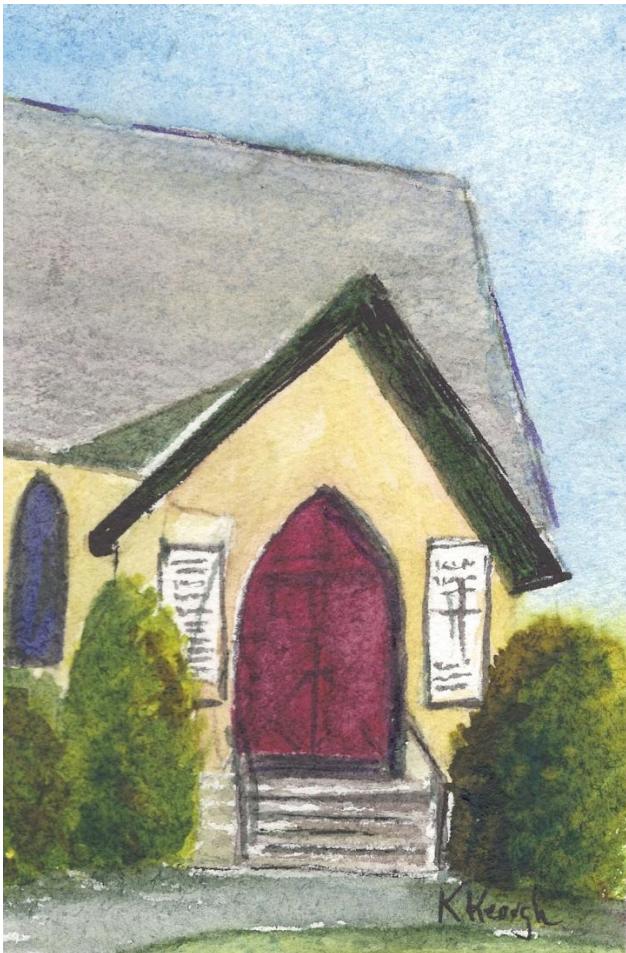


Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Wakefield, Massachusetts

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Annual Meeting Sunday



February 1, 2026
10:00 AM

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

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

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

If this is your first time with us or your first time back in a while, please fill out the visitor’s card in the pew or the Narthex (the entrance hall). We are a friendly family, so please introduce yourself to everyone, especially our rector, Reverend Brett.

A Note about Communion

The most important thing to know is that *you are welcome*. God invites you to be fed. All are welcome at the altar rail. Please let an usher know if you cannot come forward, and we will come to you.

The options for receiving wine include the chalice or intinction (dipping cup, a separate cup). In our tradition, we believe that taking communion in one kind – taking the bread – bestows the full benefit of the sacrament. Therefore, you may choose not to take the wine. If you would not like to receive, we encourage you to come forward, cross your arms across your chest, and allow the clergy to bless you. We offer consecrated gluten-free wafers and a non-alcohol alternative; simply let the clergy know.

Remember: this is God’s table and you are welcome to meet God here!

A Note about Children

We *love* all our children. Most Sundays, we have childcare for the littlest ones alongside our Kids’ Club in their special place off the Parish Hall. We encourage your children to gather with their peers there, guided by our team of leaders. Once a month, usually the first Sunday, our children join us in the sanctuary to lead us as ushers and readers and assist Rev. Brett at the altar during Communion.

All children are welcome in the sanctuary! We ask that their big people help to teach them that this is a sacred space for quiet play and quiet voices. This helps ensure we honor those who need to worship in quiet.

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

PRELUDE *Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr*, BWV 663

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #542 *Christ is the world's true Light*

1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Captain of sal - va - tion,
 2 In Christ all rac - es meet, their an - cient feuds for - get - ting,
 3 One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;

the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - - tion;
 the whole round world com - plete, from sun -rise to its set - - ting;
 cast out our pride and shame that him - der to en - throne thee;

new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway;
 when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,
 the world has wait - ed long, has tra - vailed long in pain;

free - dom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.
 to plough-share beat the sword, to prun - ing - hook the spear.
 to heal its an - cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

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WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: Glory to God for ever and ever!

Almighty 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.

GLORIA #S280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y 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.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON MICAH 6:1-8

Finley Berry

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the Lord has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.
O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 15

The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse.

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the Lord.

5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

SECOND LESSON 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

Lorelai Santarelli

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the

wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The Word of the Lord.

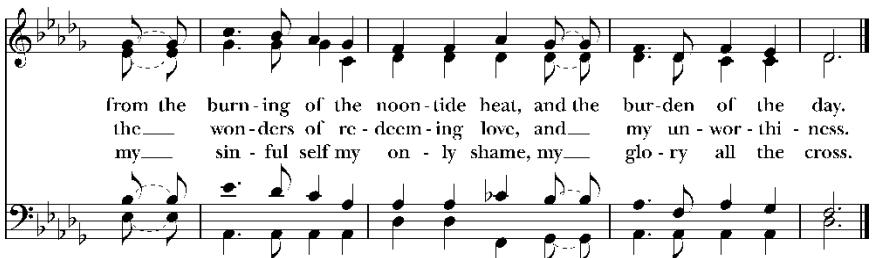
People: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN #498 vss. 1 & 3 *O Beneath the cross of Jesus*

1 Bc - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus mine eyes at times can see
3 I take, O cross, thy sha-dow for my a - bid - ing place;

the sha - dow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ve - ry dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me;
I ask no o - ther sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in the wil - der-ness, a rest up - on the way,
and from my smit - ten heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let my pride go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn-ing of the noon-tide heat, and the bur-den of the day.
the won-ders of re-deem-ing love, and my un-wor-thi-ness.
my sin-ful self my on-ly shame, my glo-ry all the cross.

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GOSPEL LESSON MATTHEW 5:1-12

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

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

These prayers were thoughtfully written by our Kids' Club and are in their words. In order to be inclusive, we ask that you respond verbally and with gestures to each prayer by saying:

We hold them in our hearts [place your hands over your hearts], and we lift them up to you, God [lift your hands up in the air].

Now, Let us pray

God, we pray that we can all put our hearts in the church to help those in need and that all people can feel accepted and welcomed in God's image.

We hold them in our hearts, and we lift them up to you, God.

We pray that those in authority in our nation deeply think about their actions and the consequences before making decisions. We pray that we may become a country of peace over violence.

We hold them in our hearts, and we lift them up to you, God.

God, we pray for those under attack in zones of danger and those who experience genocide and persecution in daily life. That you may protect them and help us to do the same.

We hold them in our hearts, and we lift them up to you, God.

We pray for those in our community who don't have resources, those who are sick and in hospitals, those who have been wrong and those experiencing loneliness and thoughts of unworthiness. May we make visible those who are often forgotten.

We hold them in our hearts, and we lift them up to you, God.

God, we pray for those who suffer, that they may find goodness, happiness, and peace even in their suffering.

We hold them in our hearts, and we lift them up to you, God.

We pray for the people we love who have died. We look forward to seeing them in heaven.

We hold them in our hearts, and we lift them up to you, God.

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, mercifully accept the prayers of all your children. May they know they are cherished by you and by all here at Emmanuel.

We hold them in our hearts, and we lift them up to you, God.

CONFESSON - *Enriching Our Worship*

Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

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.

ABSOLUTION

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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

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Celebrant: Christ is already here making peace among us.
The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The community shares a sign of peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

Friedell

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether,
for when humbly in your name,*

two or three are met together,
you are in the midst of them;
alleluia, alleluia!

Touch we now your garment's hem.
As disciples used to gather
in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the Father
break the bread and bless the cup,
alleluia, alleluia!

So now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living
make as sacraments of you,
that by caring, helping, giving,
we may be disciples true.

Alleluia, alleluia!
we will serve with faith anew.

DOXOLOGY (all singing)

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – *Eucharistic Prayer B*

Expansive Language

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS #S129

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.

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The people stand or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and

Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into 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 disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People
**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By Christ, and with Christ,

and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

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. 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

AGNUS #S163

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.

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

COMMUNION

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

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.*

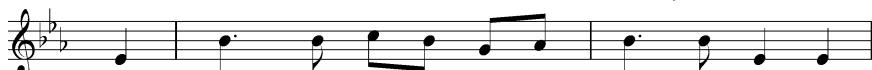
COMMUNION ANTHEM *Go not far from me*

Niccolò Antonio Zingarelli

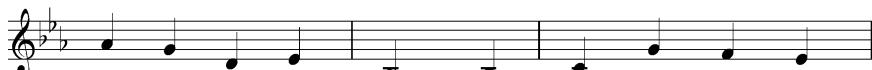
*Go not far from me, far from me, O God;
cast me not away in the time of age,
Forsake me not when my strength faileth me.*

*O let my mouth be filled with thy praise:
that I may sing thy glory and honor all the day long.*

COMMUNION HYMN #653 *Dear Lord and Father of mankind*



1 Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for -
2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be -
3 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O
4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till
5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy



1 give our fool - ish ways! Re - clothe us in our
2 side the Syr - ian sea, the gra - cious call - ing
3 calm of hills a - bove, where Je - sus knelt to
4 all our striv - ings cease; take from our souls the
5 cool - ness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let



1 right - ful mind, in pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in
2 of the Lord, let us, like them, with - out a word, rise
3 share with thee the si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty in -
4 strain and stress, and let our or - dered lives con - fess the
5 flesh re - tire; speak through the earth-quake, wind, and fire, O



1 deep - er rev - erence, praise, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
2 up and fol - low thee, rise up and fol - low thee.
3 ter - pret - ed by love! in - ter - pret - ed by love!
4 beau - ty of thy peace, the beau - ty of thy peace.
5 still, small voice of calm, O still, small voice of calm.

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

Be careful as you go out into God's creation,
for it does not belong to you.

Be gentle with yourself and with one another,
for you are the dwelling place of the Most High God.

Be alert and hesitant,
for sometimes God is but a whisper.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with your always.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN LEVAS #1 vss. 1 & 3 Lift Every Voice and Sing

Please see the note *From the Organ Bench* on page 24

1. Lift ev - ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en
 2. Sto - ny the road we trod, Bit - ter the chast - ning
 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

1. ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - .
 2. rod, Felt in the days when hope un - born had
 3. tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the.

1. ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the list - ning.
 2. died; Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wear - y.
 3. way; Thou who hast by thy might, Lcd us in - to the.



1. skies, Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
2. feet Come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed?
3. light, Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



1. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
2. We have come o - ver a - way that with tears has been wa - tered;
3. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we met thec;



1. Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
2. We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
3. Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for-



1. brought us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new
2. slaug - tered; Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we
3. get thee, Shad-owed be - neath Thy hand, May we for -



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DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE *Pasticcio*

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

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**Please join us after the service for a casual breakfast in the Parish Hall
hosted by the Special Events Team.**

*This month's coffee hour recipient is the
Community Dining Room - St. Luke's-San Lucas
Episcopal Church, Chelsea*

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 during communion and after the service.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant:	The Rev. Brett R. Johnson
Organist & Music Director	Luca Cantone
Lectors:	Finley Berry and Lorelai Santarelli
Psalmist:	Jen Miles
Litanists:	Keira Berry and the Kids' Club
Eucharistic Ministers:	Dawn Jackson and Paul LaSpina
Ushers:	Chris Chen and Eddie Parsons
Altar Guild:	Carol Johnson and Erin Nobles
Vestry Greeter:	Kim Collins
Streaming Coordinator:	Kim Collins
YouTube Editor:	Kim Collins
YouTube Scheduler:	Denise Mallen



The flowers decorating our altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her father, Gerald Allen McGill, by Erin Nobles and in loving memory of her mother, Thelma Sparks, by Lisa Ventura.

Please note: Rev. Brett will be away February 6th – February 10th. If you have a pastoral need during this time, please call Lisa Ventura 781-526-9777 and she will put you in contact with the covering priest.

**THE 146th ANNUAL MEETING OF
EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WILL BE HELD TODAY
AFTER THE SERVICE.
PLEASE ATTEND!**

**A CASUAL BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED
AND THE MEETING WILL START AT
APPROXIMATELY 11:45 AM.
CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE.**

*For the next week, our beloved **Seminarian Karen** will be on retreat. Please pray for her open and tender heart to receive the unique messages of love, delight, wisdom, and strength that God has for her in this time "coming away and resting a while."*

EMMANUEL PRAYER LIST

Geoff Blackett, Donna Boudreau, Debbie Bourne, Evelyn Bourne, Peter Brown, Lydia Cedrone, Jacob DeCarlen-Bumiller, John and Richard DeNatale, Peggy Downs, Claudette Forss, David Fieldhouse, Connor Gallagher, Mary Gasson, Kristen Goddard, Louise Haldeman, Heidi, Karen Dodd Howard, JD, CJ, Jack Jephson, Ted Jobe, Ginny Johnson, Tim Kelsey, Larry, Ken Leach, Carol Lynch, Kevin MacKenzie, Mark Martino, Don McCarter, Sara Murphy, Neil, Steve Newman, Judith Oder, Jim O'Reilly, Joe, Jane Pennacchia, Muriel Peters, Dustin Pollard, Mo Pollman, Susan Quinn, Rebecca, Linda Russo, Timothy Springer, Trudy, Vanessa, Amy Walsh, Bill & Jan, Kelly, and Alan Wright.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

Joining us next week while Rev. Brett is away, is The Rev. Deborah Phillips. Debbie has recently retired from Grace Church in Salem.

She also sings with Faith and Don in Magnificat and was recommended to us by The Rev. Manny Faria.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE AN EPISCOPALIAN?

Are you curious about the beliefs, history, worship, and practices of the Episcopal Church? Have you been feeling the call of God to become a member of the Episcopal Church? Are you interested in The Episcopal Church or learning more about confirmation (youth) and reception (adults). Periodically, we have a series of short classes for those who are curious. Before we begin classes, Rev. Brett will have a short introductory meeting and informal conversation on Sunday, February 15th after the 10:00 a.m. service for you to discern if you'd like to join. Please let Rev. Brett or Lisa know if you are interested. Remember, all are not just welcome; all are *wanted and belong!*



A NOTE FROM THE
Organ bench

James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938), later a leader of the NAACP, wrote "Lift Every Voice and Sing" in 1900, and his brother Rosamund set it to music several years later; its first performance was at a segregated Jacksonville school, to mark Abraham Lincoln's birthday.

By 1919 the NAACP had adopted it as a "Negro National Anthem," and during the Civil Rights Movement it gained increasing prominence as an anthem of liberation. In our Church, it has lent its name to two supplements to our Hymnal.

An organ teacher of mine once spoke of the overwhelm of hearing "Lift Every Voice" sung for the first time in a Black church, having played it over the years to tepid reception in her own parishes. While they may not be familiar among our congregation, let us yet sing Johnson's words with vigor, as we remember Martin Luther King, Jr., and work and pray for justice in this country and around the world.

10:00 A.M. COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

Coffee Hour hosts are needed after the 10:00 a.m. service on February 15, throughout March, and beyond in 2026. Connect with a friend, invite your Team members, go solo—anything works! Thank you so much for providing fellowship and sustenance to our beloved tradition. If you are interested, please sign up on the clipboard in the Parish Hall or contact Colleen Moran or Lisa Ventura to sign up.

WAKEFIELD FOOD PANTRY

The Wakefield Food Pantry most needed item for the month of February is jarred pasta sauce.



KidS Korner

Important Dates:

Sunday February 15th: No Kids Club- Presidents' Day Weekend

Sunday March 1st: Intergenerational Sunday

Announcements:

Check out the Soup-er Bowl flyer that Dave so kindly made for us! No matter who you root for, we can all agree that donating to the pantry is a win for everyone! Items can be dropped off in the Kids Club area and children will stock the pantry with all the goods.

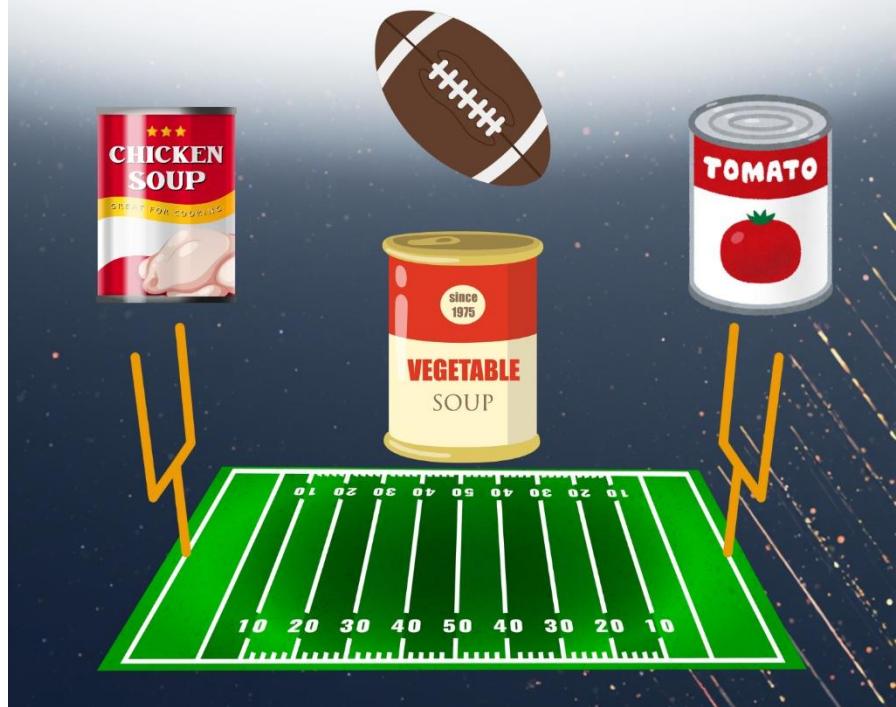
ALTAR FLOWERS

We currently have openings for altar flowers on February 8th, 15th, 22nd, and all of March. If you would like to remember a loved one, celebrate someone's special day or give thanks for someone or something in your life, please consider donating to our weekly altar flowers. Donations for altar flowers in any amount are welcome. If you are interested or have questions, please email Lisa Ventura at lv Ventura@emmanuelwakefield.org or call her at 781-526-9777.

"SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY SOUP DRIVE - 2/18



BRING A CAN OF SOUP ON SUNDAY FOR
OUR LITTLE FOOD PANTRY



Teen Healthy Relationships: Parent Workshop

Learn how to:

- Help your teen navigate their relationships
- Identify signs of unhealthy relationships
- Break the stigma: Ways to approach tricky topics as teens enter new types of relationships

VIRTUAL

FEBRUARY 10, 2025
7:00-8:00 PM

Scan to Register



OR visit

<https://melroseallianceagainstviolence-bloom.kindful.com/e/teen-healthy-relationships-parent-workshop>

Hosted & presented by:



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Leaping in the Light of God

Soul Supper Thursday February 12, 6pm

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Dinner at 6pm, program at 6:45pm
RSVP: iventura@emmanuelwakefield.org



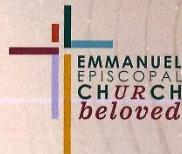
Join us for an evening of deep conversation, community, and exploration as we gather around questions of faith, calling, and liberation.

**Where is God calling us to be?
Where is God calling us to go?**



Guest Speaker: Dr. Brian Litzenberger

Dr. Litzenberger is a clinical psychologist and consultant for the Diocese of Massachusetts. He brings wisdom from his work in formation, mental health, and parish ministry to help us explore these questions in community over a shared meal.



All are welcome!

Please let the office know if you plan to attend or sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Also, if you can contribute an item for the dinner, please let Lisa Venture in the office know. Thank you!

Hosted by Ruth's Way

COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR

Love in Action

Saturday, February 14
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Come and learn more about the resources and services available in the Wakefield community and surrounding areas. Local organizations are welcome to participate and be a part of a community that CARES!

*Emmanuel Episcopal Church
5 Bryant Street, Wakefield*

More information:
Nicole O'Brien, 857-361-9913

6 Week Lenten Book Study Series
Mondays via Zoom 7-8pm
Begins February 16!

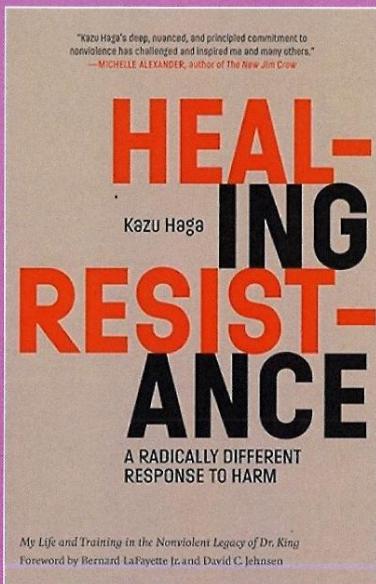
Nonviolence was once considered the highest form of activism and radical change. And yet its basic truth, its restorative power, has been forgotten.

Join us as we introduce and explore the healing principles of nonviolent philosophy and practice.

The program will be led by seminarian Karen Aalto, and no pre-preparation is required to participate.

The book is available for purchase [online](#).

Please contact Lisa in the church office for the Zoom link.



belong...be loved...flourish

Pancakes & PJ's

FOR SHROVE TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 17, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M.



COME IN YOUR PJ'S
ALL ARE WELCOME!



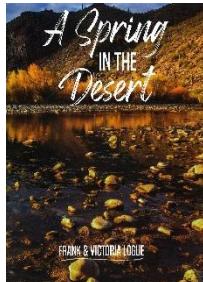
ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 18TH

7:30 AM service at Emmanuel w/Communion & Imposition of Ashes

12:00 noon Traditional BCP service at St. Paul's, Lynnfield

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL



Jesus stepped out of the water of baptism into uninhabitable wilderness, emerging forty days later to offer the water of life for those thirsting for God's presence. A little more than two centuries later, a group of Christians withdrew from a spiritually barren Roman Empire to find their faith blossom in the stony soil of the Egyptian desert.

Frank and Victoria Logue offer a Lenten journey inspired by the many passages of scripture that use images of water in the desert as a sign of the healing and wholeness that come through God alone. To this they add the distilled wisdom of the Desert Mothers and Fathers and the surprisingly rich inspiration of the plants and animals that thrive in an arid land. Along the way, they will share the ways our faith speaks to the barren places in our lives and how those times of drought can be a source of strength.

Rev. Brett has purchased several copies of the devotional. Please ask him or Lisa if you would like a copy. The daily writing begins with Ash Wednesday on February 18, 2026.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST – LENTEN QUIET DAY
WITH STEVE GARNAAKS-HOLMES
9:00 AM- 2:30 PM

Hope as a Spiritual Practice

In these days of political trauma, ICE raids, climate disaster and whatever else gets piled on, it's hard to keep up hope. But wait. What is hope, anyway? It's not just wishful thinking, like "hoping" the Red Sox will win. What if hope is an act, not affected by our moods or feelings? What if "feeling" hopeful isn't how we do it? What if hope is rooted in something absolute, and therefore isn't dependent on circumstances? What if we can be hopeful even in the face of certain disaster? In this retreat, through prayer, contemplation on scripture, and sharing together, we'll consider the source of our hope, and explore hope as a spiritual practice, a Lenten discipline, and an act of resistance.

If you plan to attend, [lease sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or let Lisa in the office know.



PARISH SCHEDULE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1, 2026

Sunday, February 1	9:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 AM	Kids' Club
	9:45 AM	Nursery Care
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	11:00 AM	Coffee Hour
	11:45 AM	Annual Meeting
	12:45 AM	Adult Formation Team
Monday, February 2	6:00 PM	Grief Support Group
Tuesday, February 3	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Canterbury Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 4	12:00 Noon	Clericus
	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer
	7:00 PM	Mission and Outreach
Thursday, February 5	10:30 AM	Deans Meeting
	6:00 PM	Worship Advisory Team
Saturday, February 7	1:00 PM	Rainbow Recovery
Sunday, February 8	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	9:00 AM	Coffee Hour
	9:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 AM	Kids' Club
	9:45 AM	Nursery Care
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	11:00 AM	Coffee Hour

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



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WOW! LOOK AT THAT!

“If we believe that our unity comes from looking together into a mystery and occasionally nudging one another and saying, “[Wow!] Look at that!” it can help us to feel how the unity we enjoy

(Brett: with radical diversity!)

is not primarily about institutional uniformity...
the unity is found in the common direction we are looking.”

Rowan Williams,

Where God Happens: Discovering Christ in One Another

What is that word he keeps saying? What does *Basileia* mean?

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BASILEIA

/ba-si-LEE-a/ • βασιλεία

The establishment of complete salvific communion between humanity and God, among human beings, within human persons, and between humanity and the rest of creation.

“Full communion, full flourishing!”



Humanity
& God



Among
People



Within
Ourselves



With
Creation

Jesus' Mission:

“must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God” (Luke 4:43)

This Basileia is something Jesus longs for us to strive for now, even as it will not be ultimately fulfilled until the end of the age.



OUR MISSION:

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



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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Organist and Music Director:	Luca Cantone 332-209-8432
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Co-Warden:	Beth Martin (she/her) 781-308-3474

Please be advised that our services are live streamed on our YouTube channel. Your participation in the service serves as your consent to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your participating minor children.

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that Emmanuel sits on the traditional land of the Algonquian-speaking Pawtucket tribe. We are grateful to these caretakers of the land and waters: the elders who lived before, the Indigenous people today, and the generations to come. We are guests on this land and have used it and its people for our betterment, often at their expense. We commit to doing our part to become better stewards of this land, understanding the impact of present and past exploitation, and working toward a more just and equitable future.

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