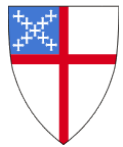


THE TRUMPET
EMMANUEL CHURCH, BEL AIR
21 SEPTEMBER 2022



UPCOMING SCRIPTURE LESSONS [\[lectionarypage.net\]](http://lectionarypage.net)
25 September 2022 — Amos 6:1,4-7; Psalm 146; I Timothy 6:6-9; Luke 16:1-31



Episcopal Church 101

Why We Do What We Do and How It Got That Way

- ❖ When you pick up a Prayerbook as worship begins, what page do we start on? Why do we start on page 355 (or 323 if you are at an 8:00 AM service)? Why not page 1 or page 15?
- ❖ Why do we see six or seven different “color schemes” over the course of the year? Why not just one?
- ❖ Episcopalians are members of the Anglican Communion. Did the Church of England really start because Henry VIII wanted a divorce?
- ❖ Does anyone really understand why God is conceived as a Holy Trinity?
- ❖ And what about this Bible we read from every week: where did it come from?

Here’s the truth: questions like those above — and thousand of others — run through the minds of anyone who has worshiped in the Episcopal Church. EC 101 offers you some background, presents connections between what we do now and the earliest Christians, and gives you some vocabulary that will help shape your questions so that you can make sense out of this tradition of ours.

That’s the point: we want you to ask your questions and then to give you a chance to hear some answers — because not all questions have just one! And the “you” here is plural: your questions are often inspired and elucidated by what you hear from others.

Each session will begin with about 20 minutes of presentation followed by about 30 minutes of conversation. Topics include:

- **“My knees hurt!”** How and why we worship as we do, with a virtual visit to St. Gregory Nyssen in San Francisco
- **“42 Feet of Church History:”** 1 Foot = 100 years, and 42 feet gets us all the way back to Abraham’s ancestors. There are some interesting highlights along the way from then till now.
- **“Creeds, Confessions, & Catechisms:”** How we pass along our Faith and create community.
- **“Practice Makes Perfect:”** Besides going to church, what are the marks of a Christian?
- **“Congregation, Diocese, Church, Communion:”** Where we answer PD Eastman’s question, “Are you my mother?”
- **“Emmanuel Church, Bel Air:”** Why were we founded and what is special about our call to ministry in Bel Air.

The Particulars

We will meet for Six Weeks beginning the weekend of 15-16 October. The classes will be offered at 11:00 AM on Saturdays and repeated at 9:00 AM Sundays. You may mix and match according to your calendar needs.

Persons planning to be Confirmed or Received by the Bishop on 4 December should take this class. If you have questions about what that means, please contact the Rector at mgatza@emmanuelbelair.org.

HELP WANTED!

Altar Guild members prepare the chalices, patens, and other elements used for Holy Communion. Normally the set-up is done at 9:00 AM on Saturdays. Edie White is the current Chair of the Guild: ediewhite@gmail.com.

Sunday School Training, support and curriculum provided! Just a few minutes of preparations is all that is required to lead a class. Contact Heather Costantino at sundayschool.emmanuel@gmail.com.

Ushers/Greeters If you enjoy meeting new people, and moving around during the service, this is the job for you! Contact Victoria DeVoe: victoriad705@gmail.com.

Choir Members lead the congregational singing and present anthems during the 10:15 AM Service, and other special services. No experience necessary, rehearsals after church on Sundays. The Choirmaster is Brent Pertusio: bpertusio@gmail.com.

Kitchen Crew members prepare and serve Emmanuel's famous Sunday Breakfasts. If you can do a little slicing and dicing, can scramble eggs, or bake a coffee cake, there is a place for you here! Contact peterscostantino@gmail.com.

Building Crew members provide all sorts of simple maintenance on the grounds including weeding/trimming and various building projects. Contact Ed Yoakum at office@emmanuelbelair.org.

Readers, Prayer Leaders, and Chalicists help lead Sunday worship at all three of our services. Signup sheets are posted to make it possible to schedule your availability, and assistance is available from the Rector: mgatza@emmanuelbelair.org.

VESTRY MEETING 26 SEPTEMBER

The Vestry serves as your "Board of Directors" for much of the life and work of Emmanuel Church. Four new members are selected for three-year terms each winter, with the officers chosen by the Rector and confirmed by the Vestry. Meetings are generally held the third Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

Meetings are open to any interested parishioner, and we value the questions, comments, and suggestions you can contribute to the conversation.

On Monday, 26 September 2022, the agenda will include a discussion about the new Sunday Schedule, the Search Process for a New Bishop, and a review of this Fall's program offerings.

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Services:

Sundays —8 AM, 10 AM