



THE TRUMPET

AN INSTRUMENT OF GOOD NEWS

MARCH 6, 2022
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

A BIG WELCOME TO SMEC'S NEWEST STAFF MEMBER!

On behalf of Fr. John, Family Minister Amanda, and the rest of the St. Michael's staff, I'd love to introduce you to the newest member of our team: **GRAYSON DAIL**, who joins us as our student director. She'll be working part-time, and becoming an integral part of the family ministry team.

We're so thrilled to have her both sharing her gifts with us. Fr. John "looks forward to seeing how Grayson grows while here." Amanda is excited to have Grayson here as she has a lot of energy and ideas to share.

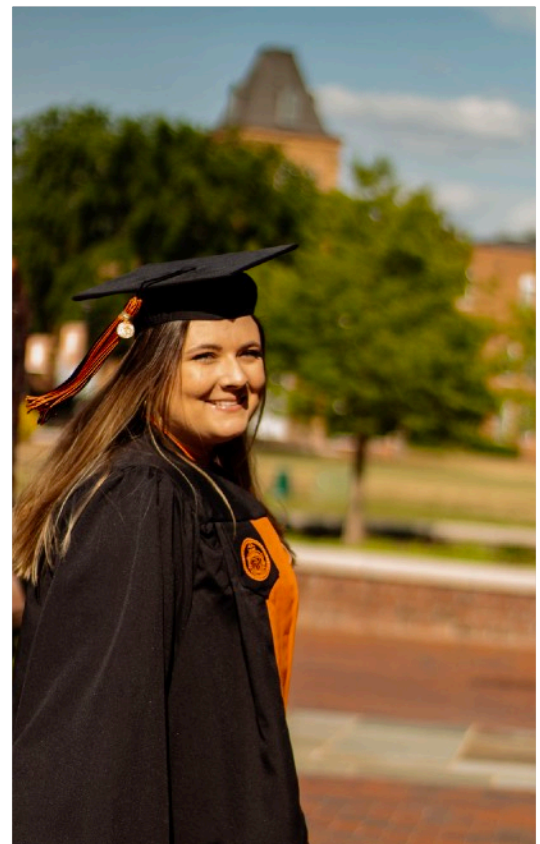
Grayson comes to us from Wilson, North Carolina. She is a recent graduate of Campbell University, where she obtained a degree in Christian Studies. After graduation, she spent her time as an admissions counselor for Campbell. As her brother lives in Austin, she desired to move closer to him and help with his growing family.

Her move to Austin has given Grayson the opportunity to work at the Seminary of the Southwest as an enrollment manager in addition to her part-time role here at St. Michaels. She is eager to meet everyone and become a part of the St. Michaels community.

Grayson has a heart for the Lord and can't wait to build relationships with students, instilling a heart for ministry, mind for theology, and spirit of community. She looks forward to getting to know our families

When you see Grayson on Sundays, please give her a big welcome!

—Christine Havens, Director of Communications

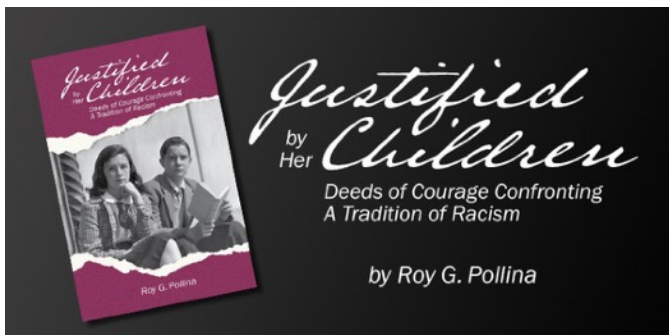


NOTES



Taco Sunday | March 6 | 10:00am hour All are welcome to the parish hall or courtyard (weather permitting) for fellowship and a delicious homemade meal with breakfast tacos and more. Thanks to our Kitchen Crew for offering this each first Sunday of the month!

Author Presentation: The Rev. Roy G. Pollina, *Justified by Her Children* | March 8 | 6:00pm Parish Hall St. Michael's welcomes the Rev. Roy G. Pollina, retired rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Martinsville, Virginia. He is the author of *Justified by Her Children: Deeds of Courage Confronting a Tradition of Racism*, just published by Whaler Books. Fr. Pollina just received the 2022 Silver Award for *Justified* from the Illumination Book Awards, and it was recently reviewed in *Anglican & Episcopal History*, a journal of the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church; [click here](#) to read it. A big thanks to the Outreach Commission for sponsoring Fr. Pollina's visit; we hope you'll join us. The event will be in person and livestreamed.



SUNDAY AT ST. MICHAEL'S

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7:45 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:00 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite II
10:00 am	Taco Sunday Parish Hall Youth Confirmation Class Rm 8
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite I
12:30 pm	The Seekers (Zoom)
12:45 pm	Rector's Bible Study (Zoom)
TRUSTING IN GRACE: LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES	
5:00 pm	Eucharist Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Speaker - Trisha Taylor Sanctuary
6:15 pm	Refreshments Parish Hall

Watch the 9:00 & 11:00 am services and the
Lenten Speaker Series online at
www.st-michaels.org/worship-online

Readings: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Romans 10:8b-13;
Luke 4:1-13; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16



March 6 | "When Grace Abounds"
Trisha Taylor, author, *The Leader's Journey*

March 13 | "Grace and Goodness"
Dr. Scott Bader-Saye, Professor of Christian Ethics, SSW

March 20 | "Gracious Cursing"
Dr. Rebecca Poe Hays, Professor of Christian Scriptures, Baylor

March 27 | "Grace as Gift"
Dr. Anthony Baker, Professor of Theology, SSW

April 3 | "Grace and Grief"
The Rev. Kelly Koonce, Founder, Life after Loss

TRUSTING IN Grace

SUNDAY EVENINGS IN LENT

5:00 pm Eucharist*

5:30 pm Speaker*

*In-person & livestreamed

6:15 pm Refreshments

Activities available for children & youth

ST. MICHAEL'S PRESENTS OUR 2022 LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES, TRUSTING IN GRACE.

The Collect for the third Sunday in Lent begins with an acknowledgment that we "have no power in ourselves to help ourselves." As we prepare our hearts yet again to find grace and hope in the empty tomb, how might we be intentional about our spiritual practice, all the while growing in a life of trust that God's "glory is always to have mercy?" Five lay and clergy speakers share their thoughts in the St. Michael's sanctuary following a brief Eucharist service. Join us in person or via livestream on our website. Refreshments will be served in the parish hall afterward. You can learn more about all our speakers here: www.st-michaels.org/lenten-speaker-series.



March 6 "When Grace Abounds" | Trisha Taylor

Christians know that grace is necessary but we don't always experience it as abundant. What happens in our lives when we realize that we have all the grace we will ever need? When grace abounds, we can relax our grip on control and anxiety. When grace abounds, so do love and joy and compassion. Lent is just the right season to look for practical ways to move away from fear and scarcity and toward trust and openness in our relationships with God, others, and ourselves.

Trisha Taylor helps leaders, congregations, and couples work toward emotional and spiritual health and maturity so that they can live with joy in loving relationships and can meet the adaptive challenges of our rapidly changing world. She is an ordained minister, licensed counselor in private practice, co-author of two books (*The Leader's Journey* and *Learning Change*) and co-owner of the coaching/consulting business, The Leader's Journey, and host of a podcast by the same name. She and Craig, a pastor, have been happily married for 36 years and have 2 adult children.

PLUG INTO OUTREACH

Trinity Center Update Many thanks to Marsha Hart and Stephen Bedell for their volunteer service preparing and distributing boxed lunches for 50 individuals at Trinity Center on February 20. Gratitude to the Bedell family for providing 50 sandwich bags filled with cookies to include in the boxed lunches! Generosity with grace abounds at SMEC!

If you're interested in helping in April, our next opportunity, contact Marsha Hart (mhartsales@outlook.com) or Harriett Choffel (harriettchoffel@me.com).

Outreach Partners St. Michael's Outreach partners for 2022 are the following organizations: Seminary of the Southwest, Trinity Center, Refugee Services of Texas, Casa Marianella, Pauli Murray Scholarship, Episcopal Relief and Development, St. Michael's Day School, El Buen Samaritano, One Good Turn, Nicole's Place, St. Francis Ministries, Honduras Mission Project, Del Valle Book Project, and the SMEC garden. Throughout the year, we will try to establish deeper relationships with several of these organizations and offer ways for the parish to "plug in" and participate. Stay tuned! *Submitted by Harriett Choffel*

MINISTRIES

Stephen Ministry Occasionally, worry, pain, anxiety or loneliness feel relentless. Jobs, unemployment, family, or eldercare may bring unique highs and weighty lows. A caring Stephen Minister, a trained and confidential listener, not a therapist or friend, may be best equipped to hold your concerns with you for an hour each week, offering understanding, support and prayers.

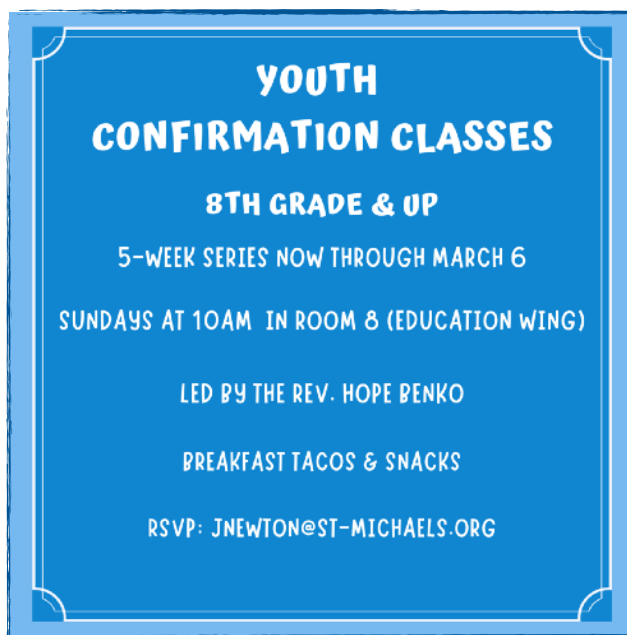
Learn more at www.st-michaels.org/stephen-ministry. If you'd like a Stephen Minister, please contact Jeff Robinson (jarobinson100@gmail.com), Julie de Wette (julie@losmadrones.com), or Fr. John Newton (jnewton@st-michaels.org).

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.

Photography Ministry Our photographers take on the role of capturing the special moments in the parish, may they be during worship, parish gatherings, or special events. If you're interested in helping with St. Michael's photography ministry, please email our director of communications, Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org. If you have any photos of community life or at-home worship that you'd like to share, Christine welcomes those, too.

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.



Vacation Bible Camp–Save the Date! It's not too early to get excited about VBC, which happens the week of August 1! This year's theme is Catch the Wave. Registration opens April 1. Contact Family Minister Amanda at Amanda@st-michael's.org for more details.

Camp Allen Summer Camp Registration Now Open! Now is the perfect time to register your child or grandchild for a great week of camp at Camp Allen. The season begins in June, and sessions fill up quickly! For more information, or to register, click here: <https://www.campallen.org/summercamp.html>.



Sunday School @9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday School is a place where children and their families can practice being compassionate in a community that values love and compassion. 9:00 and 11:00 am in the Family Life Center. Drop off is on the playground and you will be reunited in the sanctuary in time for communion together as a family.

FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

Rector's Bible Study: 1 & 2 Peter | Tuesdays @noon | Sundays @12:45 pm Fr. John's Bible study of 1 & 2 Peter wraps up this Sunday. **The Rev. Dr. Philip Turner begins a study on Ephesians on March 13—** stay tuned for more details. Zoom info: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84620183719?pwd=ait6RFhzZFIRY2RxR0FqWTFvZ0JmUT09>, Meeting ID: 846 2018 3719, Passcode: bible.

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. March's book is *The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich, and the group will meet on the 30th. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com for more information and for the Zoom link.

The Seekers | Sundays @12:30 pm | Currently via Zoom only The Seekers just began reading *Crazy Christians: A Call to Follow Jesus*, by Michael Curry, currently the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church. Contact Harriett Choffel at harriettchoffel@me.com or Phyllis Blees at 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 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=SGRmQXhoYlIXSUZCZEkrL0hMdFhldz09>; 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=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjIVU3YyZz09>; passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Blees with questions: 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. Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87035409217?pwd=b3RVWmJwOGFRTHgvdXMTB3UEM0Zz09>. Meeting ID: 870 3540 9217. Use this passcode: biblestudy.

DAY SCHOOL PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

Ash Wednesday Chapel, how sacred a space.



THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

Please email Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org with prayer requests or to receive the weekly Prayer Chain emails.

Parish Prayer List

For Carolyn Soper, as she recovers from a recent fall and from hip surgery.

For Glen Reid, as he recovers from pacemaker surgery.

For Bunny Cowan and Karen Haslund on their mission trip to Honduras.

For the children in the Connecting to Communion class who will receive communion on Sunday, and for all the children of St. Michael's.

In thanksgiving for Dan Havens, as he turns 77 this weekend.

For all victims of gun violence.

"We pray in solidarity with all children of God who are now in harm's way. I invite you to pray with me for peace—and for a world where we all join hands and 'strive for justice and peace and respect the dignity of every human being. '" --From Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's prayer for the Ukraine

Ongoing Prayers

COVID-19

Rita's uncle, Allen Archer; his wife, Therese; and Brandy Brown's grandfather, Kenneth Archer, who all have 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: St. Paul's, Pflugerville; St. Peter's, Lago Vista; St. Richard's, Round Rock; Trinity, Marble Falls

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Korea.

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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The altar is bare during Lent. Please consider dedicating Easter lilies or choosing a date later in the year.

Sponsoring altar flowers is a wonderful way to honor loved ones or celebrate an occasion. They are printed here and in the worship bulletins. Dedications can be emailed to: 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>.

FOLLOW ST. MICHAEL'S ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook: @St.Michaels.Austin

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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) by 12:00 pm on Wednesdays.

Your extravagant generosity is appreciated.

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