! If you have not been baptized, this may be your opportunity!
Confirmation is a personal declaration of faith in God, an offering of life to God's will, and a commitment to life within the community of Christ. Again, it is not merely for 10th-graders!
Reception is for those baptized in another tradition who would like to be received into The Episcopal Church.
Reaffirmation of Vows is another option for those who feel called to reaffirm the commitments they have made in the past. This is a declaration of your wish to recommit yourself to the Christian life of faith.

If you discern that the Spirit is calling you to any of these paths, our time is short. Please see me, and we will meet to prepare properly.

I am so eager to have Bishop Julia spend time with you, beloved Emmanuel. She already loves you through me and will be able to experience God's transforming love flow through you as I have! Rev. Brett

WHAT IS ADVENT?

The church's new year begins on the first Sunday in Advent, November 29, 2026. Happy church new year, everyone! Get your Advent party hats ready! The word "advent" comes from the Latin word "*adventus*," which means "coming." This makes sense considering Advent is our season of preparation, hope, and expectation for the coming of Jesus' birth on Christmas. If you look at the lectionary (our scripture readings) for the season of Advent, you might notice that the season is also preparing for the "second coming" of Jesus when we will see the kingdom of God on earth, as it is in heaven. So, Advent is a season that does something pretty cool and complex with time; it anticipates and prepares for the inbreaking of God-with-us / Emmanuel / Jesus which happened historically 2,000ish years ago, is happening right now, and will fully come to fruition in the future.

Together as a church family, we will prepare ourselves by: singing Advent hymns, lighting candles on the Advent wreath, and wrapping up our book study on *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor. You may find it meaningful to have a special Advent devotional to help you access the posture of preparing the way of the Lord, here and now, in hope. Keep a lookout for the updated 2026 list of Advent resources.



PARISH SCHEDULE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15, 2026

Sunday, November 15	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist – Rite I
	9:00 AM	Coffee Hour
	9:45 AM	Nursery Care
	9:45 AM	Kids' Club
	10:00 AM	Requiem Eucharist–Rite II
	11:00 AM	Coffee Hour
	11:45 AM	Fall Book Study – *An Altar in the World*
Monday, November 16	10:00 AM	Centering Prayer
	6:30 PM	Deanery Assembly Meeting
Tuesday, November 17	4:00 PM	Canterbury Executive Comm.
	4:45 PM	Horizon House
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, November 18	10:00 AM	Brightview Service
	2:00 PM	Warden's Meeting
	5:30 PM	WAAV Meeting
	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer
	7:00 PM	Finance Committee
Thursday, November 19	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
Saturday, November 21	4:00 PM	Rainbow Recovery
Sunday, November 22	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist – Rite I
	9:00 AM	Coffee Hour
	9:45 AM	Nursery Care
	9:45 AM	Kids' Club
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist – Rite II & Renaming Ceremony
	11:00 AM	Coffee Hour
	5:00 PM	Solemn Choral Evensong Parish of All Saints, Ashmont, MA

OUR MISSION:

Emmanuel Episcopal Church is a diverse, inclusive, and welcoming community dedicated to spiritual growth through worship, education and service.

OUR VISION:

Emmanuel embodies Christ's light in service to all. Here, through God's love and grace, all are accepted, purpose is found, and together we flourish.

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