

THE SUNDAY TRUMPET

First Sunday of Advent

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.



What's Going On Today

Today's 10am service is followed by **First Sunday Brunch at 11:15am**, with the addition of tamales from Rio Grande Valley, and make **an Advent wreath at our Advent party**. There will be cookies to decorate, ornaments to make and festive cider to drink. All supplies will be available, donations accepted to cover costs.

Poinsettias donations are available beginning today for dedicating to the memory, honor, and celebration of loved ones. Envelopes are available in the narthex. Contact Rev. Brin for more information.

A new Advent education series on Practicing Wonder with Rev. Brin **begins today at 9am**. See announcements for more information.

EYC youth group will meet today as part of the Advent party, as well as other activities afterwards. See announcements for more information.

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 64: 1-9; Psalm 80:1-7; 1 1 Corinthians 13:9; Mark 13:24-37

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 Bles (phyllis.blees@gmail.com).

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Announcements and Events

Advent concerts with the St. Matthews Episcopal Church

music department will be **every Thursday until Dec. 21** at the St. Matthews Sanctuary, 8134 Mesa Dr., **at 12:05pm**. Information: www.stmattsaustrin.org.

Take pictures with the real Santa after the 10am service

on December 10. St Nicholas, a 4th century bishop who helped the poor and gave gifts in secret to those who needed them, is the Christian basis for many of our Christmas traditions. This saint's day is December 6.

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 Narthex, 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 or tom.bray@sbcglobal.net.

All children are invited to join our Christmas pageant at

the **5pm service on Christmas Eve**. Come dressed up as shepherds or angels (costumes will also be available) or just as you are. Everyone will begin by sitting with families in church then be invited to join in with the pageant at the appropriate time. There are a few brief speaking parts for both children and youth, please contact **Lesley** if you would like to be involved with these and if you have any questions.

Advent Series on Practicing Wonder - In this four-week Sunday

series we will reflect on how we might slow down and take time to witness the wonder of God in the midst of one of the busiest times of the year. Guided by The Living Compass Advent booklet. Come to the whole series or just drop in for one or two sessions, this will be a time to "be still and know that God is Lord." **We will meet at 9am in the Associate Rector's Office**. Childcare and children's activities are available in the Education Wing at this time.

Living Well Through Advent - Practicing Wonder with all Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind.

This Advent reflection is available to all and is located in the Narthex on the glass table. Use this guide on your own or join Rev. Brin in the Christian Education Hour at **9am** to reflect on your Advent journey with others.

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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.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) for all 6th - 12th grade students doesn't meet this week. **After the combined service at 10am**, everyone will gather to get Tacos and decorate advent wreaths. Around 11:45 anyone who is still around can join me in making a run to Pink Berry for some frozen yogurt. Most likely we can get everyone dropped back off around 12:45-1:00pm. Our new future meeting time starting 12/10 will be after the 10am service. We will be holding our White Elephant gift exchange on Dec. 10. If you can, please bring a gift of \$20 or less to exchange. We'll be ordering food that day so please bring \$5 and **email Marina if you are coming**.

Sunday Seekers Book Study is in the Bride's Room **at 9am** and 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) for more information. New participants are welcome to join at any time.

Fellowship for youth and children available in the education wing beginning at **9am**.

Children and Sunday School 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). Children are welcome to join at any time.

Outreach and Stewardship

St. Michaels will partner with Refugee Services of Texas (RST) again in welcoming refugee families to Austin. Under the new Welcome Team structure, RST is asking groups to make a 3 month commitment for each family, to set up 2 apartments, greet each family at the airport, donate at least 2 months rent to their Neediest Families Rent Fund, give each family of a tour of Austin, and extend our friendship to help them navigate their new life. St. Michaels has requested to set up an apartment on either the second, third or fourth weekend in January. It truly takes a village to welcome refugee families. Adults, youth, children all have talents that are needed in this ministry. If you would like to be involved, please let us know by email.

We will also be in the Narthex after services on Dec. 10 and 17. For information, contact sherry.v.williams@mac.com, susanorum@gmail.com, or kaytballen@gmail.com.

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The Stewardship Kick-off Campaign started October 1 and thus far, **250 stewardship letters** were mailed to parishioners. To-date, we have we have received **98 pledges for \$528,447**, which is a great start. Thank you to the **46 parishioners who increased their pledge**. And we also welcome **10 brand new pledging parishioners**. However, we still have a ways to go: For those of you still prayerfully discerning your financial commitment to St. Michael's, please consider turning in your pledge before the end of the year to assist Vestry and the Finance Commission in structuring the 2018 budget.

The 2017 St. Michael's December/Christmas/New Year Schedule

- **Dec. 3:** The First Sunday of Advent: Holy Eucharist at **7:45** and **10am** followed by First Sunday Taco Brunch with Advent Wreath making
- **Dec. 10:** The Second Sunday of Advent: Holy Eucharist at **7:45** and **10am** followed by a visit from St Nicolas
- **Dec. 17:** The Third Sunday of Advent: Holy Eucharist at **7:45** and **10am** followed by gift wrapping for our Trinity Street neighbors
- **Dec. 24:**
 - **Morning:** The Fourth Sunday of Advent: **7:45am:** The Holy Eucharist Rt. 1, **10am:** Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols (**followed by a simple celebration of the Eucharist**)
 - **Afternoon:** St. Michael's hosts Trinity Center at **2pm.** Holy Eucharist and a festive meal.
 - **Christmas Eve Evening:**
 - **5pm:** Children's Festival Eucharist with Pageant: Music by Iain Sturrock and Friends. All children are invited to take part. Come dressed as angel or shepherd; lamb or ox. (*Childcare is offered for those 3 years and under.*)
 - **7pm:** Holy Eucharist with carols, Music by the Music Team. (*Childcare is offered for those 3 years and under.*)
 - **10:30pm:** A Traditional "Christ-Mass at Midnight" with carols and music beginning at 10pm. Music by the Chancel Choir. (*No childcare at this service.*)
- **Christmas Day,** Monday morning: Family friendly worship with carols at **10am.** Followed by a hike with our friends from St. Matthews. (*No childcare at this service.*)
- **December 31:** Sunday, New Year's Eve **7:45am:** The Holy Eucharist Rt. 1; **10am:** Holy Eucharist: The First Sunday after Christmas Day: Christmas Carols and a Renewal of Marriage and Family vows. (*Nursery and combined children's Sunday school class during the service.*)
- **January 7:** A Celebration of the Epiphany and the Baptism of our Lord **7:45am** Holy Eucharist Rt. 1; **10am:** Holy Eucharist with the visitation of the Magi and baptisms. (*All Children and Student Sunday school classes resume and take place during the service.*)
January 14: The Second Sunday after the Epiphany and Martin Luther King Celebration, **7:45am** Holy Eucharist Rt. 1; **10am:** Holy Eucharist with music from "Lift Every Voice and Sing" and other Gospel music.

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