



THE TRUMPET

EMMANUEL CHURCH, BEL AIR

4 MARCH 2023



SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR UPCOMING SUNDAYS

Can be found at the Satucket Lectionary www.satucket.com/lectionary/
or at the Lectionary Page www.lectionarypage.net

Sunday School Schedule Change

Coming out of the Pandemic, Emmanuel's Sunday School took a chance on a different schedule, moving classes to 9:00 AM. The hope was that children would have the opportunity for a full class and a full experience of Sunday worship. The attendance numbers for the past five months suggest that this schedule is not working as well as hoped.

Sunday School has now moved to 10:00 AM. Sunday school students will have about an hour for class and then join their families for Holy Communion. Parents (or grandparents or other family members) are encouraged to grab a quick cup of coffee and to share a little fellowship before worship begins.



Lent 2023

The Ash Wednesday service in **The Book of Common Prayer** calls us to *“to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.”*

Here are the opportunities Emmanuel Church is offering to assist you along your journey to Easter.

- **The Rector's Lenten Study:** “Why Episcopalians do what We Do,” offered at 11:00 AM on Tuesdays and repeated at 11:00 AM on Saturdays. (Please note: the class will not meet on 11 March 2023 due to the Meet & Greet visits with the Candidates for Bishop Coadjutor.)
- **Lentmadness.org** – learn about the great saints of history and vote for your favorites in this long-running international program.
- **Bible studies** continue at 5:30 PM on Tuesdays and 9:30 AM on Fridays.
- **Compline has returned** to our Facebook page and our YouTube Channel, dropping at about 7:00 PM each evening.



THE BEST BREAKFAST IN BEL AIR ...

Can be found at Emmanuel Church generally on the first and third Sundays of the month. Check the outside display sign for notice of our next repast.

Electing the Bishop Coadjutor



God willing, on Saturday, 25 March 2023, the Diocese of Maryland will elect a Bishop Coadjutor. This new bishop will work side by side with Bishop Sutton until he retires in the Spring of 2024, and then become the 15th Bishop of Maryland. The election will take place at St. John's Church, Ellicott City. Emmanuel's delegation to the electing convention consists of the Rector and David Parker.

The Rev'd Randy Alexander, the Rev'd Gregg Morris, the Rev'd Alissa Newton, and the Rev'd Carrie Schofield-Broadbent are the four candidates. They will be in Maryland from 7-11 March for a series of "Meet & Greet" sessions, which will help them get to know the Diocese and let members of the Diocese get to know them. The full schedule of their itinerary can be found at <https://episcopalmaryland.org/meet-and-greet/>. All of the Meet & Greet sessions will be live streamed and recorded, available for you to look at.

Please take the time to do so, and especially the video interviews that are posted there already. David and the Rector will get to do the voting, but it is critically important that your feedback and impressions become part of the process. Though the mechanics of the choice involves voting, this is really a discernment process for the candidates and the Diocese together. Your voice can and should be a part of that.

Please also pray for the candidates and those who will do the voting. The Holy Spirit is ready, willing, and able to inspire all involved so that the Diocese will thrive under new leadership.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese 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.

The Rector will lead a discussion of the candidates with anyone interested during breakfast on Sunday, 19 March 2023 at 9:15. Let you delegates know what you feel about them.

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Services:

Sundays —8 AM, 10:15 AM, Noon

Emmanuel's Vestry

The Vestry of an Episcopal Church serves as a sort of board of directors, supervising financial matters, but more importantly establishing ministry priorities and setting an example for congregation members to follow. Five new members were selected at the Annual Meeting, so the Vestry currently looks like this.

Term concludes 2024:

- Marti Sakell, David Parker, Chris Gautier

Term concludes 2025:

- Carol Baumbach, Peter Schlehr, Katy Dallam

Term concludes 2026:

- Dixon Barthel, Scott Gromacki, Chris Croucher

Please feel free to ask them questions about church life or to share your concerns.