



THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news for our community

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CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY



advent 2020

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ADVENT AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Our liturgical new year begins next Sunday, November 29, with the transition from Pentecost into Advent. We go from green to purple (or blue) for clergy vestments and altar cloth. We go into a season of anticipation as we await the birth of Jesus, our savior. While many, including staff members, have already decorated their homes for Christmas, and Black Friday sales have spread online before Thanksgiving, St. Michael's offers these ways for you and your family to take a deep breath and get ready for the adventure that happens on Christmas Eve.

TAKE HOME KITS FOR ADVENT

We are celebrating Advent at home this year with a take home kit curated by our own very creative Family Minister Amanda—it's perfect for all generations! Parents, grandparents, singles who need some crafty-ness, if you'd like to reserve a kit, please email Amanda at amanda@st-michaels.org. Each kit is filled with devotionals, hands-on activities, conversation starters, and more great ideas to make this Advent a celebration of hope right in your own living space.

FR. JOHN'S ADVENT MEDITATIONS

Our other Advent offering is a series of four video Advent meditations from Fr. John. Each week, a new one will be included in the Friday Trumpet email, beginning on Friday, November 27. These thoughtful yet provocative meditations provide a space in which to abide with scripture in stillness and peace.

NOTES

WORSHIP SERVICES *All our services follow COVID-19 precautions as outlined by the Diocese of Texas and the City of Austin.*

CHECK-IN INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES Heading to campus for in-person worship? Please text “SMEC” to 312-487-3550 *each week and follow the text prompt; include your full name and the service you plan to attend. Check in at anytime, right up to the service.* This allows us to contact folks easily and rapidly if we have a COVID-19 exposure and in case of weather issues. We certainly won’t turn anyone away. Here is a link to the website, which has a more detailed how-to: <https://www.st-michaels.org/checkin-1>. We’ll have a table on Sunday mornings if you need assistance. If you’ve checked in successfully using your phone, just grab a bulletin and you’re all set!

COURTYARD EUCHARIST A spoken Rite I Eucharist that begins at **8:00 am**. Seating is provided.

PICNIC CHURCH This completely outdoor service, complete with blankets and wiggle baskets for the kids, happens every Sunday at **9:15 am** in the courtyard. Bring your own chairs.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II WITH MUSIC Join us in the sanctuary at **10:30 am** for this service, which is in-person and livestreamed on our website.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the church office will be closed on Thursday, November 26. As a reminder, regular business hours are Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-4:00pm. Any articles for the Trumpet, any prayer requests, altar flower dedications, or birthday/anniversary names should be in to Christine (chavens@st-michaels.org) by 1:00 pm on Monday, November 23. Thank you!

SEEKERS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP The Seekers will be starting a new book on Sunday, November 22! It’s the internationally-renowned novel about the life and death of Jesus—*The Last Temptation of Christ* by Nikos Kazantzakis, a book that has generated controversy and conversation since its publication. The group meets at **11:45 am each Sunday** and all are welcome. Here’s the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjIvU3YyZz09>. Please email Phyllis Blee at phyllis.blees@gmail.com with any questions.

STEPHEN MINISTRY HERE FOR YOU Lonely? Sad? Discouraged? Pandemic fatigue? Going through a rough time—emotionally or spiritually? Struggling with a life crisis? Consider letting a Stephen Minister help. A Stephen Minister is a parish member who is trained to listen, care, encourage, pray, and walk alongside you during difficult times. It’s confidential, free, very helpful, and the ministers follow CDC guidelines for safe visits. To learn more, please contact a Stephen Leader: *Jeff Robinson* (jarobinson100@gmail.com or 512-963-6687) or *Julie de Wette* (julie@losmadrone.com or 512-925-7029). Or you may contact our rector: *the Rev. John Newton* (jnewton@st-michaels.org).

ADULT FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

RECTOR’S BIBLE STUDY: THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES TUESDAYS & SUNDAYS @NOON What was the early church like? How did Christianity spread? What can we learn about the church’s mission today by studying the acts and actions of Jesus’s first apostles? These are just a few of the questions we will explore over a period of 14 weeks, **September 8-December 13**. Sessions will be recorded and made available on YouTube for those who cannot attend a live one. Click the link for the full [syllabus](#). Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84133373380>.

ST. MICHAEL’S BOOK CLUB All are invited! The next title is *White Fragility*, by Robin DiAngelo, which will be discussed on Wednesday, December 2, at 2:30 pm. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com for more information and for the Zoom link.

ST. MICHAEL'S WOMEN'S VIRTUAL POTLUCK Table fellowship with friends via Zoom—women of all ages are welcome to join. Alternate **Monday evenings at 6:00 pm** every other week. 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 with Mother Minerva each Tuesday morning at 9:00 am. Please note the new Zoom link and passcode: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81346686555?pwd=MHFKdmlwWXRnZlVZM2tlb04wUUVHUT09>. **New Passcode:** prayer.

CENTERING PRAYER ON TUESDAY EVENINGS This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjVU03YyZz09>; 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 Led by Fr. John each Wednesday at 4:30 pm. **NEW** Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88082768969>. **Passcode now required:** 826364. The information is also in Fr. John's weekly Tuesday e-news.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY @1:00 PM This informal group discusses the Daily Office readings—drop in anytime! Led by Mthr. Minerva Camarena Skeith, mskeith@st-michaels.org, Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87035409217?pwd=b3RVWmJwOGFRTHgyK0dXMTB3UEM0Zz09>. Meeting ID: 870 3540 9217. **PLEASE NOTE** that you should use this passcode: biblestudy.

STUDENT MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL & EYC

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) is at 4:00 pm and will be gathering outdoors, too. Check the Student Ministry webpage at www.st-michaels.org/students for more information or contact Luis at livas@st-michaels.org.

FAMILY MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS ON HIATUS UNTIL NOVEMBER 29 STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES ABOUT FUN ADVENT

SURPRISES! For more about our Family Ministry program, go to www.st-michaels.org/family-ministry.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

NEW PRAYERS

For Loura, friend of Elizabeth Turner's, who suffered a stroke recently.
For Briana, who is in need of healing and peace.
For Lily Odle, great-niece of Britt Behrens, who has COVID-19.
In thanksgiving that Christine's daughter, Maggie, is recovering from COVID.

ONGOING PRAYERS

COVID-19

For Jim McConaughy, brother-in-law of Karen Haslund, who is gravely ill with COVID-19, and for his family.
For Rick & Dianna Lang, in-laws of Amanda Evans Lang, who have been diagnosed with COVID-19.

For the Jacob and Abramo families.

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

For Suzanne, who is struggling with loneliness and isolation during this time, and for all who struggle with these issues.

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 Stuart Wiggin, Rosa, J'aime, and Patty, who are keeping healthcare services running.

Miriam Carrillo, and Alfred Carrillo, sister and brother of José, whose livelihoods have been affected by the public emergency.

For Hannah M.

For Ed Erdman.

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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The altar flowers this week are given to the glory of God, and by Frank Burdis in honor of his late wife's birthday (Liz Wyckoff).

Sponsoring altar flowers is a wonderful way to honor loved ones or celebrate an occasion. Dedications can be emailed to the office: 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>.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Are you celebrating a birthday or anniversary? We'd love to pray for you during the Sunday service and print your name(s) in the bulletin. The submission deadline is noon of the Wednesday prior to when you'd like to receive a blessing; email to Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org.

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Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 100

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

SHARE YOUR STAY-AT-HOME PHOTOS!

Worshipping with your family, friends, pets? Have something else you'd like to share? We'd would still love to see your photos and share them on Facebook and/or in the Trumpet! Please send in as high a resolution as possible to Christine at chavens@st-michaels.org. Thank you!

THE TRUMPET SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Have a submission for the Trumpet? Please send it to Christine (chavens@st-michaels.org) by 12:00 pm on the Wednesday prior to the date you would like your announcement to appear in the Trumpet. Running it two weeks prior to your event is recommended for most church announcements.

*Your extravagant generosity is appreciated.
Text SMEC1500 to 73256 and follow the prompts to make an e-offering.*