

SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 3, 2023

4 PM
ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS
CHURCH



WELCOME



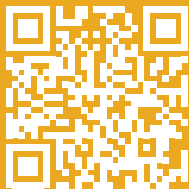
We're glad you're here!

We'd love to get to know you and help you get to know us. Saint Michael is a vibrant group of people choosing to live life as a community: pursuing Jesus, caring for one another, and serving those in need.

While you're here with us today, we'd love for you to do two things:

- 1. Fill out a Welcome Card.** They're in the pew back in front of you, or use the QR code to use the quick, mobile-friendly "Get in Touch" form.
- 2. Stop by a Welcome Hub in the church lobby.** You'll see greeters wearing "Welcome" ribbons/lanyards and they can answer questions about a worship service, formation class, or childcare.

We look forward to seeing you soon!



At Saint Michael we are all about connecting, serving, and growing. To learn more about us, find ways to get involved, or see a map of the campus, scan the QR code.

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

7:30 AM

Traditional
Saint Michael Chapel

9 AM

Traditional
Church
Joy! A Children's Service
Saint Michael Chapel

10 AM

Formation for All Ages
Advent Festival
Garden Cloister & Coke Room

11 AM

Traditional
Church
Contemporary
Parish Hall

5:30 PM

Traditional
Saint Michael Chapel

OUR FOCUS: Build Christian Disciples for a Transformed Community



Rob Springer-Kyle leads our Welcome and Engagement ministries at Saint Michael and he would love the opportunity to connect and answer any questions you may have. Feel free to contact him at (903) 405-7447 or rspringer-kyle@saintmichael.org.

The blue cover reflects the liturgical color used during the season of Advent; blue is associated with the Virgin Mary, and so brings to mind the Incarnation.

FROM THE RECTOR

The Rev. Dr. Christopher D. Girata



We're so glad you've joined us at Saint Michael today! We'd love to get to know you better, so please take a moment to fill out the welcome card, either physically or digitally, that can be found on the opposite page or in the pew back in front of you. Our Welcome Team members are in the hallways today to help you with anything you need.

Today we begin the sacred season of Advent. I hope you'll make plans to join us for some of our special Advent services, such as today's Advent Lessons & Carols service at 4 p.m. in the church. In addition, there are many major outreach initiatives such as *I Believe in Angels* and *Heart of Giving*. Volunteers are in the hallways today to help you extend your impact to our neighbors.

As we prepare to worship together, I invite you to take a moment and center yourself on God's presence. Worshiping, learning, and giving together help us grow closer to who God created us to be, and you're part of that work. May God bless you today and every day, and I hope to see you again very soon!

Chris+

TODAY AT SAINT MICHAEL

10 AM

Adult Formation

**The Gift of the Nutcracker:
Clara: Waiting for Christmas**
Led by Dr. Tim Smith
Saint Michael Chapel

Other Events

Advent Festival

9 a.m. Joy Service
Saint Michael Chapel

10 a.m. Activities
Garden Cloister & Coke Room

*Childcare (3 & under) is available from
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in rooms 14 and 16.*

*For a full listing of offerings and
upcoming events, please visit
saintmichael.org/fall23.*



**WEEKDAY
MEDITATIONS**



Season 16 | Advent 2023
BECOMING TOGETHER

**New Episodes Every Weekday,
December 4 – 22, 2023**



Gift Selection
Now - December 3

Gift Drop-Off
Now - December 6



**I BELIEVE IN
angels**

I Believe in Angels is a partnership between Saint Michael and Jubilee Park and Community Center. Parishioners sponsor angels (children and seniors) and donate Christmas gifts which will be wrapped and distributed to families. Throughout December, volunteers will be needed to sort, process, and wrap gifts, bake cookies, and distribute gifts to families.

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Advent

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Advent is a season of both quiet reflection and joyful expectation. This Lessons and Carols Service is intended to be a time of spiritual preparation, as we watch and wait for the coming of the Kingdom of God. Through our experience of sacred Word and music, the story of the coming of Christ gradually unfolds and deepens our understanding of God's message of love and redemption. The liturgy itself embodies the sense of Advent, a sense of waiting with anticipation, in the increasingly powerful prophecies and promises of Holy Scripture. The music selected today, which highlights the readings, includes titles and texts that are both familiar and new. It is our hope that these words and this music guide you quietly toward the true joy of Christmas.

2023

CHRISTMAS

AT SAINT MICHAEL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9 AM

Holy Eucharist Rite I, Saint Michael Chapel

CHRISTMAS EVE

11 AM Joy Service, Church

1 PM Jazz Service, Church

3 PM

Holy Eucharist Rite II, Church

Holy Eucharist Rite II, Saint Michael Chapel

Contemporary, Parish Hall

5 PM

Holy Eucharist Rite II, Church

Holy Eucharist Rite II, Saint Michael Chapel

Contemporary, Parish Hall

10:30 PM Holy Eucharist Rite I, Church

Incense will be in use

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

10 AM

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Saint Michael Chapel

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

9 AM

Holy Eucharist Rite II, Church

11 AM

Contemporary, Church

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ADVENT CALENDAR



PRAYER *For the Poor and Neglected in the Book of Common Prayer:*

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**



The Advent calendar will be available at church entrances starting **November 26**. Please participate in this Advent journey and **return your bag to the South entrance the first week of January.**



DAY 3

29,000 senior citizens in Dallas live below the poverty line.

DAY 8

Over 46,000 children will have food on their table in 2023 because of NDSM.

HUNGER FACTS

DAY 17

1 in 5 children (nearly 300,000) in North Texas experience hunger.

DAY 22

North Texas is the 5th most food insecure region in the country.

ADVENT LESSON AND CAROLS

Prelude

Variations on a Dutch Carol

Eppie Haisma

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Helmuth Walcha

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Paul Siefert

Welcome

Responsory (*seated*)

I look from afar

Adrian Self

I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming,
and cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say:

Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

High and low, rich and poor, one with another, go ye out to meet him and say:

Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,
tell us art thou he that should come?

Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people, Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

I look from afar: and Lo, I see the power of God Coming,
and a cloud covering the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

— *First Matins Responsory for Advent Sunday (early medieval Roman rite)*



Adrian Self was born in 1952 and grew up in Somerset and Cornwall. He is a graduate of Southampton and Huddersfield Universities and a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists and Trinity College. His Advent Responsory draws its text from the first Matin Responsory of Advent Sunday. Matins is a canonical hour in Christian liturgy, originally sung during the darkness of early morning.

Hymn (standing, sung by all)

“The King shall come when morning dawns” *St. Stephen*

Hymn 73

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to
3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by
5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the
2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry
3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph
5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;
4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.
5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

Katherine Webb received her doctorate in organ performance, with minor fields in choral conducting and music theory, at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. She currently serves as the Canon for Cathedral Music at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland, Oregon. “Phos Hilaron” is an ancient hymn originally written in Koine Greek. It is one of the earliest known Christian hymns recorded outside of the Bible that is still in use today. Webb composed this setting of the “Phos Hilaron” as a birthday gift for Bruce Neswick, the Canon for Cathedral Music at the time while she served as an organ scholar at Trinity Cathedral, Portland.

Phos Hilaron (seated)

O gracious light

Katherine Webb

O gracious Light, pure brightness of the ever living Father in heaven.

O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,

and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing thy praises,

O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Thou art worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God,

O Giver of Life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

— *Book of Common Prayer, page 64*

The Bidding Prayer (*standing*)

Officiant

Beloved in Christ, in this season of Advent, let it be our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by his holy Child; and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially in this country and within this city.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless; the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one. In these prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

Officiant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Officiant

The Almighty God bless us with grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

Kathy Hayes
Usher Corps Co-Captain

The First Lesson *Genesis 3:1-15 (seated)*

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

Anthem (*seated, sung by the choir*)

Christ the appletree

Stanford Scrivner

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green;
the trees of nature fruitless be, compared with Christ the appletree.

This beauty doth all things excel, by faith I know,
buy ne'er can tell the glory with I now can see, in Jesus Christ the appletree.

For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought;
I missed of all, but now I see 'tis found in Christ the appletree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;
which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the appletree.

I'm weary'd with my former toil, here I will sit and rest a while;
under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the appletree.

— *Compiled by Joshua Smith (1760-1795)*

The Second Lesson *Baruch 4:36-5:9 (seated)*

The scribe Baruch urges the people to look east because salvation is at hand.

Look toward the east, O Jerusalem, and see the joy that is coming to you from God. Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away; they are coming, gathered from east and west, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God. Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.



The setting of Christ the appletree is rooted in the wonderfully simple spirit of the text, in which the author depicts Christ in a familiar light—that of the unwavering apple tree, a symbol of strength and abundant life. Utilizing musical elements commonly found in the early American folk canon, this is my best attempt at amplifying the poet's original intent without clouding its simple yet elegant message. Christ the Appletree received its premiere at the 2009 St. Olaf Christmas Festival, and was also featured on the St. Olaf Choir 2010 Northeastern Tour.

Ben Leal

Mission and Outreach
Committee Co-Chair

Hymn (standing, sung by all)

“People, look East” *Besaçon Carol*

WLP Hymn 724



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
2. flour - ish. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
3. cho - sen. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
4. geth - er. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
5. com - ing. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.



Kimberly Colonna
Altar Guild Directress

The Third Lesson *Isaiah 35:1-10 (seated)*

The prophet proclaims that God will come and save us.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your

God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.” Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God’s people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Anthem (*seated, sung by the choir*)

In the year that king Uzziah died

David McKinley Williams

In the year that king Uzziah died, I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne,
high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

Above it stood the seraphim: each one had six wings;

With twain he covered his face, with twain he covered his feet,
and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said,

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.

And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried,
and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, Woe is me!

For I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips,
and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips:
for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.

Then flew one of the seraphim, having a live coal in his hand,
which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar;

And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips,
and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin is purged.

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying,

Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?

Then said I, Here am I; send me.

— *Isaiah 6:1-8*



David McKinley Williams was an American organist and composer known for his work at St. Bartholomew’s Church, New York City, the church that our former Vice Rector The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe currently serves as the thirteenth Rector. This anthem uses text from the book of Isaiah, describing a vision that Isaiah had in the year 739 BC, when King Uzziah died. The piece is rich with musical text painting, from the simple, calmer unison beginning to the increasingly tumultuous organ when the seraphim are seen in the temple, and the soaring vocal line as the seraphim take flight. As an organist, Williams put a great emphasis on making sure that his organ accompaniments set the scene just as clearly as the vocal line.

The Fourth Lesson *Micah 5:2-4 (seated)*

The one who is to rule Israel will be born in the village of Bethlehem.

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

Anthem *(seated, sung by the choir)*

As the dark awaits the dawn

Christopher Aspaas

As the dark awaits the dawn, so we await your light.

O Star of promise, scatter night, loving bright, till shades of fear are gone.

As the blue expectant hour before the silvering skies, we long to see your day
arise, whole and wise, O lucent Morning Star.

As the moon reflects the sun until the night's decrease,
your healing light release, living peace. holy dawn.

Shine your future on this place, enlighten every guest, that through us stream
your holiness, bright and blest, Sun of grace. We await your light.

— Susan Palo Cherwien

Hymn *(standing, sung by all)*

“Prepare the way, O Zion” *Bereden väg för Herran*

Hymn 65



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.

Hymn continues on the next page.

Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.

Refrain
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

The Fifth Lesson *Isaiah 65:17-25 (seated)*

God promises a new heaven and a new earth

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating, for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days or an old person who does not live out a lifetime, for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat, for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Anthem *(seated, sung by the choir)*

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come

Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from Him who freed us from our sins,
who loved us all and shed his blood that we might be saved.

Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,
who was and is and is to come; sing Holy, Holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven,

Adele Broughton
Women of Saint Michael,
President

Written in 1953 when the composer and his wife's three-year-old son were critically ill and not expected to live, this anthem is widely considered one of the finest sacred choral anthems by a 20th-century American composer. Making compositional techniques from the Renaissance and Baroque eras his own, devoted Lutheran church musician Paul Manz creates a piece as masterful as it is heartfelt. With many Advent season parallels, the text, by Paul Manz's wife Ruth, was written as an expression of resignation to God and hope for the future during their son's illness.

Anthem continues on the next page.

all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
for Christ is coming soon! E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,
and night shall be no more; they need no light nor lamp nor sun,
for Christ will be their All!

— *Revelation 22, adapted by Ruth Manz*

Kelly Reddell
Vestry Warden at Large

The Sixth Lesson *Luke 1:26-38 (seated)*

*The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the
Son of the Most High.*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Hymn (*standing, sung by all*)

“Creator of the stars of night” *Conditor alme siderum*

Hymn 60



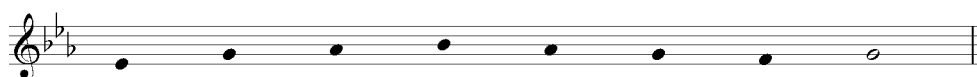
1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
 2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse
 3 When this old world drew on toward night,
 4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
 5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
 * 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
 2 should doom - to death a - u - ni - verse,
 3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,
 4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
 5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;
 6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,



1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
 2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free
 3 not as a mon - arch, but the child
 4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,
 5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low
 6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



1 we pray you hear us when we call.
 2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.
 3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.
 4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
 5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.
 6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

The Offertory Anthem

Even When He is silent

Kim André Arnesen

I believe in the sun, even when it's not shining

I believe in love, even when I feel it not

I believe in God, even when He is silent

— *Anonymous 20th century*

“Even When He is Silent” was commissioned in 2011 by the St. Olaf festival in Trondheim, Norway. The three simple lines of text for this piece were found written on a wall of a concentration camp after World War II. The piece opens with a quiet, prayerful melody, building to an earnest climax before returning to a more introspective ending. Arnesen uses dissonance throughout to express the feeling of longing conveyed by the poignant text, and a wide range of dynamics to paint the picture of the internal struggle to keep faith even through the darkness.

Presentation Hymn (*standing, sung by all*)

“Come, thou long expected Jesus” *Stuttgart*

Hymn 66

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Collect for the First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Advent Blessing

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first advent of our Redeemer, at his second advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Concluding Hymn (*standing, sung by all*)

“O come, O come, Emmanuel” *Veni, veni Emmanuel*

Hymn 56



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
2. O come, thou Wis - dom from _____ on high, who or - derest
3. O come, O come, thou Lord _____ of might, who to thy
4. O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
6. O come, thou Day - spring from _____ on high, and cheer us



1. cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2. all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
3. tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give _____ the
4. Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power _____ to
6. by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds _____ of



1. here un - til the Son of God _____ ap - pear.
2. show, and teach us in her ways _____ to go.
3. law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, _____ and awe. Re - joice! Re - joice!
4. save, and give them vic - t'ry o'er _____ the grave.
6. night, and death's dark shad - ow put _____ to flight.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Please remain in your pew until the altar party has retired.

Postlude

On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's cry

Aaron David Miller

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AGING AND FULFILLING OUR SPIRITUAL PURPOSE: FINISHING WELL

Led by Chick Deegan and Mary Ann Webster

10 a.m. – Noon | Thursdays, Now – December 7 | Parlor

Aging provides the opportunity to redefine who we are in this season of life. We will explore how to thrive with purpose, and leave a legacy that reflects our God-given gifts. Using Bible verses, quotes from wise elders, and poetry, our time together will include discussion, reflection, and sharing. For more info, please contact Chick Deegan at deeganchicke@aol.com.

PRIME TIMERS LUNCHEON

December 7 | 10:30 a.m. | Coke Room

Register by December 3 | \$12

The Doctor of Homeless Signs, SMU’s Willie Baronett, will show his cross-country documentary of buying and collecting cardboard signs from the homeless across America. Reservations required, includes lunch. For questions and to register, please contact Bonita Frederick at 214.728.6440.

ADVENT RETREAT

December 9 | 9 a.m. – Noon

Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. | Saint Michael Chapel

Led by the Rev. Barkley Thompson



This retreat will be facilitated by popular author and blogger the Rev. Barkley Thompson, rector of Saint Mark’s Episcopal Church in Little Rock, Arkansas. The retreat will focus on Barkley’s new book, “How Can We Know the Way?: Reflections on Belief, Salvation, and Eternal Life.” In the book, Barkley tackles issues that many Christians have traditionally been afraid to question. Participants will receive a copy of the book prior to the retreat. Copies will be handed out at the retreat. Scan the QR code to sign up.

Young Adults

saintmichael.org/youngadults

Your 20’s and 30’s are full of transitions, questions, and milestones. This ministry is a place to pray, learn, serve, and give in the context of genuine community. Meet other young adults through small group bible study, social events, and serving opportunities. Contact Rob Springer-Kyle at 903.405.7447 or rspringer-kyle@saintmichael.org.

10 a.m. Young Adult Sunday Formation starts back Sunday, January 21, 2024 with a Kick Off Brunch! Scan the code for more information!

Youth

saintmichael.org/youth

The Youth Ministries at Saint Michael and All Angels are for all youth in the 6th – 12th grades. We meet weekly for discipleship, formation, fun, and community throughout the year.

DALLAS STARS GAME

December 9 | 2 – 6:30 p.m.

Come cheer on the Stars at American Airlines Center! Transportation to the game will be provided to and from Saint Michael. We will meet in the West Parking Lot at 2:00 p.m. and return to the church after the game around 6:30 p.m. Register online to receive your free ticket at saintmichael.org/youth/

Children & Family

saintmichael.org/cfm

Children and Family Ministry provides parents and children, ages 0 – 5th grade, with the tools they need to grow in their faith and become faithful disciples of Christ. Fun and interactive programming throughout the year allows families to deepen their connection with each other, God, and the Saint Michael community.

NATIVITY PAGEANT SIGN-UPS

Ages 3 – 2nd grade



Calling all children ages 3 – 2nd grade! Sign up to participate in this year’s Nativity Pageant. Everyone who signs up will receive a part based on your age or grade. Scan the code to sign up! Please contact this year’s Nativity Pageant Director, Shelby Hendryx shendryx@saintmichael.org for any questions.

NEW BOOKSHOP HOURS:

The Bookshop is now open with new hours. Stop in to explore and find that perfect gift for family and friends:

Wednesdays: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Sundays: 8:30 a.m. – Noon

Pray, Learn, Serve, & Give

Mission & Outreach

For more information on these opportunities or other ways to serve, contact The Rev. Robin Hinkle, Associate for Mission and Outreach, at rhinkle@saintmichael.org. A full listing of Mission and Outreach opportunities can be found at saintmichael.org/outreach.

JUBILEE PARK AND COMMUNITY CENTER

I Believe in Angels

Sunday Tables

Gift Selection: Now – December 3

Gift Drop-Off: Now – December 6



I Believe in Angels is a partnership between Saint Michael and All Angels and Jubilee Park and Community Center. Volunteers are needed to sort, process, and wrap gifts, bake cookies, and distribute gifts to families.

For more info, please contact Zoe Hart at zhart@me.com or Heather Lorch at helorch@gmail.com.

NORTH DALLAS SHARED MINISTRIES NDSM ADVENT CALENDAR FOOD DRIVE

Now – First Week of January

Grocery bags with the Advent calendar will be available at church entrances starting November 26th. Please participate in the 24-day Advent journey and return food to the South entrance the first week of January. Parishioners will have the opportunity to learn about food insecurity, pray for the people impacted by hunger, and serve North Dallas Shared Ministries while counting down the days until Christmas.

STEPHEN C. FOSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Now – December 19

Final drop-off date: December 19

This year we will be sharing Christmas joy with our friends at Stephen C. Foster Elementary through our first annual toy drive for the students grades PreK through 6th grade! We hope all Saint Michael parishioners will consider donating new toys (cost limit \$35) toward our goal of collecting 500 toys. Families are especially encouraged to shop together so that our young members may bring a new toy to share with our neighbors. This drive is a joint effort of Mission and Outreach, Children and Family Ministries, and Saint Michael Episcopal School. Collection boxes will be placed in church and school entrances, and in the Sunday School Hallway.



HEART OF GIVING



Read about the beneficiaries of Heart of Giving for 2023 below. Participate online or by visiting our tables in the church hallways on Sundays now – December 17. For more info and to pick up cards, please contact Morgan Wood mwood@saintmichael.org.

Tela Honduras Mission

For fourteen years, every February a group of Saint Michael missionaries returns to Tela, Honduras, to work and worship in partnership with Espiritu Santo, an Episcopal Church and day school. In the local barrios as well as at church, we work with parishioners and senior class members to provide more than 350 children with fluoride treatments, along with toothbrushes and toothpaste, to fit over 200 adults with reading glasses and sunglasses, and to engage more than 450 students in Christian education, which includes storytelling, singing, and crafts.

Tela Honduras Mission Trip

February 17 – 24, 2024



Saint Michael will send a team to Tela, Honduras February 17-24, 2024, as we continue our longtime work in this community. For more info, please contact George Baldwin gbinvest@swbell.net.

Amistad, Bolivia Youth Houses

Since 2000, Saint Michael has supported the orphaned children and adolescents of Villa Amistad in Cochabamba, Bolivia, helping to successfully bring them to independent living through life in transitional youth houses. During the pandemic, the adolescents were particularly affected by the isolation of quarantine. Our support will help them receive the educational, medical, spiritual, and emotional support they need to overcome their traumatic past.

Amistad Bolivia Youth Mission Trip

July 29 – August 8, 2024

Registration open now.



The trip, led by the Rev. Robin Hinkle and the Saint Michael Youth Minister, Sam Moore, takes place from July 29 – August 8, 2024, at Villa Amistad in Bolivia. For more information, contact The Rev. Robin Hinkle at rhinkle@saintmichael.org.



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