SAINT MICHAEL'S CHURCH

ANGLICAN

Charleston, South Carolina



THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 15, 2026

11:00 am Traditional Service

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION AND BAPTISM

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Transforming Hearts Through Jesus Christ

What's Happening on Sunday and upcoming events:

8:00 am
Reflective Service *(Church)*

8:45 am - 12:15 pm
6 weeks - 23 months
Noah's Nursery
2 - 4 years *Gospel Corner*

9:00 am
Contemporary *(Church)*

10:00 am
SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR
Children K-2nd grade Room 204
3rd-5th grade Room 203
6th-12th grade Youth Room 202

Adult Sunday School
Bill Hyer's Class *Belser Chapel*
Parent's Class *The Kinloch Room*

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

Youth Confirmation,
5-6 pm, *Belser Chapel*
Youth Group
tonight, 6-7:30 pm,
Kinloch Room

Alpha, Monday, Nov. 16th
6 pm, *Kinloch Room*

Young Adults, Tuesday, November 17th
6:30 pm, *Kinloch Room*

Wednsesday, Nov 18th, Growing Together Discipleship Classes,
See schedule and info in the back of the bulletin or go to *stmichaelschurch.net/wednesdays*

Adult Confirmation,
November 18th, 6 pm
Please contact Aaron Schnupp for more information.
aaron@stmichaelschurch.net

Welcome to St. Michael's

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

- Giving? Use **Venmo** to give! @St_michaels_Charleston
- Visiting?
- Have Needs?
- Get Involved?
- Use the QR code!
- Or text the Rev. Aaron Schnupp at 843-327-6261
- Want our weekly e-newsletter? Email publications@stmichaelschurch.net.

Name Tags Are Missional!
One of the ways we can all be mission minded is to wear name tags! Wearing name tags helps everyone, newcomers and those who have been around to feel more comfortable starting conversations and engaging relationships. So please, as you come in, write your name on a name tag....even if it's just for the sake of the other. It's one of the ways we love our neighbors as our ourselves (Matthew 22:39).

Prayer of Preparation for Worship: Do you come to worship with expectation that God will speak to you? If you're here today enduring a difficult situation or circumstance this morning, ask Jesus to reveal His answers to you during worship. This prayer is a great way to start: *Dear Lord, as I anticipate this worship service, prepare my heart now! Remove distractions, soften my heart and create in me a hunger for your Word. Today I especially ask you to help solve the following burden I came in with.....Finally Lord, help me come ready to give of my heart, not just receive. Make me a blessing to others in worship today.*

Today's Sermon

Title: *Active Waiting: Using our Gifting*
Preacher: The Rector

Today as we continue our journey in Matthew 25, we come to a challenging parable about how we use the gifts and resources we have for the Kingdom of God. It is both thrilling and daunting. Daunting when we think we aren't using them, and thrilling when we realize we can and are!



Service adapted from the
Anglican Church of North America Prayer Book beginning on page 105.
Welcome families! No cry or laugh is too loud!

Opening Voluntary *Prelude in G BWV 550* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn, *standing* *When Morning Gilds the Skies* Hymn 427

1. ***When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries,***
May Jesus Christ be praised!
When evening shadows fall, this rings my curfew call,
May Jesus Christ be praised!

2. ***When mirth for music longs, this is my song of songs:***
May Jesus Christ be praised!
God's holy house of prayer hath none that can compare
With: Jesus Christ be praised!

3. ***No lovelier antiphon in all high heav'n is known***
Than, Jesus Christ be praised!
There to th'eternal Word th'eternal psalm is heard:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

4. ***Ye nations of mankind, in this your concord find;***
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound;
May Jesus Christ be praised!

5. ***Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,***
Sing, Jesus Christ be praised!
God's whole creation o'er, both now and evermore
Shall Jesus Christ be praised!

Welcome

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

Officiant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People ***There is one hope in God's call to us;***
Officiant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People ***One God and Father of all***

Ephesians 4:5

The **opening voluntaries** provide time and space to prepare the heart for worship. Please utilize this time for meditation, reflection, and prayer. The music should help you ponder the character and various attributes of God and His plan for the world. If any piece is hymn-based or chorale-based, a selection from the lyrics is provided to aid in prayer or reflection.

At this time please silence all cell phones and beepers.

It is customary upon entering to begin with a few moments of private prayer, usually kneeling.

Today's altar flowers have been given in memory of David Smythe.

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

Song, *standing* *On Eagle's Wings*

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in His shadow for life,
say to the Lord, "My refuge,
my Rock, in whom I trust!"

Refrain
And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of His hand.

2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield. Refrain

3. For to His angels He's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways:
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone. Refrain

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People ***And with your spirit.***
Officiant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, you revealed the way of eternal life to every race and nation: Pour out this gift anew, that by the preaching of the Gospel your salvation may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, seated Bible, p. 987
After the reading, the Reader says
The Word of the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

The Scriptures teach that much of our spiritual renewal comes from hearing the Word of God, which cleanses our minds and purifies our hearts.

Psalm 90:1-12, *standing, read responsively by whole verse*

1 Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the earth and the world were made, you are God from everlasting, and world without end.
3 You turn man back to the dust; you say, "Return, O children of men."
4 For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday, even as a day that is past.
5 You scatter them as a night-watch that comes quickly to an end; they are even as a dream and fade away.
6 They are like the grass, which in the morning is green, but in the evening is dried up and withered.
7 For we consume away in your displeasure and are afraid at your wrathful indignation.
8 You have set our misdeeds before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
9 For when you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end, as a tale that is told.
10 The days of our life are seventy years, and though some be so strong that they come to eighty years, yet is their span but labor and sorrow; so soon it passes away, and we are gone.
11 But who regards the power of your wrath, and who considers the fierceness of your anger?
12 So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

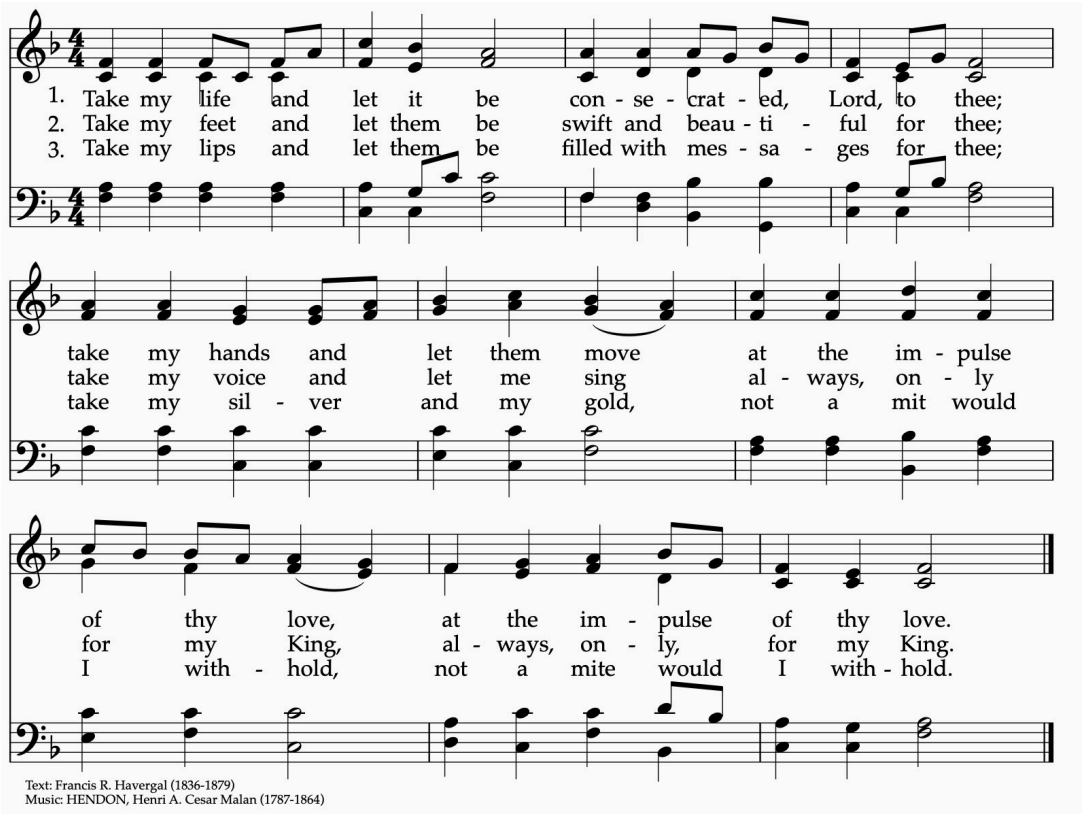
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Children's Message and Worship
Children in K-5th grades process out behind the cross to the Kinloch Room for teaching, and return at the Peace.

Prayer for our Children

All ***Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed our congregation with the joy and care of children. Give us courage, patience, and wisdom as we bring them up in the faith that they might never know a day apart from you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Hymn, *standing* *Take My Life and Let It Be*



The word **Gospel** comes from an old German word which means "Good News," which is that God's kingdom is available to everyone. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the importance we place on Jesus' words and actions.

The Gospel, *standing*

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew 25:14-30 Bible p. 830

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

After the Gospel, the Reader says
The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ!***

Sermon *Active Waiting: Using our Gifting*
The Rector

Reflective Music

In the **Confession of Sin** and **Absolution**, our sins, both individual and corporate are confessed, and we are 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, which allow us to move forward in the power of forgiveness

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.)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

Officiant Almighty God our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen***

Officiant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will please come forward.

Reflective Music

The Baptism

The candidate being baptized today:

✞ ***Edith Anne Bevans***

Officiant Dearly beloved, Scripture teaches that we were all dead in our sins and trespasses, but by grace we may be saved through faith. Our Savior Jesus Christ said, "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God"; and he commissioned the Church to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Here we ask our heavenly Father that this candidate, being baptized with water, may be filled with the Holy Spirit, born again, and received into the Church as a living member of Christ's body. Therefore, I urge you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his abundant mercy he will grant to her that which by nature she cannot have.

Officiant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents & Godparents: ***I present: Edith Anne Bevans to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.***

Celebrant Today, on behalf of this child, you shall make vows to renounce the devil and his works, to trust God wholeheartedly, and to serve him faithfully. It is your task to see that this child is taught, as soon as she is able to learn, the meaning of all these vows, and of the Faith that you will profess as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. She must come to put her faith in Jesus Christ, and learn the Creeds, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and all other things that a Christian ought to know, believe, and do for the welfare of her soul. When she has embraced all these, she is to come to the Bishop to be confirmed, that she may publicly claim the Faith for her own and be further strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ and his kingdom.

The Celebrant asks the Parents and Sponsors of the Candidate the following:

Celebrant Are you willing and ready to undertake this?

Parents & Sponsors I am, the Lord being my helper.

The Celebrant then examines the Candidate who can speak for himself and the Godparents and Sponsoring Parents who will speak on behalf of infants or young children, saying:

Question Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer ***I renounce them.***

Question Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer ***I renounce them.***

Presentation:
In the early Church people were often given new names when baptized to further symbolize the transforming of their lives through Jesus Christ. For example, Saul became Paul when his heart was converted to the love of Jesus, The Christ.

The Candidate(s) and Sponsors stand before the altar rail, where the Candidates are presented by name. The Celebrant asks the Candidates six questions known down through the centuries as The Three Great Renunciations, followed by The Three Great Affirmations.

Baptismal Covenant:
Simply the Creed in Q & A form where we proactivly renew our belief and submit our lives to Jesus Christ.

Baptism is the Beginning, not the End
Baptism is but a "pilot light" that effects little in life if not fueled and fed. Next step: Bring this child back next Sunday for worship and continued forming in faith, so that in years to come, he or she will have the tools to publicly confess their faith through confirmation (Parents, this means you are their chief teachers about Jesus-Deuteronomy 6). So, Baptism simply marks the beginning of a journey.

Question Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

Answer ***I renounce them.***

Celebrant Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and evil, and lead you into the light and obedience of the kingdom of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

Answer ***I do.***

Question Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Answer ***I do.***

Question Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

Answer ***I will, the Lord being my helper.***

Then the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying, (standing)

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this candidate in her life in Christ?

People ***We will.***

Celebrant Let us join with this Candidate to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostle's Creed.

Officiant Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Officiant Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

People ***I do. 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.

Officiant Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

People ***I do. 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.

Celebrant Let us now pray for Edie to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. The parents and sponsors will lead us in the prayers.

Parent That this child may come to confess her faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

People ***We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.***

Parent That this candidate may continue in the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

People ***We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.***

Parent That she may walk in a manner worthy of the calling which she has been called, ever growing in faith and all heavenly virtues.

People ***We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.***

Parent That she may persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever she falls into sin, repent and return to the Lord.

People ***We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.***

Parent That she may proclaim by word and deed the Good News of God in Christ Jesus to a lost and broken world.

People ***We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.***

Parent That as a living member of the Body of Christ, she may grow up in every way into him who is head.

People ***We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.***

Parent That, looking to Jesus, Edie may run with endurance the race set before her, and at the last receive the unfading crown of glory.

People ***We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.***

Officiant Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting Father, in your great mercy you saved Noah and his family in the Ark from the destruction of the flood, prefiguring the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Look mercifully upon this your servant. Wash and sanctify her through your Holy Spirit, that she may be delivered from destruction and received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, she may pass through the turbulent floods of this troublesome world and come into the land of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song *We Know that Christ is Raised*

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold; And our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!

The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life. The Spirit's power shakes the Church of God. Baptized we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia! Amen.

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People ***And with your spirit.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

Celebrant says the prayer of blessing over the water and baptizes the candidate

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John in the River Jordan when the Holy Spirit descended upon him as a dove. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In water we are buried with Christ in his death. By water we share in his resurrection. Through water we are born again by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now, Father, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit. May all who are baptized here be cleansed from sin, be born again,

and continue for ever faithful in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. ***Amen.***

Celebrant Edith Anne Bevans, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

Then the Celebrant places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying

Edie, receive the sign of the Cross as a token of your new life in Christ, in which you shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, to fight bravely under his banner against the world, the flesh, and the devil, and to continue as his faithful soldier and servant to the end of your days. ***Amen.***

When all have been baptized and signed, the Celebrant says

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, received her as your own child by adoption, made her a member of your holy Church, and raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit, that she may enjoy everlasting salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Baptismal Blessing Song: *God bless dear Edie and keep her safe in your arms.*

The Celebrant, Candidate, and Sponsors return to the altar rail and the Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All ***We receive you into the fellowship of the Church. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people.***

The Peace, *standing*

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.

Welcome & Announcements, *seated*

- Visiting? Giving? Questions or prayer requests?
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Offertory Anthem *Save Us, O Lord* Edward Bairstow

Save us, O Lord, waking, guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Doxology *Old 100th*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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.

Link to Venmo!

The **Doxology** swells up out of our gratitude to God for his goodness to us. The word "doxology" literally means "glory saying," and so in this song we give God glory for his triune nature and as the author of all blessings.

Holy Communion

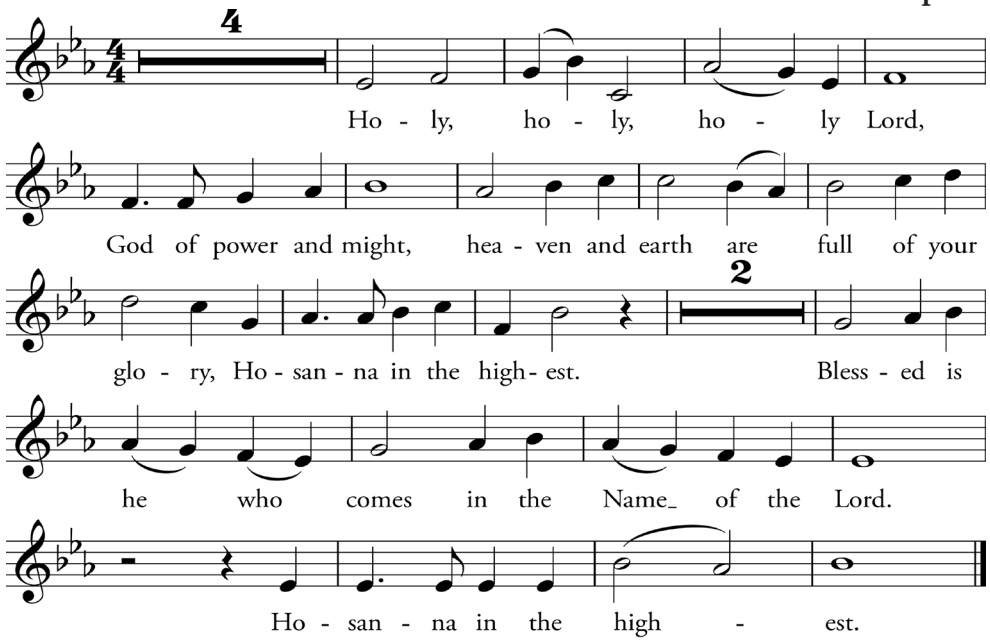
(ACNA Prayer Book, beginning p. 132)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People ***And with your spirit.***
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People ***We lift them up to the Lord.***
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***
The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose most true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon

the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth, giving them boldness and fervent zeal constantly to preach the Gospel to all nations; by which we have been brought out of darkness and error into the clear light and true knowledge of you, and of your Son Jesus Christ.

Sanctus **Stopford**



Setting: *The Bronxville Eucharist*, Philip W.J. Stopford (b. 1977). Used by permission.

Prayer of Consecration, *kneeling*

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us.

In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

The **Holy Communion**, the Supper of the Lord, is not only a sign of the love that Christians ought to have among themselves for each other but is especially a sacrament of our redemption by Christ's death.

The **Sanctus** is the song of the seraphim contained in the great vision that the prophet Isaiah experienced while worshiping in the Temple in Jerusalem. This vision is recorded in the 6th chapter of Isaiah. It is inspired by Isaiah's vision of the heavenly court "Holy, holy, holy" acknowledging transcendence of God.

The **Eucharistic Prayer** is centered in the atoning death of Jesus Christ upon the cross. His suffering there in our place is the only sufficient ground or basis for our standing before God. Our joy in the present and our hope for the future all flow from the reality of God's redeeming work in the historic event of the crucifixion.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Celebrant And now as our Saviour Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The **Lord's Prayer**, so called because Jesus gave this prayer to His disciples as an example of how to pray, has been a part of Eucharistic liturgies since year 400 A.D. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is very ancient. In the context of the liturgy, the words "give us this day our daily bread" refer both to our daily needs as well as the "bread of Heaven" which we receive in the Eucharist.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!***

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

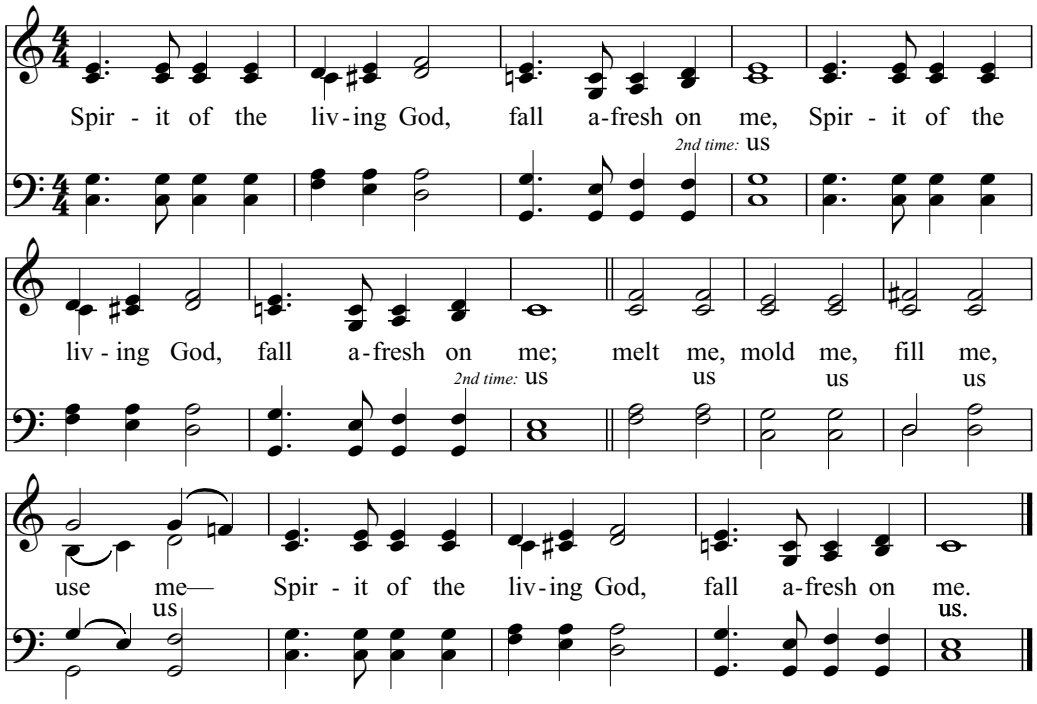
During Communion:
When we gather together, we remember the presence of Jesus. By repeating the words and actions of Jesus' last meal with His disciples, we join the story and make it our own. We don't just watch the drama or listen to it unfold, we enter into the story as we, too, take the bread and wine and eat and drink.

The Invitation

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. *Ushers will guide you to the rail. At the rail, please kneel if able. Receive the wafer in your hands and consume it. To drink from the chalice, gently guide the base; to intinct, keep the wafer in your hands and the server will dip it for you. Gluten-free wafers are available—please let us know. If you prefer not to receive, come forward with arms crossed for a blessing. If you are not baptized, our clergy would be glad to speak with you after the service.*

Song

Spirit of the Living God



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The Celebrant invites the people to Communion.
All baptized people may come for Communion. Unbaptized people and young children may come for a blessing, presenting themselves to the ministers with arms crossed over their chests.

Those at the rail will receive the bread in their hands, eat the bread, and then guide the chalice to their lips for a sip of the wine.

Gluten Free Wafers are Available: If you need a gluten free wafer, please indicate this at the altar rail by placing your hand over your heart.

ORDER FOR RECEIVING COMMUNION

General: Two lines in center aisle, returning to pews via side aisles

SIDE AISLES begin first, walking to the back and using the back Crossing Aisle to access the center aisle. Please return to your seat using the side aisles.

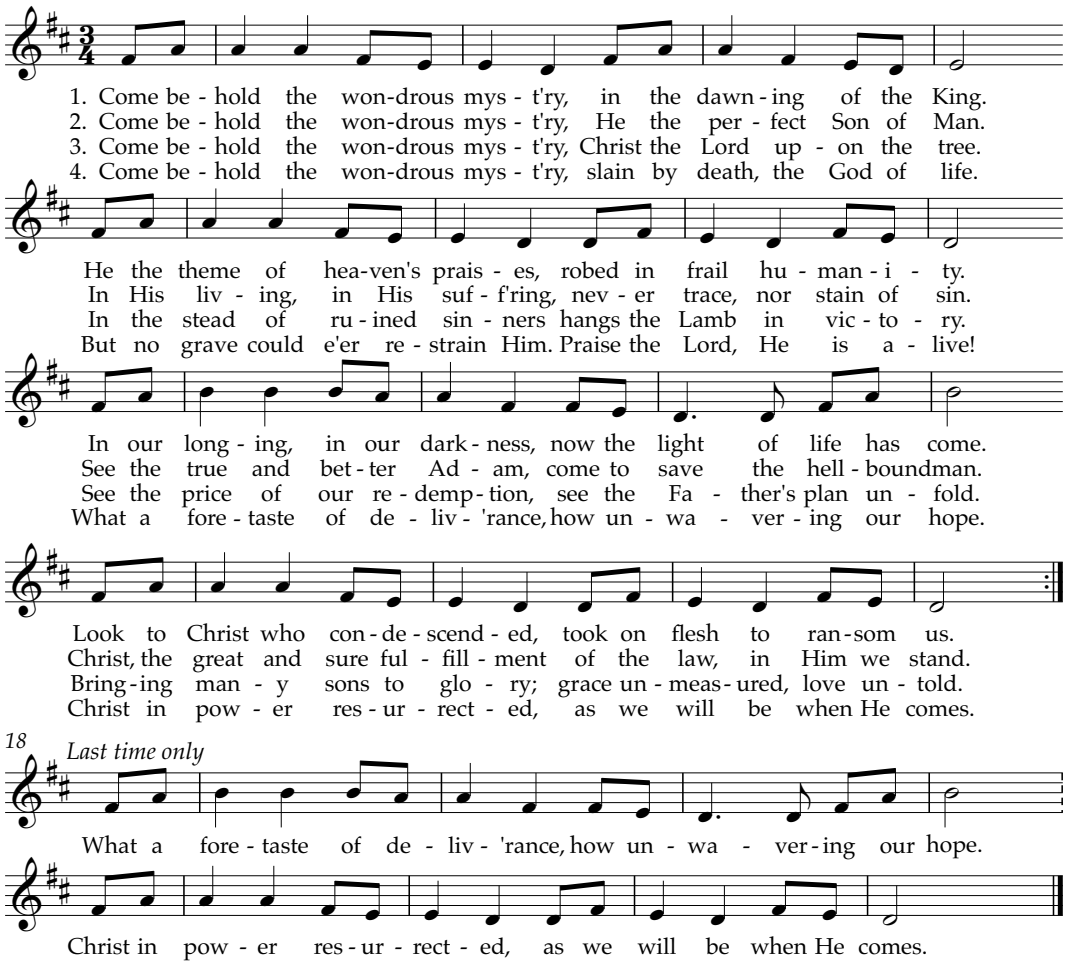
CENTER AISLES are second, starting from the back. Please return to your seat using the side aisles.

Those seated in the center aisles from the **READER'S PEW** forward (pew # 42–39, including front crossing aisle pews) may return to their seats using the center aisle.

Those seated upstairs may receive Communion at a station in the balcony.

Please wait until the Communion Ministers are in place, then follow the direction of the ushers.

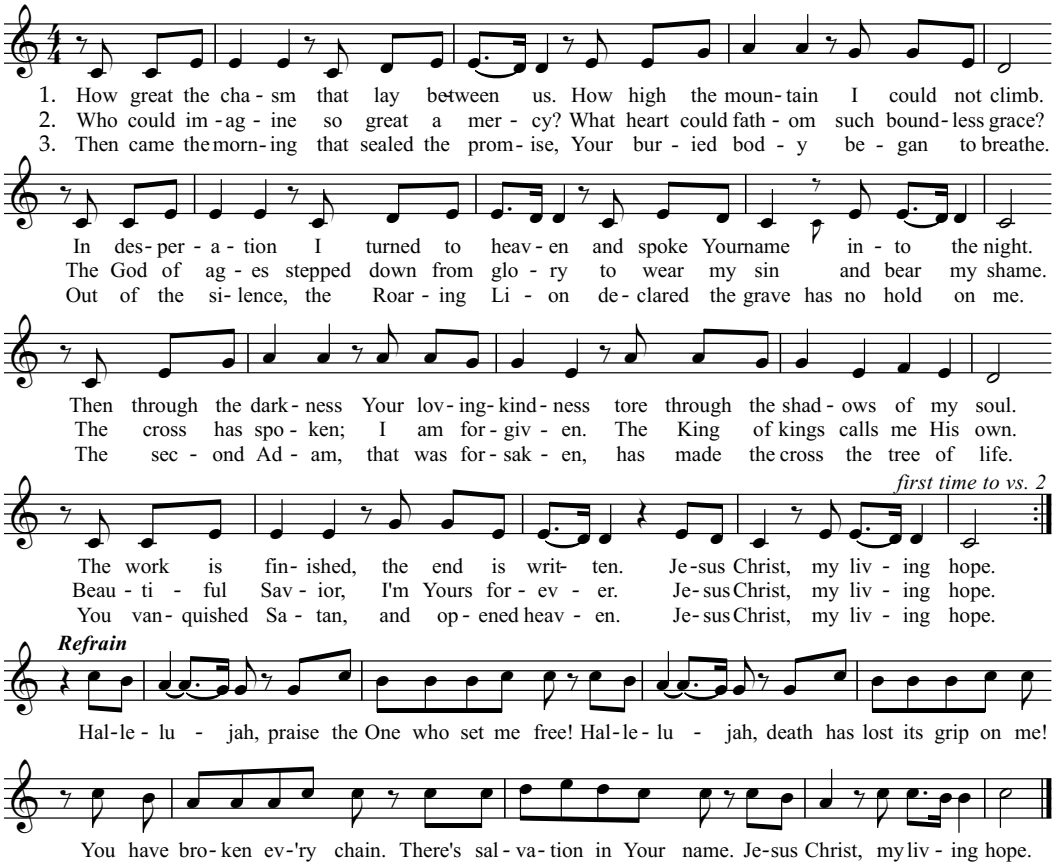
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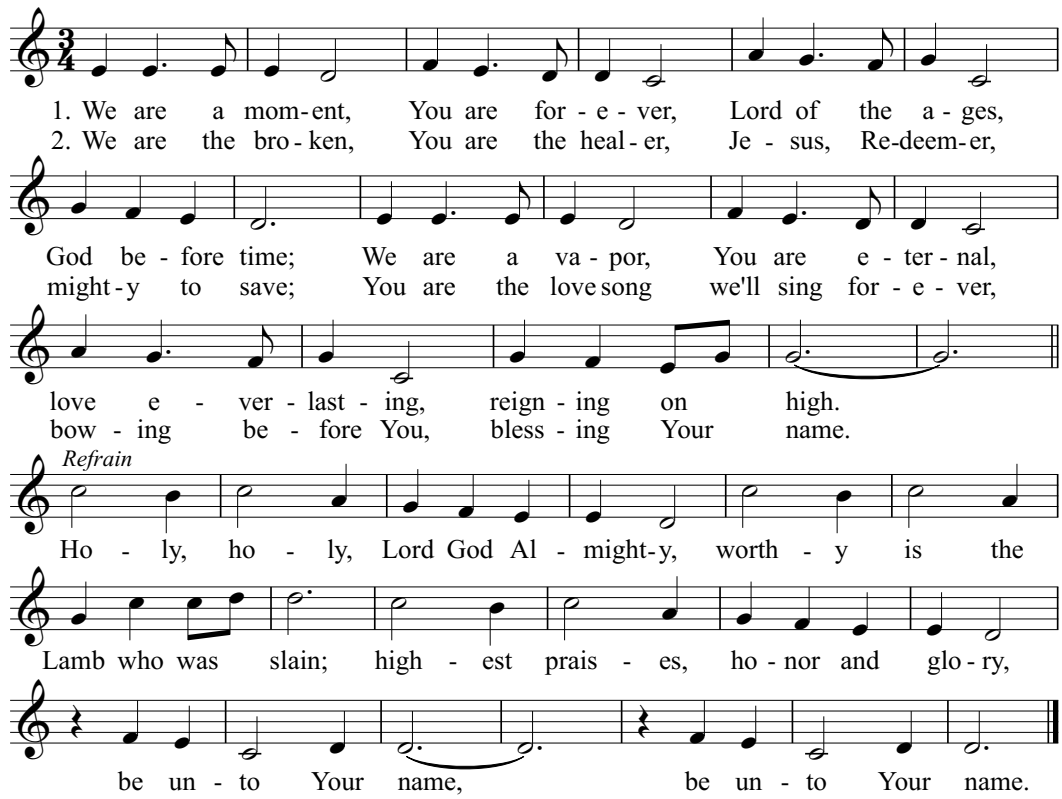
Living Hope



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Song

Be Unto Your Name



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We stand to mark the fact that because we have received the body and blood of Jesus, we are changed people. We began on our knees and end standing through his body and blood.

As the celebration ends, we are charged to "go forth." The word "Eucharist" is from the Greek word "Eucharistia" which means "Thanksgiving." Just as we would never leave a gourmet meal prepared by a close friend without saying thank you, it is appropriate to remain in the worship service until the end to say thank you to God after receiving the glorious feast of the bread of heaven and the cup of our salvation.

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.

Tour of the Church
Meet our tour guide by the pulpit in the center aisle after the service for a complimentary tour of the church!

Post Communion Prayer, *standing*

All Heavenly Father, ***we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.***

The Blessing

Officiant 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

O God, Our Help in Ages Past Hymn ***680***

1. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

2. Under the shadow of thy throne, Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

6. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

The Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world to transform hearts

People ***through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Closing Voluntary

Fugue in G BWV 550 J.S. Bach

Personal prayer with St. Michael's prayer ministers is available during communion and after the service in the Prayer Pews in the North & South Aisle, located in the front corners, to the left and right of the altar.

Join us for coffee and treats in the Kinloch Room after the service!




Discover Your Spiritual Gifts
TAKE THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS ASSESSMENT
SCAN TO BEGIN


THANKSGIVING
Day Service
November 26th
10 AM
with HOLY COMMUNION
"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!"
Psalm 107:1


YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
Rectory Open House
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 11:00 SERVICE AT
76 MEETING STREET
We would love your help!
If you are willing to bring a plated pick up food item and/or volunteer to help with set up or clean up, please email:
ELIZABETHZADIG@GMAIL.COM

UPCOMING ADVENT & CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY EVENTS

WELCOME FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH TO OUR ANNUAL

Advent Wreath Workshop

Sunday November 29, 2026

9am-11am in the Belser Chapel

ADVENT SUPPLIES WILL BE AVAILABLE BETWEEN THE 9AM AND 11AM SERVICES. YOU ARE WELCOME TO STAY AND ASSEMBLE OR TAKE YOUR MATERIALS HOME. BE SURE TO ENJOY THE QUARTERLY PARISH BREAKFAST TOO!

MAY YOUR HOMES BE WARM AND MEANINGFUL DURING THE ADVENT SEASON!

61st Annual St. Michael's Christmas Pageant Sign Up

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29
1PM-2:30PM
LEAD ROLE REHEARSAL
BELSER CHAPEL
*PARISH BREAKFAST AT 12:30PM

SUNDAY DECEMBER 6
12:30PM-2PM
ALL CAST REHEARSAL
BELSER CHAPEL
*LUNCH PROVIDED

SATURDAY DECEMBER 12
10AM - 11:30AM
ALL CAST DRESS REHEARSAL
BELSER CHAPEL

SUNDAY DECEMBER 13
9AM
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
SANCTUARY
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW



THIS PAGEANT IS POSSIBLE WITH THE SPIRIT-LED TALENTS OF OUR PARISH! SCAN BELOW TO SIGN UP!
QUESTIONS?
KRISTEN@STMICHAELSCHURCH.NET

Parent's Night Out!

Cookie Decorating, Games, Movie, and Dinner!

5pm ● **Friday December 4th** ● **8pm**

Children 6 weeks to 5th grade welcome!

Questions? Contact kristen@stmichaelschurch.net

Christmas Caroling

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

6:00 PM
Caroling in the Neighborhood

7:15 PM
Hot Chocolate & Cookies in the Narthex

ALL ARE INVITED!



ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH · EST. 1751

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

A CHORAL CONCERT

The St. Michael's choirs sing Handel's great oratorio,
directed by Dr. Matthew Wilkinson
Featuring St. Michael's Children's Choir

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 | 6-8 PM

TICKETS $15 AT THE DOOR • CHILDREN ARE FREE
CORNER OF MEETING AND BROAD

Email: matthew@stmichaelschurch.net



St. Michael's Children's Choir



This fall 2027, there will be six rehearsals prior to the December 20th Messiah performance:

Children must attend at least 4 of the six rehearsals to participate in the performance.

SUNDAYS

* Nov. 29th – 2:30 pm
* Dec. 6th – 2:00 pm
Dec. 13th – 4:00 pm

WEDNESDAYS

Dec. 2nd – 4:15 pm
Dec. 9th – 4:15 pm
(and Christmas caroling at 5:30)
Dec. 16th – 4:15 pm

Dress Rehearsal
Saturday Dec. 19th
10am

Call time
Sunday Dec. 20th
4pm

* *After Pageant practice*

To sign up, email:
matthew@stmichaelschurch.net

Let's make a joyful noise!

Christmas Flower Memorials

If you wish to give flowers and/or greens as a memorial or a thanksgiving to decorate St. Michael's Church for Christmas, please send your check, payable to **St. Michael's Church, *earmarked "Christmas Flowers"*** to:

St. Michael's Church, Christmas Flowers
71 Broad Street, Charleston, SC 29401

Note: Please write one check for your total donation.

Please designate which category you would like your loved ones listed:

In Memory of *or* **In Thanksgiving for** *and* **Given by:**

Deadline:

Names will be accepted for publication through Monday, December 14th.

LET'S GROW TOGETHER *On Wednesdays!*

FALL 2026 SCHEDULE

Join us Wednesday evenings this fall for a time of learning and fellowship!



Wednesdays, starting October 7th- November 18th 5:30 -7:30 pm, in the Kinloch Room, led by the Rev. Dr. Martha Toney.
Follow the Healer by Stephen Seamands is a gentle invitation to walk alongside Jesus as He heals wounded hearts. Through biblical insight, personal stories and compassionate wisdom, Seamands reveals Christ as the Great Physician who brings hope, forgiveness, and restoration to our deepest hurts. This book encourages readers to trust the healing touch of Jesus and discover the freedom and wholeness found in his love.

THE Bethel Bible Series

Wednesdays, September 2nd - November 18th in the Belser Chapel led by Charlie Baldwin, Chaplain, USAF retired.

"A picture is worth a thousand words!" A survey course of the Bible will begin again on Wednesday, September 2. This twenty-lesson course of the New Testament begins with the introductory picture of "In the Fullness of Time" and continues through seven pictures of the "Gospels" and then twelve pictures of "Acts", the "Epistles", and finishes with "The Revelation." No registration is required. An introduction to the series will be on Wednesday, September 2nd, at 6:30 in the Belser Chapel. A study guide will be handed out at this meeting.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH
Adult Choir

Wednesdays, September 2nd - December 16th 6:30-8 pm in the Choir Room, 3rd floor, led by Dr. Matthew Wilkinson, Director of Music. All are welcome!

EVENSONG - 6:00-6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. *All are welcome!*

Employment Opportunity

Director of Communications & Publications

Living into St. Michael's vision to transform hearts through Jesus Christ, the Director of Communications & Publications organizes, publishes and prints communication messages in a way that best reflects the priorities of the church.

Serving as communicator to the parish, staff and visitors, this position will provide high-quality and highest impact communications of existing church-wide and ministry programs in creative ways that will evoke a response from the congregation and community. Scan the QR code to find out more details or visit our website at:
www.stmichaelschurch.net/job-openings

If interested, please email your resume to: ***Dee Goehring***
Director of Parish Operations
dee@stmichaelschurch.net

Serving Today 11 am

ALTAR & FLOWER GUILDS: GROUP II
Verger: David George
Greeter: Lois Kelly, George Thompson
Ushers: Jerry & Jenny Reves, Jules Deas, George Klein
Crucifer: Joel Drogomir
Acolytes: Taylor DiGiacinto, Mac & Gray McElroy
Readers: Cooper Wilson, Susan DiCamillo
Prayer Ministers: Elizabeth Zadig, Jeannie Lyles (N)
Pam Thompson, Eunice Logan (S)
Tour Guide: Jerry Reves

What's Happening this Week

Youth Confirmation 5-6 pm, *Belser Chapel*
Youth Group, 6-7:30 pm, *Kinloch Room*
Monday, November 16th,
Alpha, 6 pm, *Kinloch Room*
Tuesday, November 17th,
Young Adults, 6:30 pm, *Kinloch Room*
Wednesday, November 18th,
Confirmation Service, 6 pm, Sanctuary

Sunday Parking Options

1. **Street parking** is free on Sunday. Spaces on Broad and Meeting Street marked with blue bags and orange cones are reserved for parishioners with physical mobility issues or small children. If you are a member with one of these issues, you can move the orange cone to park in that spot.

2. Park at **85 Queen Street Garage** (the one by the County Courthouse). Take ticket upon arrival. When leaving, drive to the gate and press button for assistance. Inform person that answers that you were at St. Michael's church and gate will be lifted. Parking is free until 1 pm.

3. Park at **91 Queen Street Garage**. Use this barcode for 3 hours free parking on Sundays.

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