

THE SUNDAY TRUMPET

Second 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.

Sunday Healing Ministry

This time of year is stressful, so please be reminded that St. Michael's offers people willing to pray with during and after communion each service. The healing station is at the front left of the church, off to the side of the Advent wreath.



What's Going On Today

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

Take pictures with the real Santa after the 10am service today.

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.

EYC white elephant gift exchange today. See Marina or the EYC section for further information.

Announcements and Events

Rector Search Update by Kathy Wiggins, Search Committee Chair

The Rector Search Committee was hard at work during October and November. Several applicants were recommended to us by the Diocese of Texas. After completing first round interviews with each one, which included on-site visits to hear candidates preach sermons, watch them celebrate Eucharist and meet their families in person, we held second round interviews in Austin. **Two outstanding candidates have emerged from this selection process.** We hope to complete our discernment over the next two weeks and present a recommendation to the vestry for approval on 12/21.

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

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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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.

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.

Bring a present for our Trinity Street Neighbors and join us for a wrapping party **in the Parish Hall on Dec. 17, after the 10am service**. Socks are the most needed and requested item. All the gifts will be given out when St Michael's goes to Trinity Center on Christmas Eve. Donations can be brought to the office at anytime.

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.

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.

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Formation and Education

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) for all 6th - 12th grade students after the combined service at 10am. We will be holding our White Elephant gift exchange today. If you can, please bring a gift of \$20 or less to exchange. We'll be ordering food 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 finishing the book 'How to Read the Apocalypse' by Jean-Pierre Prévost today. **The group will break for the rest of the month, then resume on January 7** with the book 'God's Voice Within: The Ignatian Way to Discover God's Will,' by Mark Thibodeaux. Bring your own copy or contact **Phyllis Blee** (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

Thank you to all who contributed to sponsor our Foundation Communities families for Christmas. The gifts were delivered on Thursday. Please watch the Trumpet for future opportunities to help Foundation Communities as they help families and individuals succeed.

We are looking for folks to bake 1-2 dozen cookies to share with our Neighbors at Trinity Center on Christmas Eve. Any variety of cookie will be appreciated. Please let **Caroline Kibler** (caroline.kibler@gmail.com) know if you can help out and then deliver your cookies in a disposable container to the church office by 11:30am on December 24. Office hours for that week are Monday-Thursday 9-4pm.

During Advent St. Michaels parishioners will have an opportunity to support several important Episcopal outreach programs through our Gifts for Life campaign. You will find us in the Church foyer. Episcopal Relief & Development provides the following ministries in developing countries: Water (wells & sanitation), agriculture (food animals, crops & gardens), sustainable infrastructure (rainwater harvesting, community gardening), medical training (clinics, perinatal care, preventive care), and economics (micro-loans, entrepreneurial training). St. Etienne Episcopal School, Haiti, in Partnership with SMEC parishioner Victoria Woodruff and St. Stephens Episcopal School, Austin Holy Spirit Bilingual Episcopal School, Honduras, in partnership with SMEC parishioner, Barbara Cowan, associate missionary with Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders.

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Updated 2017 St. Michael's Advent/Christmas/New Year Schedule

- **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 and greening of the church
- **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. Costumes available for children. (*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:** Carols and music by the Chancel Choir
 - **11pm:** A Traditional "Christ-Mass at Midnight" (*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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