

# THE SUNDAY TRUMPET

## Third 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.



*A special thanks to Philip Boone for his portrayal of Bishop Nikolaos of Myra last Sunday for the second week of Advent.*

## 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. Help us fill the worship space with flowers for Christmas!

**Annual Greening of the Church is today** 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.

**Bring a present for our Trinity Street Neighbors** and join us for a wrapping party in the Parish Hall today **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.

### Scripture Readings

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Canticle 15, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8,19-28

## 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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## Announcements and Events

**Baptisms will take place at the 10am service on January 7th.**

Please contact **Rev. Brin** ([brin@st-michaels.org](mailto:brin@st-michaels.org)) for more information.

**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](http://www.stmattsaustrin.org)**.

**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.

**The Christmas Day inter-parish service and hike**

takes place on **Monday, Dec 25th**, as the people of St Michael's and St Matthew's will join together for the feast of the Incarnation **at 10:00am in St Michael's sanctuary**. The Rev Brin Bon will celebrate and the Rev Christian Hawley will preach. Immediately after the service we will head over to St Edward's park for a Christmas Day hike (approximately 11:20am at the trailhead and pets are welcome.) Please contact **Rev. Brin** with any questions.

**The next meeting of the St. Michael's book group** will be

on **Wednesday, January 31, 2018**, to discuss the novel *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. We will meet at Panera on Bee Cave Road, in the Trader Joe's shopping center, at 2:30pm. All are welcome! For questions, please contact **Jackie King**, [jsking2010@yahoo.com](mailto:jsking2010@yahoo.com)

**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. Won't meet on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

### Scripture Readings

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**St. Michael's is in the process of converting all of our incandescent and fluorescent lighting** to more efficient LEDs in order to significantly cut our lighting electricity bill,. This includes replacing several hundred 32 Watt 4 foot fluorescent tubes. If anyone would like some of these used 32 Watt tubes that are in good condition for home use, they will be available for free in the office. Colors range from warm white to daylight.

## Formation and Education

**Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) for all 6th - 12th grade students is on hiatus until mid-January.**

Marina will have more information on the new start date after the new year.

**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.

**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 Blees** ([phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto: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 **at 9am, before the 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.

## Outreach and Stewardship

**The Finance Commission is working on developing the St. Michael's 2018 budget for Vestry approval,** and we need you and your pledge card! If you have turned one in---a great big THANK YOU! If you are still prayerfully discerning your decision, the Stewardship Commission respectfully request your pledge commitment by the end-of-the year.

**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](mailto: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.

**A note from El Bun Samaritano:** Thanks to your generosity, El Buen Samaritano raised \$47,607 for our annual Thanksgiving dinner drive and to fund our food pantry year-round. We couldn't have done it without St. Michael's! Your parish raised \$1,950, and we are so grateful for each and every single one of you.

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

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- **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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