

EMMANUEL (BAUST)
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Service of Word

February 22, 2026

10:00 a.m.

First Sunday in Lent

Pastor: Rev. Roger Wilmer, Jr.

"In Every Prayer, We Grow."

Colossians 1:9-10

L = Leader P = People

**For those who are able, please stand.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist

***Call to Worship:**

(inspired by Psalm 32)

Liturgist

L: The steadfast love of God surrounds us always — even in the wilder-ness!

P: Thanks be to God! Let us be glad and worship!

***Hymn** On Eagle's Wings

Green No. 438

***Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, You know all about our troubles. Your Son was tested in the wilderness, tempted by the powers and principalities of the age. We confess how easily and often we give in to them. Yet, You continue to forgive us, reminding us there is nothing we can do to lose Your love. Holy God, turn us from the evil powers in high places, that we may return to You and the path to which You have called us. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

Rev. Wilmer

***Song of Praise** Praise the Name of Jesus Green No. 115
Praise the name of Je-sus, praise the name of Je-sus.
He's my Rock, he's my For-tress, he's my De-liv-er-er,
In him will I trust. Praise the name of Je-sus

Anthem

Scripture Genesis 2:15-17 Liturgist
Romans 5:12-19

***Gospel** Matthew 4:1-11 Rev. Wilmer

Sermon Our God Is Truly Awesome Rev. Wilmer
Psalms 47

Invitation to Join God's Family Rev. Wilmer

***Affirmation of Faith**

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Prayers of the People Rev. Wilmer

Invitation to Offering

Offering may be placed in the plates near the sanctuary entrances. Ushers will bring them to the altar during the offertory.

Offertory

***Doxology** Doxology (with A-men) Green: 688 (vs.1)

We give thee but thine own,
what-e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine a-lone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee. Amen

***Prayer of Dedication**

L: Please join me in the prayer of dedication.

P: Take these, our gifts, as we offer them today, O God. Use them for Your glory and kingdom's expansion. May these gifts go toward freeing the captives, feeding the hungry, comforting the lonely, and healing the world. As Christ's body, use us too, in service to repairing the breached, broken places in our community. Amen.

Hymn

As We Gather at Your Table

Green No.695

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Prayer

Rev. Wilmer

**All: Holy, holy, holy God
of love and majesty,
the whole universe speaks of your glory,
O God Most High.**

Prayer

Rev. Wilmer

**All: In the strength Christ gives us,
We offer ourselves to you, eternal God
And give thanks that you have called us to serve you. Amen.**

Breaking of Bread and Pouring of Wine.

Sharing the elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

All: We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us

Palm Sunday worship - March 29, 2026, 10:00am
Maundy Thursday Communion service - April 2, 2026, 7:00pm
Easter Sunrise service Cross-on-the-hill - April 5, 2026, 6:30am
Easter Communion service - April 5, 2026, 10:00am

A new Bible Study series will begin Feb. 19 at 6PM in the parsonage. The Lenten study will be based on Jim Bishop's book "The Day Christ Died". A copy of the book will be given to participants. Please contact Pastor Wilmer if you want a copy of the book. Bible Study is now online. To get the link go to our church website, go to Group tabs, then click on Bible Study and the link will be there.

Church Register Confirmation Info Needed:

Anyone who was confirmed at Baust between 1980 and 1993, please be in contact with Betty Stonesifer or the church office. The records in the Church Register are incomplete for that period of time. The information concerning your confirmation may be found on your Confirmation Certificate; or, if you received a Bible at that time, the date may be written inside the Bible. Also, (and this is a big "do you remember" request) can you tell us who was in your confirmation class? Please be sure to include your full name. Betty's contact info: call 410-751-1999; call or text 443-244-2817;

E-mail bettystonesifer4@gmail.com

Taneytown Caring and Sharing has requested Baust donate chili, soups, and stews for February and March. If possible, pop-top cans are referred. Donations may be brought to the back porch of the parsonage or to church. There is also a cabinet at Trinity's portico for donations.

Caring and Sharing is also participating in the Shepherd's Staff Easter Basket Drive. If there are donations, please bring them to church by March 8. Some ideas of items to donate for these baskets include coloring books, play dough, small toys, and Christian story books. I've asked the church secretary to include the Shepherd's Staff flyer in this newsletter which will show their full suggested list.

Hymnals for use at home: We would like to see that Baust members and friends who regularly "zoom in" to our worship services can have one of our sanctuary hymnals to use at home. Please tell Susan Hardinger or Beth Brandenburg if you know of someone in our Baust Family who would like to "sing along" while on Zoom. We'll also ask you to check in with Beth, Susan or any member of the Worship Committee if you will be visiting with a Baust friend who is shut-in or otherwise unable to attend worship in person. We'd like to make these hymnals available as soon as possible for home use.

Altar Flowers: Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in loving remembrance of Robert Harrison by his wife Joyce and Family.

Reserving Altar Flowers: Here are the remaining open dates for altar flowers in 2026: May 31, June 14, August 23. If you would like to reserve a date to honor, remember and celebrate someone or something important to you or to our Baust Family, just let Susan Hardinger know or fill out the "Altar Flowers Order Form".

Baust Literary (February): *The Saracen Storm* by Jose M. Nunez. Based on historical figures and events. The Saracen Storm is the sweeping saga of one of Spain's best loved heroes, and the role he played during one of the nation's darkest period, the Moorish invasion of its lands in 711AD.

Upcoming Meetings:

Consistory will meet on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 6:30pm in the parsonage.
Elders will meet on Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 6:30pm in the parsonage.
Deacons will meet on Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 6:30pm in the parsonage.
Worship will meet on Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 7:00pm via zoom.
Pastor/Parish Relation meet on March 25, 2026 at 6:30pm in the parsonage.

Choir Rehearsal: Choir will rehearse each Sunday in the sanctuary immediately following church. Also, the choir will warm up each Sunday morning at 9:30am. in the choir room.

Grief Share Group: Grief Share Group will meet in the Parsonage on Wednesdays' @ 5:30pm Dates: 3/4, 3/18. A support group to help you move through the grief process. A Grief Share support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-

week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.

Newsletter Items: Newsletter items for April 2026 are due March 15, 2026 to Jane Rodkey.

Annual Reports: Our EBUCC By-Laws call for Consistory and all church organizations and committees to submit 2025 annual reports in writing to the church office. These reports shall consist of a summary of the past year's activities, a projected plan for 2026, and a financial report of the past year. Annual reports for 2025 shall be turned in to EBUCC Secretary Jane Rodkey before March 31, 2026.

Mar. 1st	Pastor:	Roger Wilmer
Mar. 1st	Scriptures:	Genesis 12:1-4A Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
Mar. 1st	Liturgist:	Nancy Edwards
Mar. 1st	Media Tech:	Kent Kallay

First Sunday of the Month Lunch:

Date: March 1, 2026

Time: 12:30 (Restaurant opens 12:00 and is appx. 25 min. drive from Church)

Place: Rube's Crab Shack

Address: 17308 N. Seton Ave. Emmitsburg, MD. 21727

Phone: (301) 447-4116 Website: rubescrabshack.com

Reservations: Contact Bob (443) 789-7035 by 12:00 Sat. 2/28/26

The Weather Cancellation Policy Cancellations will be made by 6pm on Saturday for Sunday services. Members and friends will be informed by announcements on WTTR radio, by church wide emails.

Announcement:

Prayers and Concerns. Please take time to review the list at the end of the bulletin and see if there are people we need to add or remove from the list. Contact the office so we may keep the concerns up to date.

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Church Members

Nancy Edwards	Joan Wantz
Duane Rodkey	Linda Goodwin
Linda Dennis	Bick and Lois Bickerton
Betty Gross	Peggy Warner
Skeeter Dull	Brent Grove
Sue & Calvin Bloom	Bob Miller
Dan & Betty Heltibridle	Eddie Dutterer
Don Brower	Carl Bloom

Friends

Eric Helm	Mimi DeLore
Libby Fuss	Allen Robertson
Randy Brodbeck	Shelley Simmont
Lainey Hood	Andrea Mathias Warren
Tom Hennin	Chris Johnson
Sylvia Miller	Ken Morningstar
Carol DeGroft	Tickler Family
Sam Warner	

IN GOD'S SERVICE

Pastor:	Rev. Roger Wilmer
Secretary:	Jane Rodkey
Secretary's email:	office@ebucc.com
Accompanist:	Jennifer Sullivan Brown
Consistory President:	Jim Stonesifer
Liturgist:	Lois Bickerton
Media Tech	Beth Raver



Hot & Ready to eat!
Homemade

Soup and Sandwich Sale Emmanuel Baust United Church of Christ



Fresh & Homemade

***Pre-Order Only *by March 15, 2025**
Pick up Date Saturday, March 22, 2025 12 :00 - 3:00

To order call 410-857-0416 (please do not send order by text) or email sandys46@netscape.com
Church address: 2950 Old Taneytown Road, Westminster MD

All soup will be served hot in 1 quart containers.

All sandwiches will be served cold.

SOUP			
Description: Fresh hot and homemade served in 1 quart containers	Quantity	Price	Total
Beef Vegetable Soup (ground beef, mixed vegetables in a beef broth) - 1 quart container		\$8.00	
Chicken Corn Noodle Soup (Chicken, corn, noodles, carrots in a chicken broth) - 1 quart container		\$8.00	
Creamy Potato Soup (potato and carrots in a creamy milk base) - 1 quart container		\$8.00	

SANDWICH			
Description: Cold Deli Sandwich (Homemade)	Quantity	Price	Total
Ham & Cheese - fresh ham with American Cheese on potato roll		\$5.00	
Chicken Salad - Baust Church fresh homemade chicken salad on potato roll		\$5.50	
Roast Beef & Cheese - fresh roast beef with Swiss Cheese on potato roll		\$6.00	

Order Total

\$_____

Customer Name/phone number _____

****Pick-up Instructions:** All customers will enter the Parish Hall at the lower door to pick up their orders. Check in at the cashier's table to pay any amount due. Order will then be packaged and available to carry-out. If you do not get a confirmation for an emailed order please call 410-857-0416 to verify that we received your order, we don't want to miss any of our customers :)