



THE TRUMPET
EMMANUEL CHURCH, BEL AIR
13 DECEMBER 2022



SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR UPCOMING SUNDAYS

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Christmas at Emmanuel

The heart of Emmanuel's Christmas Eve celebration is the unique way the Gospel is proclaimed. Instead of simply reading the story of the birth of Jesus from Luke's Gospel and preaching a sermon, the story and stanzas from the great Carols of Christmas are combined to allow the music to do the interpreting of the story. (And no one has ever complained to the Rector about not hearing a sermon!) All three of our Christmas Eve services will feature this presentation.

All Services will also include Holy Communion. **Starting 4 December 2022, Emmanuel has returned to the "common cup" for the sacrament, reviving the customary pre-COVID practice. Please note that, though the science deems it safe to sip from a chalice, you are free to receive only the wafer if you prefer.**

- ❖ Christmas Eve at 5:00 PM — Emmanuel welcomes back our Third Saturday Band for their first service since Christmas of 2019. Their guitars, keyboard, drums, and vocals provide a spirited take on both the traditional and contemporary music of the season. This has become the most popular service, so you might think about coming a little early.
- ❖ Christmas Eve at 7:30 PM — Brent Pertusio, Emmanuel's Organist and Choir Director, leads the musical offerings for this service from our Möller/Luley organ and our vintage Steinway piano. It is every bit the traditional service that people have come to appreciate over the years.
- ❖ Christmas Eve at 11:00 PM — Our organist and choir lead a service which has evolved to a more intimate celebration of the birth of our Savior, taking advantage of the stillness of late night to allow for moments of prayerful silence.
- ❖ Christmas Morning at 10:15 AM — If late Christmas eve is silent, so too is Christmas morning. Informal, quiet, and inviting, this service features no music, but rather an original Christmas Morning Story by the Rector. (You can find stories from earlier years under the "[Canon's Bits](#)" tab on the website.)
- ❖ New Years Day at 10:15 — Like Christmas morning, there will be only one service this Sunday. January 1st is a Holy Day — The Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus.

Outreach Stories

Advent Festival

Emmanuel's Advent Festival was held on Sunday December 4, 2022. The children had a marvelous time. They created ornaments and also made handmade Christmas Cards to be donated to a local Nursing Home. The cards were delivered on Tuesday December 6, 2022. The staff and the residents expressed great joy and gratitude for the gift of holiday cheer.

Food Pantry

Many of us may not know that an organization called the Chesapeake Wine Society meets monthly in Emmanuel's Parish Hall. One gentleman is also a member of the Elks of Abingdon. One of his roles is to distribute funds granted to their Lodge each December for Outreach. Because of his connection to Emmanuel, the Lodge chose to bless our Food Pantry this year. Below is a picture of just a portion of the food they provided to assist us in helping those in need in our community. ***What an amazing generous donation!***



PRAYER FOR THE BISHOP SEARCH COMMITTEE

The slate of Candidates for the 15th Bishop of Maryland – who will begin as Bishop Coadjutor – is due to be announced soon. Please continue to pray for this important transition in our Diocese.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift, look graciously upon your church and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop coadjutor for this diocese, and those who offer themselves as candidates, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Tuesday Morning Service Returns

Our long-standing Tuesday 10:00 AM Eucharist returns on 10 January 2023. This service includes a simple but profound rite of prayers and laying on of hands for healing. We meet in the Maryan Room and conduct the service informally around the table.

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