

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Centered in our love for Jesus, we worship God, reach out to those in need, celebrate our blessings, and love and care for each other. We are inclusive and welcoming of all God's people. Together, we strive to faithfully meet the challenges of a changing world.

First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

PRELUDE Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (Awake, calls to us the Voice) by Bach, arr. Busoni

Please stand in body or spirit.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN The Hymnal 1982 - #61 Sleepers, Wake! *Please join us.*

1 "Sleep-ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the
2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her
3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -
heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she
saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their
wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her
harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -
Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -
ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -

ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in
Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate
No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and
Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and
light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."
heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

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We ask that you silence any electronics that might make noise during the service.

Celebrant Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant welcomes the congregation

Celebrant Gracious God, pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candle of this wreath; may their light reflect the splendor of Christ. As the days grow shorter and darkness is all around, we remember that you are the creator of both lightness and darkness. Help us be awake to the light that is shining in each of us and help us be a light of hope for those who dwell in darkness. **Amen.**

Leader Today is the First Sunday of Advent, in which we recall the hope we have in Christ.

The first candle is lit.

Leader Let us pray, Gracious God, fill us with the hope that surpasses our imaginations and help it prepare us for the unexpected hour when Christ will come again. Let hope keep us awake. **Amen.**

GENERAL CONFSSION *Kneel or stand as you are able.*

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People **Gracious God,
we praise you for accepting us as your children
and making us heirs of eternal life.
In your mercy you have washed us from our sins
and made us clean in your sight.
Yet we still fail to love you as we should
and serve you as we ought.
Forgive us our sins and renew us by your grace,
that we may continue to grow as members of Christ,
who is our savior and redeemer. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE The Hymnal 1982—#60 Creator of the Stars of Night (*verses 1-3*)

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four systems of music, each with three numbered vocal parts (1, 2, 3) and corresponding lyrics. The notes are simple, mostly quarter and half notes, with some rests. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse
3 When this old world drew on toward night,

1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,

1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free
3 not as a mon - arch, but the child

1 we pray you hear us when we call.
2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.
3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.

Words: Latin, 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt. Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: *Conditor alme siderum*, plainsong, Mode 4; acc. Bruce Neswick (b. 1956).

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN & COMMUNITY HOMILY The Rev. Megan Anderson Gartin

Children are welcome to follow teachers to the Godly Play classroom for a lesson.

THE LESSONS & PSALM

A reading from the book of Isaiah (2:1-5)

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please pray Psalm 122 Please pray the psalm responsively by half-verse.

1 I was glad when they said to me, *

"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

2 Now our feet are standing *

within your gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city *

that is at unity with itself;

4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, *

the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord.

5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *

the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *

"May they prosper who love you.

7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
 9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (13:11-14)

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#56 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (*verses 1 & 2*) *Please join us.*

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest

1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt. Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890); acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).

PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL Matthew (24:36-44) *Please stand in body or spirit.*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON The Rev. Rodney Davis

THE NICENE CREED *Please stand in body or spirit.*

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is
seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon Let us now open our hearts and offer to God our deepest prayers as we say, Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Leader Heavenly father, inspire the universal church to be most concerned with living lives inspired by your Son and give us hearts that beat to serve you. We especially pray for Archbishop of Canterbury elect Sarah Mullally, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Megan our Bishop, Megan, Katie, Mike, Rod, and Jesse, our clergy. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless those in authority, in this nations and in all the nations, with an urgency to care for all people and to undo systems of injustice. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us opportunities to live into our faith and identify as followers of Jesus. Open our eyes to see those around us, in our neighborhoods, schools, and places of work, who need our loving support and care. We pray especially for Christine, our head of school, for all the staff, teachers and students at St. Michael's Day School and Starr King TK-8. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant wisdom and persistence to those who seek cures and relief of pain, and heal and comfort those who suffer from illness or injury in body, mind or spirit. Especially we pray for **Dawn, Jane, Marilu, Jennine, Averey, Lynn, Debbie, Dan, Marguerite, Jon, Sarah, Jennifer, Michael, Andrea, Chris, Kate, Liz, Mike, Tina, Mary, Kay, Hunter, and Billie.** Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us wisdom and persistence for the care of creation. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant rest eternal to those who have died and comfort to those who mourn. Grant us daily an awareness that life is precious and fleeting, that we might use our hours to your glory. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For what else or whom else shall we pray? (*A time of silence is kept.*) Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Almighty God, you lovingly created and care for us, hear now these prayers and answer them as may be best for us and for the furtherance of your redemptive grace. **Amen.**

THE PEACE AND OFFERTORY *Please stand in body or spirit.*

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, BLESSINGS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM There Shall a Star from David Come Forth by Mendelssohn

PRESENTATION HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#408 Sing Praise to God (*Verses 1 & 3*) *Please join us.*

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and
a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the
our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and
won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the
ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.
Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.



Words: Johann Jakob Schütz (1640-1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), alt. Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529; adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547, and *Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartickel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), after Heinrich Reimann (19th cent.).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Please stand in body or spirit.*

Eucharistic Prayer C, Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home. **By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace. **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS Holy, Holy, Holy Lord by Rutter (from Music for Holy Eucharist Rite II) (*Please join us.*)

In flowing time (♩ = c. 80) (SOPRANOS and ALTOS)*

mp Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, *cresc.*

5 (ALL VOICES) *mp cresc.* God of power and might, *f* hea - ven and earth are full (TENORS and BASSES) *mp*

10 (ALL VOICES) *f* of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is (SOPRANOS and ALTOS) *mp*

15 (ALL VOICES) *cresc.* he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Please stand or kneel in body or spirit.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF BREAD and THE INVITATION

THE FRACTION ANTHEM Lamb of God by Rutter (from Music for Holy Eucharist Rite II)

Quiet and flowing (♩ = c. 60)
(SOPRANOS and ALTOS) *p dolce e legato* (ALL VOICES) *p*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have

(TENORS and BASSES) *mp*

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the

10 (ALL VOICES) *mp* (ALL VOICES) *mp cresc.*

world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

15 *mp* *p* *pp*

sins of the world: grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All are welcome to receive communion. Communion is offered with gluten free bread that is free of the top 8 allergens. The Bread and Wine is offered at the altar rail, and grape juice is offered at the back of the altar. Communion will be taken by eating the bread and sipping from the cup. If you do not feel able to sip from the cup please allow it to pass by. We believe that if you have received communion in one kind (bread only) you have received a full communion. Cross your arms over your chest if you wish to receive a blessing in place of consuming. Baptism from any Christian tradition is anticipated for those regularly receiving. Let an usher know if you need to receive at your pew. Ingredients are listed in the back of the bulletin.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER * To be prayed on your own as desired.

On behalf of anyone who desires to receive Communion but for any reason cannot, including those joining us online, we offer this prayer for spiritual Communion. We thank you, O Christ, that the very desire to commune with you is true and complete Communion. Enter the hearts of all those who wish to receive You but are not able to receive the physical elements of Bread and Wine. Grant them mystical union with You and with the whole Communion of Saints. This we ask in your precious Name. Amen.

This is the table of the Lord. It is made ready for those who want to know and love Christ, all are invited to come and meet Jesus here. The Gifts of God for the people of God.

COMMUNION HYMN LEVAS #13 My Lord, What a Morning (continued on following page.)

Harmony

My Lord, what a morn - ing, My Lord, what a morn - ing, O

Fine

my Lord, what a morn - ing, When the stars be - gin to fall.

Unison

1. You'll hear the trum - pet sound, _____
 2. You'll hear the sin - ner mourn, _____ To wake the
 3. You'll hear the Chris - tian shout, _____

na - tions un - der - ground, _____ Look - ing to my God's right

hand, When the stars be - gin to fall. _____ *D.C.*

Words: Traditional. Music: Negro Spiritual.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Please stand or kneel in body or spirit.*

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

Almighty God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we wait the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us separated from you but engaged with you in your service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant May God's blessing be with you in the darkness and in the light, while you are awake and while you are sleeping, in your joys and in your sorrows—In the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#497 How Bright Appears the Morning Star (*Please join us. Music can be found on the following page.*)

Please stand in body or spirit.

Deacon Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern ("How Beautifully Shines the Morning Star") by J.C. Bach

**Julian of Norwich Liturgy*

Serving Today

The Rev. Mike Ferrito Celebrant

The Rev. Rodney Davis Preaching

The Rev. Megan Anderson Gartin Deacon &
Children's Homilist

The Rev. Katie Holeman Assisting

**Dancy Dobrenick, Laura Quene, Jackie Linn &
Patty Green** Altar Guild

The Acolyte Team

Sue Davis, Catherine Curran & Jan West Readers

Dave Decker, Renee Pierce & Holly Yue Eucharistic
Ministers

Jay Bowdler & Molly Hoever Ushers

Harriette Carr Greeter

St. Michael's Chancel Choir

John Cozza Music Director

Coffee Hour Hosts

CLOSING HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#497 How Bright Appears the Morning Star

1 How bright ap - pears the Morn-ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing
 2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a
 3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,

from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;
 pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;
 fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.

O right-cous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and
 the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -
 In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great

Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:
 phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;
 Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.

Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,
 Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it
 A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

Announcements

Worship

10am Sunday Morning Worship Eucharist & Choir
Godly Play & Nursery available

5pm Sunday Contemplative Service on Zoom

9am Morning Prayer – Zoom, Monday—Thursday

8:30am Friday Morning Contemplative Eucharist

Children & Community Homily—Children are invited to the front of the congregation for a brief children's message at the beginning of our Sunday 10am services. Afterwards children who want to attend Godly play will be escorted back by the teachers.

Communion Updates On this Sunday, we will be changing the practice of how we receive communion together. We will be using baked bread that is free from the top 8 common allergens including gluten, offering the chalice through drinking from the common cup (discontinuing the practice of intinction) and adding a grape juice chalice as an alternative to wine. Full article found in the weekly Messenger.

Communion Bread ingredients:

Gluten Free Flour (*Rice Flour, Whole Grain Brown Rice Flour, Sorghum Flour, Tapioca Starch, Potato Starch, Cellulose, Vitamin and Mineral Blend [calcium carbonate, niacinamide (vitamin B3), reduced iron, thiamin hydrochloride (vitamin B1), riboflavin (vitamin B2)], Xanthan Gum, Cellulose Gum.*), Water, Avocado Oil, Honey, Baking Powder, Salt.

Lessons & Carols Reception—Please join us after Lessons & Carols for a coffee & cookie reception directly following the service. Please let the office know if you can bring cookies or simple dessert.

Stewardship Pledge cards are still being accepted for the 2026 Pledge Year. The vestry appreciates your continued support as they plan the 2026 church budget.

St. Michael's Serves in the Community

Gifts from the Heart (GFTH)-Drop off times are—Saturday, December 6 from 1—3pm & Sunday December 7 from 9am—2pm. 2026 Calendars are also being collected for Adult gifts.

Food Bank Donations Now, more than ever, food and financial donations are needed for food banks like River City Food Bank, Loaves & Fishes & more.

Senior Care Community Resource Guide available in the office to help you find services for seniors.

Regular Outreach

- River City Food Bank Center
- Carmichael HART
- God's Helping Hands Laundry

St. Michael's Learn & Connect

What's in a Beginning ~ Advent Reflections with Marilyn McEntyre & Rev. Megan - Sundays in Advent at 11:30am in Friendship Center. In this series we'll reflect on Advent as a time to recognize beginnings: the beginning of Jesus' life on earth, the Incarnation as beginning of a new age, the beginning of a new liturgical cycle, & the ways we may be invited even now to begin a new thing by the One who makes all things new. This season offers a time to reflect on our own beginnings: how we mark them, how we live in time, what it means to begin again & again.

Living Compass-Living Well in Advent booklets are available, free of cost, at the church on Sundays. There are multiple ways you can engage with this material through Living Compass at <https://www.livingcompass.org/advent>

St. Michael's Cont. Studies—more info online

St. Michael's Reads the Gospels Led by Dawn & Tyson Wright Tuesday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Thursday Open Bible Study Hybrid Meets from 10 - 11:30am in the Friendship Room and by Zoom.

Sacred Circle This is open to all, we meet the last Wednesday of every month 6pm via zoom.

Centering Prayer Mondays in Friendship Center at 9am & Thursdays on Zoom at 7pm

Healing Circle - We meet on the second Saturdays of the month at 11am in the Friendship Center.

St. Michael's Youth & Family

Christmas Pageant As is tradition at St Michaels we will have our Children's pageant on Christmas Eve at the 5pm Family Service. If you have children interested in participating, please talk to Pastor Katie. The play has been written by Paula Frink & will be a wonderful addition to our Christmas Eve celebration.

The California International Marathon will run on Sunday, December 7th, 2025, causing some intersections near the church to be closed. The race starts at 7am near Folsom Dam and travels Oak Avenue, Fair Oaks Blvd, and J Street to the Capitol.

Additional details on the announcements can be found in this week's Messenger and on our website.

Sunday November 30 —The First Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist 10am with Livestream
Nursery & Godly Play 10am
Coffee Hour 11:15am Parish Hall
Advent Reflections 11:30am Friendship Center
Contemplative Prayer Service 5pm Zoom

Monday December 1

Centering Prayer 9am Friendship Center
Morning Prayer 9am Zoom
Mercy & Social Justice Meeting 7pm

Tuesday December 2

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom
Staff Meeting 9:30am
EfM 6:30pm Zoom
Reading the Gospels Bible Study 6:30pm Zoom

Wednesday December 3

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom

Thursday December 4

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom
Open Bible Study 10am Friendship Center
DOK Meeting 11:30am Friendship Center
Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm
Centering Prayer 7pm Zoom

Friday December 5

Friday Morning Eucharist 8:30am

Saturday December 6

Gifts from the Heart Drop Offs 1pm Parish Hall

Sunday December 7—The Second Sunday of Advent

Gifts from the Heart Drop Offs 9am Parish Hall
Holy Eucharist 10am with Livestream
Nursery & Godly Play 10am
Coffee Hour 11:15am Parish Hall
Advent Reflections 11:30am Friendship Center
Contemplative Prayer Service 5pm Zoom

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SAVE THE DATE

Saturday December 13—Winterdance

Sunday December 14—Lessons & Carols

Wednesday December 24—Christmas Eve Services

5pm Family Service *with Pageant*

8pm Choral Service *with Festival of
Christmas Music*

Thursday December 25—Christmas Day Service
10am

CLERGY, STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

The Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair Bishop,
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The Rev. Katie Holeman Associate Rector
The Rev. Rodney Davis Associate Priest
The Rev. Jesse Vaughan Associate Priest
The Rev. Mike Ferrito Associate Priest
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