

# THE SUNDAY TRUMPET

## Last 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.



The 33rd annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service and Celebration was last Sunday at Riverbend Church and hosted by the Austin Muslim Society, bringing together people and religions from all walks of life. Credit: iACT Facebook

## What's Going On Today

**After today's 10am service** we'll be putting up **the Advent Wreath and the first of the Advent Banners in the worship space**. It takes 3 or 4 people to get the wreath out of the basement, and if we have enough help we'll explore using our drapes in Advent colors. So please stick around to help. **Contact Claire or Tom Bray** with questions at [claire.bray@sbcglobal.net](mailto:claire.bray@sbcglobal.net) or [tom.bray@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tom.bray@sbcglobal.net).

**The final week of our "Living Fully Expressed in Love" series is today.** We will look at the meaning, purpose, and fullness of worship and explore how we might open our hearts and minds to worship God more fully. Join us in the Parish Hall after service.

## Announcements and Events

**Advent concerts with the St. Matthews Episcopal Church music department** will be **every Thursday, starting on Nov. 30 and until Dec. 21** at the St. Matthews Sanctuary, 8134 Mesa Dr., **at 12:05pm**. Information: [www.stmattsaustrin.org](http://www.stmattsaustrin.org).

### Scripture Readings

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; 1 Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

## Weekly Prayer Services

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### 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 Bles ([phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com)).

## Contact information

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**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](mailto:jsking2010@yahoo.com)).

**Come and make an Advent wreath at our Advent Party during Taco Sunday on December 3.** There will be cookies to decorate, ornaments to make and festive cider to drink. All supplies will be available, donations accepted to cover costs.

**We'll be doing the annual Greening of the Church on Sunday, December 17** after the 10am service. A light lunch will be offered to fortify us as we work. We'll be hanging the greens, the Christmas banner, the lights in the Narthax, and arranging the poinsettias. There will be plenty to do for all ages, so bring the family. **Contact Claire** or **Tom Bray** with questions at [claire.bray@sbcglobal.net](mailto:claire.bray@sbcglobal.net) or [tom.bray@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tom.bray@sbcglobal.net).

**Faith on the Run** - 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 end around **8am**. Contact **Rev. Brin, (801) 971-8177** for details and if you are attending.

**Summer registration for Camp Allen is open now.** Plan some time in the sunshine as it gets colder outside. Camp Allen's summer camp is one of the largest camp programs in the Episcopal Church. Each summer, hundreds of rising 3rd to 12th graders from across Texas come to refocus, relax, and have a blast. **2018 Registration Opened November 1.** For information, contact us at **936-870-2422** or [suzib@campallen.org](mailto:suzib@campallen.org).

**Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) for all 6th - 12th grade students** won't meet this week (Nov 26) because of Thanksgiving or next week (Dec. 3) so that everyone can enjoy Tacos and Advent Wreath making together, but the following week (Dec. 10) will be the start of a new time - EYC will meet straight after the 10am service for a new series of events with Marina and guests!

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

**Children and Student Formation** for **preschool to 12th grade** takes place **during the 10am Worship Service**. Children and youth come to the education wing before the start of the service then everyone is brought to the worship space in time for Eucharist with their family and friends.

**Nursery care for infants through 3 years old** is available in the Education Wing from 9:45am to 12:15pm. Our nursery is 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 meets on Sundays **immediately after the 10am service** 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](mailto:brenda@st-michaels.org)). Children are welcome to join at any time.

**Our past six-week small groups session just ended** but it's never too late to prepare for the next session. We will have one group meeting on Sunday morning after the 10am service 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 and upcoming dates.

**El Buen Samaritano reached its Thanksgiving challenge goal**, with over 1,000 dinners distributed and over \$28,000 (and counting) raised. St Michael's helped in that endeavor, as we raised \$1,930 dollars towards the challenge. Thanks go out to everyone that contributed in the effort to make a happy holiday for even our most vulnerable families.

## 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.).

### Scripture Readings

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## The 33rd Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service and Celebration from Nov. 19, 2017



Photo Credit: The Facebook page of iACT

*Our very own Rev. Sherry Williams went to this special service last weekend at Riverbend Church. What follows is her account of the service and the fellowship that brought multiple faiths together in the spirit of the holidays.*

The 33rd Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service and Celebration – sponsored by Interfaith Action of Central Texas (iACT) – was hosted this year by the Austin MuslimCommunity at Riverbend Church. The gathering was a hopeful, fulfilling, and amazing success that blended a variety of people and faiths together for a momentous occasion. It was inspiring to be with people of Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, Buddhist, Baha’i, and Hindu faiths, all in one space together to worship God.

The service began with Muslim and Jewish calls to prayer and continued with the singing of One Love and Amazing Grace while vested clergy from all faiths processed into the church. The Riverbed pastor and a representative of the Muslim community expressed welcoming words which were followed by prayers of Thanksgiving from a Rabbit Cantor, Austin Mayor Steve Adler, and representatives from Sikhs, Buddhists, Hindus, and Baha’i faiths. Prayers for the city, a litany for love and justice, and a litany for the victims of Sutherland Springs followed.

The service concluded with the song God Has Smiled On Me. After, everyone adjourned to visit in the courtyard and sampled foods from across the world.

Next year’s celebration is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 18. Time and place will be announced at a later time, but be sure to mark your calendars for this event now.

iACT sponsors interfaith dialog with their The Red Bench Program, which meets at the Presbyterian seminary. It provides ESL training and cultural orientation for refugees and helps provide decent housing for elderly and disabled homeowners in East Austin via the Hands On Housing Project. The iACT Passport Program creates opportunities for people to visit other faith venues during the year. For more information about these activities and more, visit <https://www.facebook.com/interfaithtexas/>.

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