SAINT MICHAEL'S CHURCH

ANGLICAN Charleston, South Carolina



FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 1, 2024

11:00 am Traditional Service

LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR ADVENT WITH SERMON

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What's Happening on Sunday and this week:

8:00 am Reflective Service (Church)

<u>8:45 am - 12:15 pm</u>

6 weeks - 23 months Noah's Nursery 2 - 4 years Gospel Corner

<u>9:00 am</u> Contemporary Service (Church)

<u>10:00 am</u> No Sunday School today Please join us in the *Kinloch Room* for the Advent Wreath Workshop

<u>11:00 am</u> Traditional Service with Organ and Choir (Church)

Wednesday, December 4thCompline/Evening Prayer Service5:30-5:45 pmSanctuary5:45-6:30 pmChristmas Carolingmeet in the Sanctuary afterCompline

Sunday, December 8th

Congregational C.A.R.E Sunday 9 & 11 am St. Nicholas Celebration 10 am Special Presentation in the *Kinloch Room*

Sunday, December 15th 9 am Christmas Pageant Sanctuary 10 am Fellowship in the Kinloch Room after the Pageant

Welcome to St. Michael's

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

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Today's Sermon

Advent Series: Come, Promised One

Invite!

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

Pause here, and think about that one invitation you received over the course of your life, and how it transformed your future. Perhaps there have been many such invitations you have accepted decades ago, or just this past week. I know if I had not accepted an invitation to a particular party in 1993, I would never have met my wife! So it is, as we move into Advent, a season not only to prepare us for the birth of Christ, and His second coming, but also a season to invite another into this profound and amazing story of rescue and salvation, that begins...in a cradle.





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

Voluntary

Es ist ein Ros entsprpungen Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Introit, sung by the choir in the narthex

Once in Royal David's City

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed: Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child. He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all, and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall; with the poor, the scorned, the lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy. We, like Mary, rest confounded that a stable should display Heaven's Word, the world's creator, cradled there on Christmas Day, yet this child, our Lord and brother, brought us love for one another.

Processional Hymn, standing Come Thou Long Expected Jesus Hymn 66

- 1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
- 2. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art: Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.
- 3. Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king. Born to reign in us for never, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
- 4. By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; By thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

Welcome

OfficiantSurely the Lord is coming soon.PeopleAmen. Come Lord Jesus!

Bidding Prayer and the Lord's Prayer, kneeling

Officiant Beloved in Christ, as we await the great festival of Christmas, let us prepare ourselves so that we may experience anew the wonder of the Incarnation.

Let us hear, in lessons from Holy Scripture, how the prophets of Israel foretold that God would visit and redeem his sinful people.

Let us rejoice, in our carols and hymns, that the good purposes of God are being mightily fulfilled.

Let us celebrate the sure promise that the King of kings, at his second Advent, will bring all people and all things under his perfect rule and sovereign dominion;

And, let our hearts be transformed by the first Advent of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, and the lepers are cleansed; the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them.

But first, let us pray for the world which God so loves, for those who have not heard the good news of the Gospel, or who do not believe it; for those who walk in darkness and the shadow of death; and for the Church in this place and everywhere, that it may be freed from all evil and fear, and may in pure joy lift up the light of the love of God. The service of Nine Lessons and Carols was first drawn up by Archibishop Benson when he was Bishop of Truro for use in that Cathedral, and was later simplified and modified for use in King's College Chapel, Cambridge, in 1918, by its then Dean, the Very Reverend Eric Milner-White, to whom we owe the Bidding Prayer.

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

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

Officiant These prayers and praises let us humbly offer to God, in the words which Christ himself taught us:

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.

First Lesson: Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-25, seated Humanity's First Home: the Paradise of Delight *After the reading, the Reader says* The Word of the Lord. All Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem

This is the truth sent from above, The truth of God, the God of love. Therefore don't turn me from your door, But hearken all both rich and poor. The first thing which I do relate is that God did man create; The next thing which to you I'll tell - Woman was made with man to dwell. Thus we were heirs to endless woes till God the Lord did interpose; and so a promise soon did run that He would redeem us by His Son. And at that season of the year our blest Redeemer did appear; He here did live and here did preach, and many thousands He did teach. Thus He in love to us behaved, To show us how we must be saved; And if you want to know the way, be pleased to hear what He did say.

Second Lesson: Genesis 3:1-15, seated

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden. *After the reading, the Reader says* The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. All

Hymn, seated

Savior of the Nations, Come! Congregation stands and joins the choir for verses 2-3.

- 1. Savior of the nations, come! Virgin's Son, make here Thy home!
- Marvel now, O heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
- 2. Lo the Bridegroom issues forth, from His royal chamber door, Giant, who is two in one, joying now His course to run.
- 3. Equal to the Father, Thou! Gird Thy fleshly mantle now; Weakness of our mortal state, with new life invigorate.

Third Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34, seated Of the Covenant New, Written in the Heart After the reading, the Reader says The Word of the Lord. All Thanks be to God.

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The Truth From Above

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Prepare the Way, O Zion Hymn 65

- Hymn, standingPrepare the1. Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!Let every hill and valley a level way appear.Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.
- 2. He brings God's rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above. His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love. Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding. Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.
- 3. Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior's rule embrace. His tidings of salvation proclaim in every place. All lands will bow before him, their voices will adore him. Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.

Fourth Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9, seatedLonging for God in a Broken WorldAfter the reading, the Reader says The Word of the Lord.AllThanks be to God.

Choir Anthem

Come Thou Redeemer of the Earth

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth, and manifest thy virgin-birth: let every age adoring fall; such birth befits the God of all. Begotten of no human will, but of the Spirit, thou art still the Word of God, in flesh arrayed, the Saviour, now to us displayed. From God the Father he proceeds, to God the Father back he speeds, runs out his course to death and hell, returns on God's high throne to dwell. O equal to thy Father, O Jesu, virgin-born to thee eternal praise and glory be, whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.

Fifth Lesson: Zechariah 14:3-9, *seated The Coming Day of the Lord After the reading, the Reader says* Here ends the Reading. Bible p. 800

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Congregation stands and joins the choir starting with verse 2



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Sixth Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-15, seated Of the Sign of Immanuel, God with Us After the reading, the Reader says The Word of the Lord. All Thanks be to God. Bible p. 572

Hymn, standing

Hymn, seated

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Hymn 56

- 1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!
- 2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height In ancient times didst give the law, in cloud, and majesty, and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!
- 3. O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny That trust thy mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Seventh Lesson: Micah 5:2-4, seated Bible p. 779 The one who is to rule Israel will be born in the village of Bethlehem *After the reading, the Reader says* The Word of the Lord. All Thanks be to God. Hymn, standing O Little Town of Bethlehem Hymn 79 1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! *Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;* The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight. 3. How silently, how silently, the wondrous Gift is giv'n; So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His Heav'n. No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin, Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in. 5. O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel! **Eighth Lesson:** Zephaniah 3:14-18, seated Bible p. 790 A Canticle of Salvation and Rejoicing in the Lord *After the reading, the Reader says* The Word of the Lord. All Thanks be to God. Choir Anthem Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme BWV 140 J. S. Bach *l. "Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us, the shout of rampart guards surrounds us:* "Awake Jerusalem, arise!" Midnight's peace their cry has broken, *Their urgent summons clearly spoken: "The time has come, O maidens wise! Rise up, and give us light; the Bridegroom is in sight. Alleluia!* Your lamps prepare and hasten there, that you the wedding feast may share." *Congregation stands and joins the choir:* 2. Zion hears the watchman singing; her heart with joyful hope is springing, She wakes and hurries through the night. Forth he comes, her Bridegroom glorious In strength of grace, in truth victorious: her star is risen, her light grows bright. Now come, most worthy Lord, God's Son, incarnate Word, Alleluia! We follow all and heed your call to come into the banquet hall. 3. Lamb of God, the heavens adore you; let saints and angels sing before you, As harps and cymbals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the city's portals: Through them we stream to join the immortals As we with joy your throne surround.

No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such delight: Alleluia! Therefore we sing to greet our King; for ever let our praises ring.

Ninth Lesson: Luke 21:25-33, seatedThe Coming of the Son of ManAfter the reading, the Reader says The Word of the Lord.AllThanks be to God.

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.

Hymn, standing

The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came Hymn 265

- 1. The angel Gabriel from heaven came, His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame; "All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary, Most highly favored lady," Gloria!
- 2. "For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be, All generations laud and honor thee, Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, Most highly favored lady," Gloria!
- 3. Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head, "To me be as it pleaseth God," she said, "My soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name." Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

The Homily

Invite! The Rev. Alfred T.K. Zadig, Jr.

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

- Visiting? Giving? Questions or prayer requests?
- Go to our website at stmichaelschurch.net/signup
- Or text The Rev. Greg Smith at 843-608-8833
- Connect? Please go to stmichaelschurch.net/signup to sign up for all events
- Use Venmo to give! @stmichaelschs

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.

Offertory Anthem

y Anthem O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide Text: German, anonymous 1623 Tune: Rheinfelsisches Deutsches Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1666: arr. Orgelbuch Zum Gesnangbuch Der Evangelisch Reformierten Kirchen Der Deutschsprachigen Schweiz, 1926 O HEILAND,REISS

O Savior, rend the heavens wide! Come down, come down with mighty stride! Unlock the gates, the door break down, unbar the way to heaven's crown! O Father, light from heaven lend! As morning dew, O Son, descend! Drop down, you clouds the life of spring! To Jacob's line rain down the King! O earth, in flowering bud be seen! Clothe hill and dale garb of green! Bring forth, O earth, a blossom rare, our Savior, sprung from meadow fair! O Morning Star, o radiant Dawn, when will we sing your morning song? Come, Son of God! Without your light we grope in dread and gloom of night. Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies. Grim death looms fierce before our eyes. Oh, come, lead us with mighty hand from exile to our promised land! There shall we all our praises bring and sing to You, our Savior King! There shall we laud you and adore forever and forevermore! Amen.

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.

A Collect for Advent, standing

Officiant Most Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Advent Blessing

OfficiantMay Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior, Jesus 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*.

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.

Closing Hymn

- 1. Lo! He comes, with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain; Thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train; Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.
- 2. Every eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty: Those who set at nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree, Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.
- 3. Yea, amen! Let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne; Savior, take the power and glory; claim the kingdom for thine own: Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

The Dismissal

CelebrantAlleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world to transform
heartsPeoplethrough Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Closing Voluntary

Improvisation on "Helmsley"

Personal prayer with St. Michael's prayer ministers is available 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 lemonade at the Yellow Cart after the service! (through the churchyard on the 1st floor of the Belser building, outside the Kinloch Room)



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 Friday, December 13th

As the celebration ends, we are charged to "go forth." The Eucharist is therefore not an exclusive gathering that separates us from the world but a challenge to reach out beyond our own church to the world around us.

Congregational C.A.R.E. Sunday

In honor of St. Nicholas A ST. NICHOLAS DAY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th

9 & 11 am Worship Services 10 am Kinloch Room A special presentation by the C.A.R.E. Team

Join us for worship!

Family Fun!

Celebration & Special Surprise!

Don't Miss!

"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18

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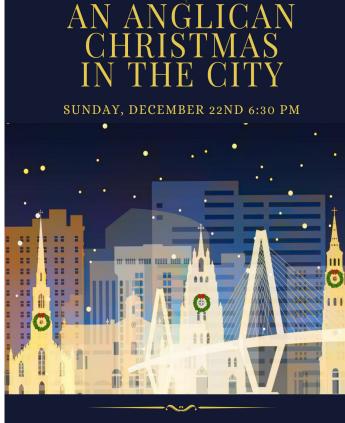


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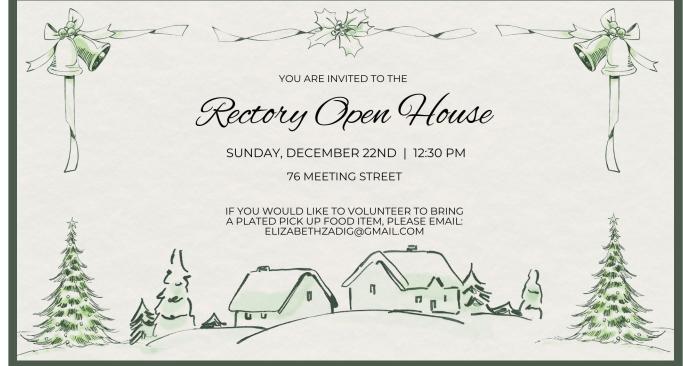




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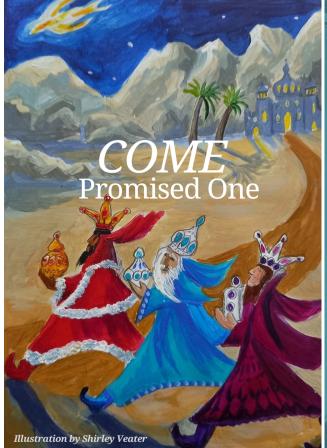
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Advent Devotionals are here! Scan the Qr Code to order or pick one up on December 1st at the Advent Wreath Workshop.



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28 - SUNDAY, MARCH 2

VISIONARY FAMILY CONFERENCE

Friday Night, 6:30- 9:00 VISIONARY MARRIAGE DATE NIGHT

When was the last time you set aside an evening to invest in your marriage? God can use this evening to strengthen your faith and your relationship.

Saturday Morning, 9:00 - 12:00 VISIONARY PARENTING & GRANDPARENTING

Capture a fresh vision for your purpose as a parent or grandparent and learn practical strategies for nurturing faith and character in your children and grandchildren.

Saturday Afternoon, 1:30 - 3:00 **NEVER TOO LATE**

Parenting does not end when your kids become adults, but it does changel Learn practical ways to strengthen your relationships and encourage them in their faith.

Sunday Services, 8:00 AM, 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM YOUR FAMILY & GOD'S PLAN FOR THE WORLD. Discover the biblical connection between family relationships and the Gospel. God ca

Discover the biblical connection between family relationships and the Gospel. God can use your family, even through all your struggles, to make a difference in the world for Christ!

Learn More & Register



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Dr. Rob Rienow encourages families around the world to follow Jesus. He and his wife Amy are the co-founders of Visionary Family Ministries.



"I Like Mike"

Newcomer's Course

Are you new to St. Michael's? Do you have questions, like:

- What do we believe?
- What is the History of St. Michael's and Anglicanism?
- How can I become involved at St. Michael's?

This course is for you!

Join us on Sundays, starting December 8th at 10:15 am in the Connections Room! We want to get to know you!

New to St. Michael's? Want to get connected? Let us Know!

Email Greg Smith at greg@stmichaelschurch.net or use the QR code:



C.A.R.E.

PLEASE call the church office at 843-723-0603 if you know of anyone in your immediate family or hear of anyone in your Church Family who may need personal attention from our C.A.R.E. Team.

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

Your Name: _____

Phone or Email: _____

Who needs C.A.R.E.?

Serving Today 11 am

ALTAR & FLOWER GUILDS: GROUP I

Greeters: Betty Schaffer

Ushers: Bob Bonelli, Ruth Bonelli, Jim Sullivan, Jon Thornton, Clayton Taylor

Acolytes: Charlie Cease, Beatrice Goehring, Joel Drogomir ReaderS: Pam Smith, Eunice Logan, Wade Logan Prayer Ministers: Pam & George Klein (North) Susan & Charles Waring (South) Verger: David George

Looking Ahead

<u>Wednesday, December 4th</u>

Compline/Evening Prayer Service, 5:30-5:45 pm Sanctuary. Christmas Caroling, 5:45-6:30 pm Meet in Sanctuary. <u>Sunday, December 8th</u> Congregational C.A.R.E Sunday 9 & 11 am St. Nicholas Celebration. Special Presentation in the Kinloch Room, 10:00 am. <u>Sunday, December 15th</u> Christmas Pageant, 9 am Sanctuary.

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.

Sunday Parking Options

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.

