



# THE TRUMPET

AN INSTRUMENT OF GOOD NEWS

JANUARY 2, 2022  
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

## CHRISTMAS EVE AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Thanks to Amanda Evans Lang and Karen Haslund for these snapshots of our worship at all three Christmas Eve services. One page isn't enough to share the story of the night; I hope two will come close. Merry Christmas one more time, and Happy New Year, St. Michael's family! *Christine Havens, Assistant for Communications & Administration*





## NOTES

**Taco Sunday Postponed** Due to concerns about the omicron variant of COVID, Taco Sunday has been postponed for January. Join us in February for fellowship and breakfast at the 10am hour.

**No Sunday School January 2** There is no Sunday School during the 10am service this week—Family Minister Amanda will be out, but we will have special wiggle baskets for the children and the Gathering Room is available for families with extra-wiggly kids.



**Rector's Bible Study** Bible study is on Christmas break. Tuesday sessions with Fr. John will resume on January 18; Sunday classes will pick up again on January 30. Topic to be announced. Zoom info: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84290310446?pwd=WG1iK0t6WFVITjdNVTYyTk41S29yZz09>  
Meeting ID: 842 9031 0446 Passcode: 582175

**Christmas Flower Dedication** This dedication was inadvertently left out of the Christmas Eve bulletins: The Christmas flowers are given to the glory of God, and by William and Judy Brantley in honor of those missing loved ones during the Christmas season and in honor of the Altar Guild Angels.

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## FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

**The Seekers: Sundays @10:00am** The Seekers meet on campus at 10:00 am on Sundays in the room to the right of the sanctuary, with an option to connect via Zoom. The group has just started reading *Divine Science: Finding Reason at the Heart of Faith*, by Michael Dennin, a physicist. The book is an exploration of science and faith as complementary ideas. Interested in joining the group? Contact Harriett Choffel at [harriettchoffel@me.com](mailto:harriettchoffel@me.com) or Phyllis Blees at [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com) for more info. Here's the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjIVU3YyZz09>, Passcode: 541706.

**St. Michael's Book Club** Looking for fellowship and conversation? Love reading? Join the SMEC Book Club! The group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 2:30pm via Zoom. The next meeting is on January 26 and the group is reading *The Lincoln Highway*, by Amor Towles (*A Gentleman of Moscow*). Please email Rhoda Silverberg at [rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com](mailto:rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com) for more information and for the Zoom link. February's book is *My Remarkable Journey*, by Katherine Johnson.

**St. Michael's Women's Virtual Potluck** The SMEC Women's Potluck group gathers at 6:00 pm on the first Monday of each month unless it falls on a holiday. All women of the parish are invited—bring a friend! Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84019837778?pwd=SGRmQXhoYllXSUZCZEkrL0hMdFhldz09>; passcode is 242636.

**Morning Prayer: Tuesdays @9:00 am** You're invited to Morning Prayer each Tuesday morning at 9:00 am. Please note the Zoom link and passcode: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81346686555?pwd=MHFKdmlwWXRnZlVZM2tlb04wUFVHUT09>. **Passcode:** prayer.

**Centering Prayer: Tuesdays @6:30 pm** This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjVU3YyZz09>; passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Bles with questions: [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com). For more about contemplative prayer, click this link: [Heart of Texas Contemplative Outreach](#).

**Evening Prayer: Wednesdays @4:30 pm** Each Wednesday at 4:30 pm. Use Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88082768969> and passcode 826364.

**Thursday Afternoon Bible Study @1:00 pm** This informal group discusses the Daily Office readings—drop in anytime! Led by Mary Healy, [mary.r.healy@gmail.com](mailto:mary.r.healy@gmail.com). Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87035409217?pwd=b3RVWmJwOGFRTHgvK0dXMTB3UEM0Zz09>. Meeting ID: 870 3540 9217. Use this passcode: biblestudy.

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## MINISTRIES

**Stephen Ministry** Would you like a caring person to be with you steadfastly, in and through a hard time in your life? Consider asking for a Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministry is a free, confidential program that provides Christian care to hurting people with our congregation and surrounding community. Learn more at [www.st-michaels.org/stephen-ministry](http://www.st-michaels.org/stephen-ministry). If you'd like a Stephen Minister, please contact Jeff Robinson ([jarobinson100@gmail.com](mailto:jarobinson100@gmail.com)), Julie de Wette ([julie@losmadrone.com](mailto:julie@losmadrone.com)), or Fr. John Newton ([jnewton@st-michaels.org](mailto:jnewton@st-michaels.org)).

**Altar Guild** The Altar Guild is always looking for women and men to join this ministry. This group makes sure that the sanctuary is clean and readied for services and other liturgical events that happen at St. Michael's. If you are interested in serving or for more information, please contact Gail Reid at [reid.gail@gmail.com](mailto:reid.gail@gmail.com).

## FAMILY LIFE

Amanda Evans Lang, family minister, invites you to check out the [Family Ministry](#) and [Student Ministry](#) pages on the St. Michael's website for updates and activities to enrich your spiritual life. Please email with questions at [amanda@st-michaels.org](mailto:amanda@st-michaels.org).

**Family Ministry Volunteers Needed!** Family Minister Amanda is looking for some volunteers. If you enjoy being crafty, helping with tasks like mailing postcards and organizing supplies, and are available during the week, please contact her at [amanda@st-michaels.org](mailto:amanda@st-michaels.org).

**Fourth Sunday 4 families** Each month, the Family Ministry team hosts an intergenerational activity in the parish hall. All are welcome to join in between the 9:00 and 11:00 am services. There's usually a youth-oriented activity after the 11:00 am is over. The *next Fourth Sunday is January 23*—we hope to see you there!

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## THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

Please email Christine Havens at [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org) with prayer requests or to receive the weekly Prayer Chain emails.

### Parish Prayer List

For Elaine Diefenderfer and her family as they grieve the death of her father, Carson Diefenderfer, who passed away on Christmas Eve morning.

As we approach the end of the year and the beginning of a new one, perhaps A Prayer for the Human Family (BCP p. 815) is a good one to share:

*O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

For all victims of gun violence.

### COVID-19

For Family Minister Amanda, who has COVID.

For the Rev. Terry Pierce, who has COVID.

For all children and teachers during this unexpected style of attending school.

For all who struggle with loneliness and isolation.

For all those living in eldercare facilities, and for the staff, and for their families.

For all those without employment at this time.

All of our hospital and healthcare workers, including Rosa, J'aime, and Patty, who are keeping healthcare services running.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** All Saints', Austin; Calvary, Bastrop; Christ Church, Cedar Park.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

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### ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

*The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God, by Joyce Miller in loving memory of Philip M. Miller on what would have been his 90th birthday on January 3; and by the Gross family—E. V., David, Tammy, Courtney, Haley, Kash, and Kennedy—in loving memory of David Bryan Gross, Sr.*

Sponsoring altar flowers is a wonderful way to honor loved ones or celebrate an occasion. Dedications can be emailed to: [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org). Your donation can be mailed to the church office or given via the "Give" page of our website: <https://www.st-michaels.org/take-action>.

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Jeremiah 31:7-14

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Psalms 84:1-8

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### THE TRUMPET SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Have a submission for the Trumpet? Please send your ideas, stories, or photos to Christine Havens, Communications Assistant, ([chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org)) by 12:00 pm on Wednesdays.

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