

THE TRUMPET
EMMANUEL CHURCH, BEL AIR



28 August 2023

Scripture Lessons For Upcoming Sundays

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or at the Lectionary Page www.lectionarypage.net.



Our New Sunday School Year 2023-2024

As I child I remember telling my father one winter that I could not believe how fast the holidays had come. I was about 12 or 13 at the time. His response to me was this, "Honey, the older you get the faster time flies." I'm pretty sure I sarcastically responded, "Yeah, right. Dad." How right he was!

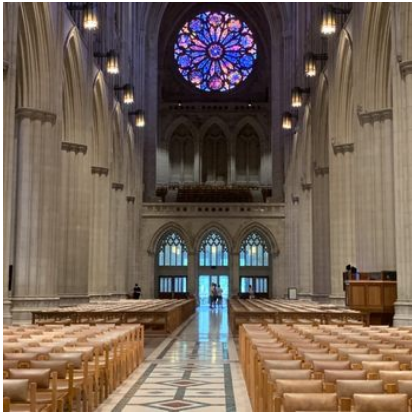
Time sure has marched on quickly this summer and we are now only about a couple of weeks away from the beginning of the new Sunday School year. Our summer program went really well and we are excited to look forward to the new school year. To that end we are looking for volunteers to lead our Sunday School program. We support the concept of team teaching (having at least two leaders per age group who can coordinate the teaching schedule together), so our volunteers do not need to miss out on worship every week.

Being a leader is easy! The Sunday School lessons are written in advance and can be provided in advance to our leaders. All that is needed to complete the connected activity or craft is also prepared in advance with detailed instructions. Christian Education is a critical part of our ministry and mission. It is wonderful to lead the children's lessons and watch them explore their spirituality and learn about God's love.

If you are interested in helping build our children's spiritual life by volunteering to lead Sunday School, please connect with me on Sunday mornings or by emailing me at sundayschool.emmanuel@gmail.com.

There will be no Sunday School on September 3, 2023. **Opening Day for the regular program will be September 10, 2023.** Which also happens to be our annual "Sundae Sunday" with homemade ice cream and various toppings served after the 10:15 service, so be sure to mark your calendars – you do not want to miss this!!

Heather Costantino
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Good Seats, Free Parking for Bishop Carrie's Consecration

The Ordination and Consecration of The Rev., Carrie Schofield-Broadbent will take place at Washington National Cathedral at 11:00 AM on **16 September 2023!** About 2000 guests are expected and you are cordially invited to be one of them. The underground parking garage has been reserved for your use for no charge, and the seating options abound, from the Nave to the Transepts and the Balconies. If you have never been to a big Cathedral service before, please don't miss this opportunity. It is an especially awesome experience for children and young people as well, so

bring yours along.

A Final Farewell from The Rector

Friends,

Thank you so much for the wonderful "send-off" luncheon you organized for my last Sunday with you. I found myself both overjoyed and overwhelmed by the chance to share a moment or two with so many of you that afternoon.

As I have suggested in many ways since my announcement two months ago that I would be leaving Emmanuel Church, it is with mixed emotions that I say "goodbye." I can't begin to list the things I will miss about being at the altar with you Sunday after Sunday, the individual relationships that we have, and the unpredictability of life as your Rector during a remarkable time. But I am also glad, after 42 years of full-time professional ministry, to be able to look at some new possibilities and to offer my gifts to the Church and community in new ways.

I have learned much from you, through your questions, comments, and even just the look in your eyes as you engaged in worship and listened to the sermons I have preached. I have been continually challenged to think more clearly, to pray more deeply, and to learn new skills. As much as I love my books and my languages, I have found room to include sound systems and video cameras in my weekly practices. The interruptions — the "chances and changes" as the Prayerbook calls them — that are part of the daily life of a priest became key moments of spiritual insight and growth. The faith that thrives in my soul is stronger after 14 years with you.

This is a hard time for churches of every variety and in every corner of the globe. The religious landscape of Maryland is changing, and so the vision of Emmanuel Church must continue to look forward. The clergy who succeed me, whether temporarily or on a more permanent basis, will help you to look ahead.

The most important gift this congregation has to offer is worship based on the Holy Eucharist that follows a pattern that has not changed in centuries. Emmanuel's legacy is most obviously represented by its sanctuary, but it is what goes on there rather than the space itself which is primary. From this foundation of worship comes the commitment to education, fellowship, and outreach that people in our community so deeply crave.

At the 10:15 Sunday Service we have been singing a simple chant this summer: "What we need is here." With respect to a healthy and vital future for Emmanuel, I believe that to be true. The pews are filled with loving and caring people, the Vestry is populated with strong leaders, the staff members are uniquely qualified to forge ahead, and the Episcopal Church has the right message for a moment when theology and politics are being thrown together in unfortunate ways. There are challenges ahead, but my hope is boundless.

Finally, Jan and I will continue to live in Bel Air for the foreseeable future, so we will probably run into you around town. I look forward to those moments where we can get to know each other in new and different ways.

Faithfully Yours,

Mark Gatza+



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.

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, Frances Mason
- **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.



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