

THE SUNDAY TRUMPET

Twenty Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday Worship at St. Michael's

The St. Michael's family invites you to experience forgiveness and healing in the fellowship of Christ with Worship with Holy Eucharist at 7:45am and 10am.

Receiving Communion

All persons desiring to lead a new life in Christ are welcome to receive Communion. For Blessings simply cross your arms over your chest. For gluten free wafers ask your bread minister.

Pastoral Care Team

If you find yourself in need of prayer during times of illness, hospitalization, loss, personal crises or anticipating hospitalization, please contact Rev. Brin, so we can coordinate a visit with you.

Altar Flowers

Weekly flowers are dedicated to birthdays, anniversaries, and to the memories of loved ones. Please contact Rev. Brin for more information if you'd like to donate.



Guests can receive a free, well-balanced meal with fresh produce five days a week at Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen, New York, NY, which is celebrating its 35th year. The church nave can hold as many as 500 people at a time. Photo: Mike Goldsmith and Jim Graniela/Ideas in Motion

What's Going On Today

The 33rd annual Interfaith Thanksgiving service and celebration is at **Riverbend Church** (4124 N. Capital of Texas Hwy.) **today** with the **service at 3pm** and **reception at 4:30pm**, hosted by the Austin Muslim Community and iACT. The service will be an experience of prayers and practice from all of Austin's faith communities, and joining the service will be **Austin mayor Steve Adler**. Also consider bringing a dish for the reception, labelled for dietary restrictions (no shellfish or pork.) For more information on the event, visit <http://interfaithtexas.org>.

Please join us for a Newcomers Dinner at the home of Patricia Newton if you are a newcomer within the last year, and anyone interested in meeting our clergy and vestry members, **today** from **5-7pm**. Adults only for this gathering. Please RSVP to **Page Singletary** at gpage.singletary@gmail.com or text or call **Page** at **512-658-8767**. Patricia's address, in Rollingwood, is 5 Inwood Circle; Austin, TX 78746.

Scripture Readings for Proper 28

Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

Weekly Prayer Services

Morning Prayer

Tuesdays at 9am in the Worship Space.
For more information contact Rev. Brin or Lesley.

Centering Prayer

Tuesday evenings at 6pm in the side chapel. For more information contact Phyllis Blee (phyllis.blees@gmail.com).

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Announcements and Events

Stewardship update: Pledges are rolling in and we felt an update was in order, for the sake of keeping everybody in the loop. Thus far, 84 pledge cards have been received at a total of \$454,067. 42 of these cards were increases in pledge amounts, with 9 new pledges bringing in \$16,640, 6 decreases that brought in \$7,345, and 8 deleted pledges who, last year, pledged \$38,220. 72 pledges from last year who have not turned in their card yet amount to a potential loss of \$221,190. Please be mindful of these numbers and remember to turn in your pledge card if you have not done so already.

Advent concerts with the St. Matthews Episcopal Church music department will be **every Thursday through Christmas** at the St. Matthews Sanctuary, 8134 Mesa Dr., **at 12:05pm**. Information: www.stmattsaustrin.org.

The Open Arms Integrity group of St. Michaels would like to invite everyone at St. Michaels to attend the **Transgender Day of Remembrance memorial service** on **Monday, November 20th, 7:30pm** on the **City Hall Plaza** outside on the south side of the building (Cesar Chavez between Lavaca and Guadalupe). Come and stand with us. Contact **Kaitlyn Lundigran** (kaitlyn@handymaams.com) or **Phillip Boone** (phillip.openarms@gmail.com) for more information.

Everyone is invited to join Integrity Open Arms for Thanksgiving on **November 23, 2-5pm**. If you don't have a place to go for Thanksgiving or are not welcomed at a family home then you're welcome here. Come enjoy and eat with friends, new friends and your family at St. Michael's. Bring sides, salads, or desert, as turkey and ham will be provided. Wishing to donate money towards the event if you can't attend? Contact **Philip Boone** (phillip.openarms@gmail.com) for more info.

The next meeting of the St. Michael's book group will be on **Wednesday, November 29, at 2:30pm** at Trianon in Westlake. We will discuss the book *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. Please join us! Questions? Please contact **Jackie King** (jsking2010@yahoo.com).

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Calling all walkers, joggers, and runners! Start your week off with a walk/run and prayer on the trail around Town Lake. **We meet on the north end of the pedestrian bridge under Mopac on Mondays at 7am** and then end with prayer around **8am**. Contact **Rev. Brin, (801) 971-8177** for details and if you are attending.

Outreach

St. Michael's is seeking active and confirmed church members that might be interested in being nominated to the Vestry. Vestry nominees are voted in at the Annual Parish Meeting held in late January. Vestry member serve a three-year term. Next year will be an exciting year for St. Michael's as we welcome a new Rector. We are seeking strong church leadership to be a part of this new journey. If you are interested in being nominated, **please contact a Vestry member** to get more information.

Join refugee advocates at a candlelight vigil and rally in support of refugees on Nov. 30 6-8pm at St James Episcopal Church (1941 Webberville Rd.).

Christian Formation and Education

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) is back and meeting on most Sundays for **6th-12th grade students** from **3-4:30pm**. Our weekly gatherings are not only about worship and small group time, but fellowship is an important and essential part of our student ministries program. Friends are always welcomed and invited! Contact **Marina Martin** (marinamartin2513@gmail.com) or see the schedule on our website, as EYC does not meet every week.

Sunday Seekers Book Study in the Bride's Room is reading the book 'How to Read the Apocalypse' by Jean-Pierre Prévost during Christian Education time, from **10:15 to 10:50**. Bring your own copy or contact **Phyllis Blee** (phyllis.blees@gmail.com) for more information. New participants are welcome to join at any time.

Our current six-week small groups session is underway and still open to newcomers. We will have one group meeting on Sunday morning from 10:10-10:55am and another group meeting on Wednesdays from 7-8pm. The only requirement is that you try to make most of the meetings, but missing a few is not a problem. There is a sign-up sheet in the glass table in the Narthex, or you can reply directly to **Rev. Brin** for more details.

Children and Student Ministries during Worship – Christian Education for 3-year-olds to 12th grade takes place in the Education Wing during both the **9** and **11am** services. Parents bring their children to the education wing before the service, then once their programs are over, we bring everyone back to the worship space in time for Eucharist with their parents and families; **Nursery care** is available **8:45am to 12:30pm** in the Education wing for infants to 3-year olds and staffed by professional, Safeguarding God's Children certified nannies.

Children's Music Program for 1st through 5th grade - Brenda Simms, a parishioner/Choir-member, and children will meet on Sundays from **10:10-10:50am** in the Education Wing to learn new songs and practice lifting their voices to the Lord. If you have any questions, please contact **Brenda** (brenda@st-michaels.org). Children are welcome to join at any time.

Dear St. Michael's Parishioners and Friends,

What is worship for? This question has been on our hearts and in our prayers for the last several months. The word 'worship' means to honor or express the worth of something, and worship is the primary reason that Christians have gathered in churches for hundreds of years. Everything we do on Sunday morning—our musical offerings, our prayers, our reading of scripture, our proclamation of the Gospel, and our participation in the sacraments—ultimately serves the purpose of honoring God. But worship is also transforming. We, who are trying to live into the mystery of our salvation, are changed by the music, the prayers, the scripture and the sacraments. In sum, we renew ourselves in Christ when we participate in worship.

The clergy of St. Michael's, after much prayer, conversation with parishioners, and deliberation, believes that renewing our worship at this point in time means inviting our parishioners to worship together in one principle ten o'clock service on Sunday mornings, beginning on Sunday, November 26th. Earlier this week we met with the Music Team and our Chancel Choir, as well as the Vestry of St. Michael's to discuss this change and to ask for help making this a smooth transition. At that time, we also shared a very similar letter to this with all of them. This recommendation comes after combining our worship over the summer, and having seen the contrast between it and our separate worship services when we went back to the nine o'clock and eleven o'clock formats in the fall. These experiences have shown us that when we worship together there is simply more life in the room. We are also aware of the difficulties that we must navigate in order to make our combined worship a truly life-giving experience for all.

There are many reasons that we feel this is the best decision for our church, including having a more vibrant and inviting Sunday worship and fellowship, having a greater number of students and teachers for Sunday School, which means better offerings for our youngest members, and as we anticipate our new rector, he or she will have the opportunity to get to know the congregation as one unified body in worship and song. We are also aware of the many details that have to be carefully thought through in order to make this a smooth transition and we will be working with our musical leadership and our Worship Commission to address these changes.

The Greek word from which we derive our term, 'liturgy,' means "the work of the people," not just clergy, not just musicians and choir, but the whole community of faith—young and old, new and mature Christians, long-time members and newcomers, alike. We believe much is to be gained from a combined service and look forward to a renewed sense of joy and celebration as we come together to worship as one unified Body of Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Brin, Peter, Sherry, Hope, & Ken

P.S. - For anyone that wishes to see the pastorals sent to the music teams, attendance data for Sunday and Sunday School, or any other pertinent data, please feel free to ask.