SAINT MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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Charleston, South Carolina

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 6, 2024 at 4:00 pm

All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful: The Lord God made them all.



What's Happening on Sunday and this week:

8:00 am Reflective Service (Church)

8:45 am - 12:30 pm 6 weeks - 23 months Noah's Nursery 2 - 4 years Gospel Corner

9:00 am Contemporary Service (Church)

Adult Sunday School

The Book of Daniel
with Bill Hyer Kinloch Room
Parents Discipleship Belser Chapel
Bible 101 with

Charlie Baldwin Choir Room (3rd flr)

11:00 am Traditional Service with Organ and Choir (Church)

Tonight, October 6th

Confirmation 5-6 pm Belser Chapel

Youth Group 6-7:30 pm Youth Room

Monday October 7th Alpha

6:30-8 pm Kinloch Room Bible Study Fellowship

6:45-8:15 pm Belser Chapel

Wednesday, October 9th
Super Wednesday 4-8 pm
Compline/Evening Prayer Service
5:30-5:45 pm
Sanctuary

Friday, October 25th

6:30 pm The Chapel
Praise and Healing Prayer Service

Welcome to St. Michael's

Welcome home! We're glad you're here!

- Visiting? Giving? Questions or prayer requests?
- Go to our website at stmichaelschurch.net/signup
- Or text Greg Smith at 843-608-8833
- Go to www.stmichaelschurch.net/signup to sign up for anything mentioned in the bulletin. You can also mail a tithe or write a letter to 71 Broad Street, Charleston, SC 29401.
- Please check our website (www.stmichaelschurch.net/members) for news, updates, and information on online worship and classes.
- If you are not receiving our emails, please check your spam folder, and add our email to your Contacts list. If you are still having trouble, or wish to sign up for our weekly email, contact Trish McGuinn at trish@stmichaelschurch.net.

Today's Homily

Lord, Help Me Forgive Like My Dog Does

Preacher: The Rev. Alfred T.K. Zadig, Jr.



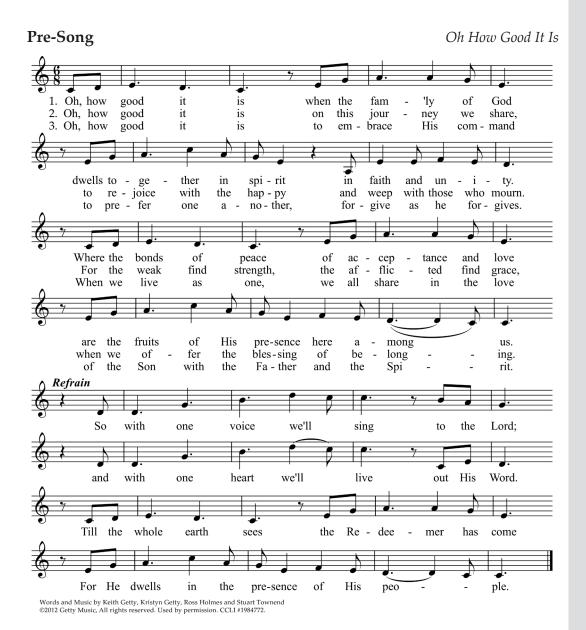
After the Service

Join us in the churchyard to receive a certificate of blessing for those desiring one for their animals, as well as coffee, lemonade, and refreshments, and treats for your pets.

9:00 am

Service adapted from the Anglican Church of North America Prayer Book beginning on page 11.

No bark, meow, or neigh is too loud!



Welcome

(Standing)

Officiant Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **People** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The liturgy begins with the **Acclamation**, which is an "eager expression" of praise.

- 1. All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices, let us sing: Alleluia, alleluia! Bright burning sun with golden beams, Pale silver moon that gently gleams, O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia!
- 2. Great rushing winds and breezes soft, you clouds that ride the heavens aloft, O praise him, Alleluia! Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice Stars nightly shining find a voice, O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia!
- 3. Swift flowing water, pure and clear, make music for you Lord to hear, Alleluia, alleluia! Fire, so intense and fiercely bright, You give to us both warmth and light, O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia!



Officiant: Alleluia! The earth is the Lord's for he made it;

People: O come let us adore him. Alleluia!

Officiant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And with your spirit.

Officiant: Let us pray.

The Collect

Almighty God, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, after the example of blessed Francis, we may for the love of you delight in all your creatures, with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

The Lesson: Colossians 3:12-17, seated

Bible, p. 984

Bible p. 876

After the Reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Song, all standing

Instruments of Your Peace



Gospel Reading, standing

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

Words (based upon the Prayer of St. Francis) adapted and music by Kirk & Deby Dearman

according to Luke 17:3-6

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

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(*After Gospel is read*)

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Scriptures teach that much of our spiritual renewal is by the washing of the Word of God, which cleanses our minds and purifies our hearts. The word **Gospel** comes from an old German word which means "Good News," the great good news about Jesus the Messiah. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the importance we place on Jesus' words and actions.

The Apostles' Creed: This is the basic and essential structure of the Christian faith. Every word is packed with meaning. Once the Gospel is given this is the response made by the community who have chosen to trust the truth of what God has revealed about Himself through His Son in the power of His Holy Spirit.

Christians pray. When we worship the living God, we bring before Him our concerns for ourselves and others, for the world, and for the church. We also thank God for hearing and responding to our prayers.

Sermon

Lord, Help Me Forgive Like My Dog Does! The Rev. Afred T.K. Zadig, Jr.

Reflective Music

The Apostles' Creed, standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers, kneeling

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty: Open our

eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Officiant We give you thanks, most Gracious God, for the beauty of the earth

and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers, and for the wonder of your animal kingdom. We praise you for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, now

and forever. Amen.

Officiant Let us give thanks to God for every living thing that is part of his

creation:

Leader We remember the animals seen only through a microscope, the

one-celled creatures, the many-legged insects that outnumber us

all. For their part in your creation,

People We thank you, Lord.

Leader We remember the animals of the mountains, the bighorn sheep, the

llama, the eagle, the snow leopard, and the yak. For their part in

your creation,

People We thank you, Lord.

Leader We remember the animals of the grasslands, the bison, the

antelope, the ostrich, the vulture, the lion, the prairie dog, and the

kangaroo. For their part in your creation,

People We thank you, Lord.

Leader We remember the animals of the temperate forests, the bear, the

boar, the owl, the woodpecker, the deer, and the porcupine. For

their part in your creation,

People We thank you, Lord.

Leader We remember the animals of the tropical forests, the tree frog, the

tapir, the macaw, the toucan, the tiger, the elephant, the sloth, and

the great apes. For their part in your creation,

People We thank you, Lord.

Leader We remember the animals of the desert, the jack rabbit, the covote,

the sidewinder, the camel, the road runner, and the gila monster.

For their part in your creation

People We thank you, Lord.

Leader We remember the animals of the polar regions, the musk ox, the

walrus, the penguin, the polar bear, the ptarmigan, the sand hill

crane, and the caribou. For their part in your creation,

People We thank you, Lord.

Leader We remember the animals of the oceans, the fishes, the whales, the

corals, the manatee, the pelican, the seagull, the blue crab, and the

octopus. For their part in your creation,

People We thank you, Lord.

Bless, O Lord, all your creatures, and give us wisdom to treat Officiant

> kindly the world we share. Teach us to treasure the animals you have placed under our protection. Help us to learn the lessons they

can teach. In your time, bring all things living into harmony

under your rule, so that the wolf may dwell with the lamb, and the leopard lie down with the kid; and the calf, and the lion, and the goat together, and a little child shall lead them; by him through

whom all things were made, your Son our Savior, Jesus Christ.

People Amen.

Officiant Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let

us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and

it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *Amen.*

The Confession, kneeling

Officiant Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

(Silence to reflect on those you have hurt and on those who have hurt you.)

All: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;

and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

In the Confession of Sin and Absolution, our sins, both individual and corporate, have been confessed, and we have been powerfully reassured of God's complete forgiveness through Jesus Christ. We begin with a cleansing admission and confession of sin followed by an authoritative pronouncement of God's forgiveness in Christ Jesus. This is always "ground zero" for Christians. We move out from here.

The **Peace** is a particularly good time to welcome visitors and newcomers. Please take a moment to extend God's peace to those around you. That peace, which the world cannot give, comes only through the forgiving of Jesus Christ. This peace is not rooted in our circumstances but in the presence, promise, and power of God and Christ's redeeming work.

The Absolution

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The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Peace

Officiant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord. All children return to their pews from Children's Message and Worship.

Welcome & Announcements, seated

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Connect? *Please go to* stmichaelschurch.net/signup *to sign up for all events*

Officiant: Walk in Love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an

offering and sacrifice for the world.

Offertory Song

Creation Sings the Father's Song

- 1. Creation sings the Father's song; He calls the sun to wake the dawn And run the course of day till evening falls in crimson rays His fingerprints in flakes of snow, His breath upon this spinning globe He charts the eagle's flight; commands the newborn baby's cry.
- Refrain: Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing,

Hallelujah! Fill the earth with songs of worship;

Tell the wonders of creation's King.

- 2. Creation gazed upon His face; the ageless One in time's embrace
 Unveiled the Father's plan of reconciling God and man
 A second Adam walked the earth, whose blameless life would break the curse,
 Whose death would set us free to live with Him eternally. Refrain
- 3. Creation longs for His return, when Christ shall reign upon the earth The bitter wars that rage are birth pains of a coming age When He renews the land and sky, all heav'n will sing and earth reply With one resplendent theme: the glory of our God and King! Refrain

Officiant All things come from you, O Lord.

People And of your own have we given you.

PLEASE NOTE:

During the songs which follow, the congregation and animal guests will process up the center aisle to the altar for the Blessing of the Animals. Please return to your pew by the side aisles.

give your grace to those who love this creature of yours. Amen.

The Blessing of the Animals Clergy Bless, O Lord, this ______, with your continual care, and

Song Psalm 148

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord! For he commanded and they were created.

And he established them forever and ever;

He gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps,

Fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;

His majesty is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, For the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the Lord!



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Song

He Knows My Name

I have a Maker; He formed my heart Before even time began my life was in his hands

He knows my name; He knows my every thought He sees each tear that falls and He hears me when I call

I have a Father; He calls me His own; He'll never leave me no matter where I go

He knows my name; He knows my every thought He sees each tear that falls and He hears me when I call

He knows your name He knows your every thought He sees all those tears that fall And He hears you when you call **Song** *Jesus is the Answer*

Chorus:

Jesus is the answer, for the world today Above Him there's no other, Jesus is the way Jesus is the answer, for the world today Above Him there's no other, Jesus is the way

If you have some questions in the corners of your mind And traces of discouragement and peace you cannot find Reflections of the old past they seem to face you every day There's one thing I know for sure that Jesus is the way

Chorus

I know you got mountains that you think you cannot climb
I know that your skies have been dark you think the sun won't shine
In case you don't know I'm here to tell you that the word of God is true
And everything that he's promised I tell you He would do it for you

Chorus



We have been blessed by being here. Now, at the end of the service, we are reminded that God takes loving delight in blessing us abundantly. We leave in peace, forgiven, fed, and sent out with a purpose to make Christ known in the world.

The Blessing

The Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of His son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King Hymn 400

- 5. All you with mercy in your heart,
 Forgiving others, take your part,
 O sing now: Alleluia!
 All you that pain and sorrow bear,
 Praise God, and cast on him your care:
 O praise him, O praise him,
 Alleluia, alleluia alleluia!
- 6. And even you, most gentle death,
 Waiting to hush our final breath,
 O praise him, Alleluia!
 You lead back home the child of God,
 For Christ our Lord that way had trod:
 O praise him, O praise him,
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 7. Let all things their creator bless,
 And worship him in humbleness,
 O praise him, Alleluia!
 Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
 And praise the Spirit, Three in One:
 O praise him, O praise him,
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

As the service ends, we are charged to "go forth," a challenge to reach out beyond our own church to the world around us.

The Dismissal

Officiant Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let us go forth into God's world as grateful stewards of creation

and responsible companions of the animals in our care.

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

In the churchyard after the service, you can receive a certificate of blessing for your pets, as well as enjoy refreshments and treats for both humans and animals.





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be sure to sign up with our team name: "St. Michael's Church"



Wannamaker County Park 8888 University Blvd, North Charleston, SC

Meet the Billy Hyer Family

Called as Missionaries to the Philippines to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

How does a family hear and respond to God's call to missions?

PLEASE COME HEAR THEIR STORIES!

Sunday, November 3rd **Belser Chapel** 5:00-6:00 pm Hors d'oeuvres hosted by **Mission Task Force**

All Families Welcome!

Scan the OR Code to Watch their video:





Billy, Rachel, Henry (13) and August (11)

Please pray for the family to be a strong unit and that God provides them meaningful relationships as they serve God and do his work in the Philippines.

To be connected with their updates and Newsletter, or to help financially and to support their ministry, go to friendsnet.org/hyers.

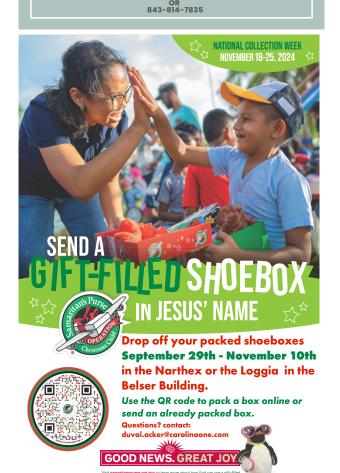
JESUS said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."



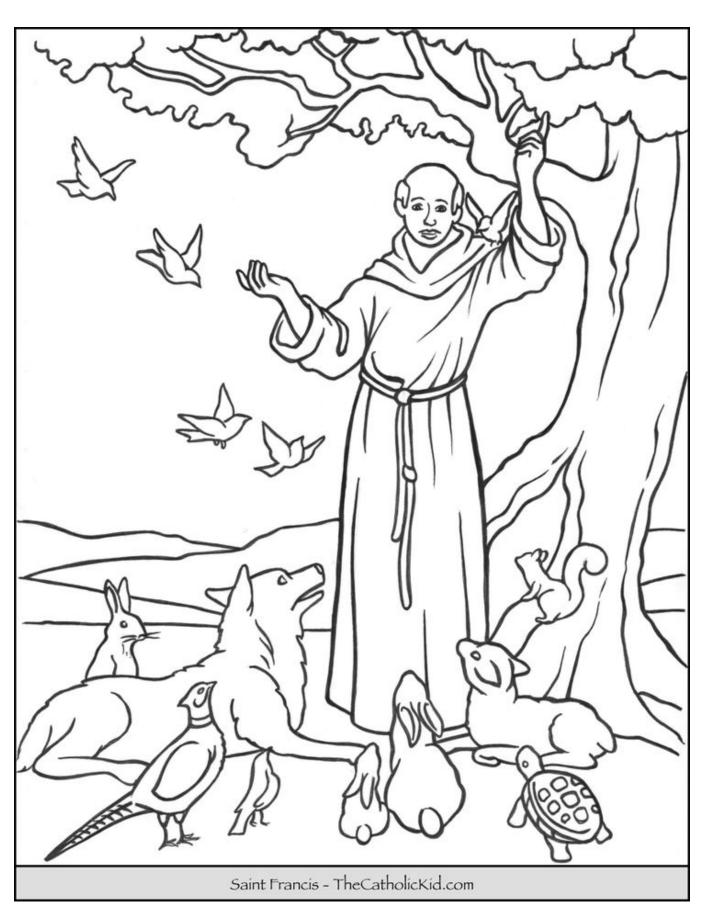


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Worship is interactive. To encourage your children to engage in the service, we have included this coloring page in our bulletin.



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C.A.R.E.

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Or just jot us a note here and drop it in the offering plate or by the church office.

Your Name:	 _

Who needs C.A.R.E.?

Phone or Email:

Looking Ahead

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Confirmation Class and Youth Group 5:00-7:30

Monday, October 7th

Alpha, 6:30-8:00 Kinloch Room Bible Study Fellowship, 6:45-8:15, Belser Chapel

Wednesday, October 9th

4-8 pm Super Wednesday

Friday, October 25th

Praise and Healing Prayer Service, 6:30 pm, Belser Chapel

Friday, November 1st

All Saints Day Festival Eucharist, 5:00 pm, Sanctuary

Jazz in the Churchyard with Anne Caldwell and the Garden of Memories Band, 6:30 pm

We have Assisted Listening Capability!

We have installed Listen Everywhere Cloud Service. It is easy. Just borrow one of our listening devices with earphones or download the app on your own cellphone to use your personal earphones/earbuds (Bluetooth and Telecoil Compatible with Hearing Aids and Cochlear Implants). To get started, just tell any usher that you would like to use our Listening Capability and they will begin getting you connected.

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- 1. Street parking is free on Sunday.
- 2. Park at **85 Queen Street Garage** (the one by the County Courthouse). Show your bulletin to an employee in the first floor office by 1 pm to get free parking.
- 3. Park at **91 Queen Street Garage**. Use this barcode for 3 hours free parking on Sundays.

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