



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Holy Eucharist ❖ December 5, 2021 ❖ 9:00 am



St. John the Baptist, by El Greco

[Zoom Link to Worship](#)

Zoom Meeting ID: 912 3096 9532

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Note to Zoom congregants: You will be muted throughout the service.

Continue to say all group responses, but you will only hear yourself and the people in the Sanctuary.

Prelude

Savior of the Nations, come

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

All stand as the Ministers enter the Church.

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.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
 Music: Stuttgart, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715;
 adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt. 87. 87

The Acclamation and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant Our King and Savior now draws near:
People Come let us adore him.

While the first and second candles of the Advent wreath are lit by the Palazzola Family, they pray

BLESSED LORD, we thank you for angels and archangels and for all the company of heaven, who bear tidings of your love and your desire for peace in the world. As we light these candles, prepare us to join in the angels' song and to live lives committed to love and peace.

This response is said by all

MAKE STRONG OUR VOICES and make quiet our hearts, as we draw ever nearer to the season of the fulfillment of your promise to our ancestors, to Abraham and his descendants, in the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trisagion, said by all

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

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The Salutation and Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.*

All are seated for the Readings.

The First Reading

Baruch 5:1-9

Lector A reading from the book of Baruch.

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.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People Thanks be to God.

Hymn: 444, Blessed be the God of Israel (from Canticle 16 - The Song of Zachariah) Thornbury

1 Blessed be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free;
2 He from the house of Da - vid a child of grace has given;
3 On pris - on - ers of dark - ness the sun be - gins to rise,
he vis - its and re - deems us, he grants us lib - er - ty.
a Sa - vior comes a - mong us to raise us up to heaven.
the dawn - ing of for - give - ness up - on the sin - ner's eyes.
The pro - phets spoke of mer - cy, of free - dom and re - lease;
Be - fore him goes his her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way,
He guides the feet of pil - grims a - long the paths of peace.
God shall ful - fill his prom - ise and bring his peo - ple peace. ____
the pro - phet of sal - va - tion, the har - bin - ger of Day. ____
O bless our God and Sa - vior with songs that nev - er cease. ____

Words: Michael A. Perry (b. 1942), alt.; para. of *The Song of Zechariah*
Music: *Thornbury*, Basil Harwood (1859-1949) 76. 76. D

The Second Reading

Philippians 1:3-11

Lector A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

I THANK MY GOD every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

All then stand to sing this Hymn.

Sequence Hymn: 75, There's a voice in the wilderness crying

Ascension

1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a —
2 O — Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee
3 but the word of our God — en - dur - eth, the —

call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst — of

high - way, a high - way for our God! The —
peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the
na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall

val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
flowers of the field they — per - ish, like
feed his — flock like a shep - herd, the

lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
 grass our works de - cay, the power and — pomp of
 lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll

pla - ces where the Lord our — God — may go!
 na - tions shall — pass like a dream — a - way;
 lead them, and — bring them — safe to his fold.

Words: James Lewis Milligan (1876-1961), alt.
 Music: *Ascension*, Henry Hugh Bancroft (b. 1904) Irr.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

- ✚ *Assisting Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
- ✚ *People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

IN THE FIFTEENTH YEAR of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
 ‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
 make his paths straight.
 Every valley shall be filled,
 and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
 and the crooked shall be made straight,
 and the rough ways made smooth;
 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’

- Assisting Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.
- People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart

*A period of meditative silence follows the Sermon.
 All then stand. The Nicene Creed, the ancient summary
 of the Christian faith, is recited by all in unison.*

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the † resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor God of many names, God beyond all names; the beginning and the end of every story, the meaning of every life; infinite Mystery both hidden and revealed:

People Hear us when we pray to you.

Intercessor Blessed are You who join us together in the communion of Christ's Body. Renew and energize your holy Church, in this parish and throughout the world, that we may be a resurrection people, manifesting your steadfast love in our common life of praise and service.

People Hear us when we pray to you.

Intercessor O perfect Wisdom, direct and rule the hearts of the leaders and shapers of society, raise up prophets of justice and peace, and empower your people for the holy vocation of repairing the world. May we entrust all our labors to the work of Providence.

People Hear us when we pray to you.

Intercessor O Deliverer, You unlock every door and make a way where there is no way. Set free all who are afflicted or distressed in body, mind or spirit. Resurrect their hope, grant them peace and refreshment, and restore their joy.

People Hear us when we pray to you.

Intercessor O compassionate One, hold us in your mercy: heal the sick, mend the broken, protect the vulnerable, shelter the refugee, strengthen the weary, rescue the lost, and give courage to all who struggle.

People Hear us when we pray to you.

Intercessor O Morning Star, bright splendor of the light eternal, illumining all things with your radiance: Come, enlighten all who sit in darkness, and those who dwell in the shadow of violence and death. Grant us your peace, and teach us to live in the dawn of your unfailing promise.

People Hear us when we pray to you.

Intercessor O Lover of souls, when we wander far away, lead us back to You; when we refuse your embrace, do not give up on us; when we forget You, do not forget us.

People Hear us when we pray to you.

Intercessor O Desire of every heart, the answer to every longing: You are the strong force that draws us into the mystery of love divine. Forgive us those things which distract and delay us, and lead us ever deeper into the Way, the Truth and the Life.

People Hear us when we pray to you.

Intercessor God who has come, God who does come, God who is yet to come: Make us an Advent people, ready and alert to welcome and receive You in the stranger's face, the loving act, the moment of grace, the presence of healing, the birth of possibility, the gift of wonder. Let every heart prepare You room.

People Hear us when we pray to you.

The Intercessor offers prayers of thanksgiving, repose of the soul, and need.

Intercessor Dear people of God, what else, or who else, should we pray for?

The People offer their particular concerns and thanksgivings, aloud or in silence.

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers.

O EMMANUEL, GOD-WITH-US, You show us the face of divinity, and reveal the fullness of our humanity. Come: renew your creation, restore us all in Christ, and enable us to become who we are, your faithful and loving people. We pray in the name of Jesus. *Amen.*

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The People kneel, sit or stand as they are able. All then pray together

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 Celebrant absolves the People, saying

ALMIGHTY GOD HAVE MERCY ON YOU, forgive you all your sins ☩ through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The People stand.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

All greet one another in the Name of the Lord. The Celebrant greets the People.

Offertory Music

Behold, how good and joyful

Samuel Wesley (1766-1837)

*Behold, how good a thing it is, brethren,
to dwell together in unity.*

Ps. 133, v. 1

All are welcome to come forward with their pledge cards at this time and place them in the basket in front of the altar as an offering to God. If you have already submitted your pledge, you are invited to come forward with an envelope, available at the entrance of the church, to symbolize your pledge and place it in the basket.

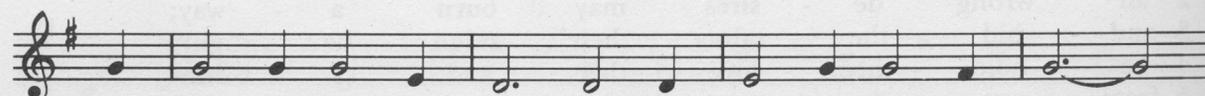
*Every
good and perfect
gift is from
above*



James 1:17



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.



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.



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

Words: Frans Mikael Franzen (1772-1847); tr. composite; adapt. Charles P. Price (b. 1920)
 Music: *Bereden väg för Herran*, melody from *Then Svenska Psalmboken*, 1697

76. 76. 77 with Refrain

The Great Thanksgiving

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

IT IS RIGHT, AND A GOOD AND JOYFUL THING, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

WE GIVE THANKS TO YOU, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
 we proclaim his resurrection,
 we await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Saint Michael and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.

People AMEN.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All then pray together

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Host.

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.

Music During Communion

Savior of the Nations, come

J. S. Bach

Everyone is welcome to come forward at this time.

Please follow the direction of the ushers and come forward to gather around the circular altar, beginning with the first row while maintaining a social distance.

The Ministers will be happy to bring Communion to those who prefer to remain seated in the pews.

Please speak to one of the ushers and the Ministers will come to you.

Those who prefer not to receive the Eucharist may receive a blessing (please cross your arms across your chest).

Congregants worshipping on Zoom or Facebook may recite the following prayer since you are unable to partake of the Communion in person.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

JESUS, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come Amen.

The People stand at the Celebrant's direction.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All then pray together

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, 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 Advent Blessing

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

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

People Amen.

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

People Amen.

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

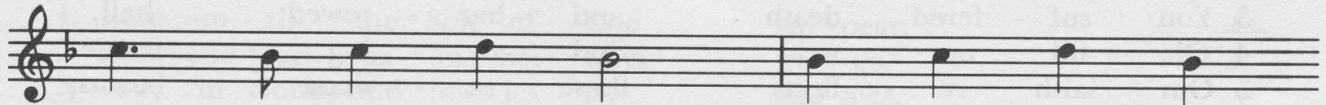
People Amen.

Hymn in Procession: 54, Savior of the nations, come

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's
2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the
3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing
4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both
 Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and
 his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and
 sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
 Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
 hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.
 king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546) after Ambrose of Milan (340-397);
 tr. William M. Reynolds (1812-1876) and James Waring McCrady (b. 1938)
 Music: *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, melody from *Erfurt Enchiridia*, 1524

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The Dismissal

Assisting Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People Thanks be to God.

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Celebrant	The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart
Assisting Priest	The Rev. Susan Pinkerton
Lighting the Advent Wreath	The Palazzola Family
Layreaders and Intercessor	Ann Morris, Steve Morris, Julie Sheffield
Acolyte	Charles Warmington
Organist	Dr. Ray Urwin
Altar Guild	Sally Buschek
Flowers	Peggy Strong
Zoom Host	Brooke Pauley
Zoom Co-Host	Kim Montgomery
Godly Play and Formation Teachers	Elizabeth Henry, Marjie Blevins, Susan Caldwell
Ushers	John Hollern, Jim Palda, Don Sheetz



Parish Prayer List

London and Kimberly	Tom	Mark
Avery	Joni	Inge
Austin	Jack's children	Mary
Nadine	Julie	Peter and Dan
Pat and Denise	Elisabeth	Sally
April	Yvette	Amy and Phil
Linda	Ken	Jennifer
Charlotte	Katy	Daniel
Catherine	Corinne	Jamie
Sigrid	Barbara	Marilyn
Rebecca	Jane	



Welcome to St. Michael's In-Person and Online Worship!

It's a pleasure to welcome everyone to worship this morning. However you are joining us, the joy of being a Christian community is ours to receive and share. Thanks for being a part of our worship!

Office Hours

This week the church office will be open on Tuesday 8:00 am – 3:00 pm, Wednesday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, and Thursday 9:00 am – 12:00 noon.

Music Notes, by Dr. Ray Urwin

in, a new addition to our hymnal, is one of the quintessential  with a long and distinguished history of use in the Lutheran church. As only one example, Bach wrote more organ settings of this tune than almost any other one, as well as a cantata. The short but dense prelude is a setting from his *Little Organ Book*, meant as models for improvising and/or as teaching pieces; it and others in the collection may have been written while Bach was briefly jailed for overstaying a sabbatical! The Communion setting, from his last years in Leipzig, is highly ornamented, and is one of his greatest organ pieces. Today's anthem was written by Samuel Wesley (d. 1837), a child prodigy as both keyboard player and composer who some called "the English Mozart." He was a nephew of John Wesley the founder of Methodism, and the son of the hymn text writer Charles Wesley. With the family's former maid and second common-law wife he fathered several children, including Samuel Sebastian Wesley, who composed many hymns including "The Church's one foundation." Samuel was a major force in introducing Bach's music to the British public, and named his son Sebastian in honor of Bach. Samuel later converted to Catholicism, which did not sit well with the Methodist relatives!

Sunday School Children Rejoining Holy Eucharist

During the passing of the peace, the Sunday school children will join the congregation in the pews and are most welcome to come to the altar during the distribution of Holy Communion.

Tuesday Morning Eucharist

You are invited to join us in the chapel on Tuesday mornings at 8:30 am for the celebration of Holy Eucharist. Please note that COVID precautions are in place.

COVID Guidelines for In-Person Worship

We are happy you are part of our in-person services at St. Michael and All Angels. We are following the current CDC guidelines as instructed by Bishop Taylor and request that all worshipers, even those vaccinated, be masked while indoors to protect the unvaccinated. In addition:

- ✦ All those who are vaccinated are welcome to shake hands and hug during the Peace.
- ✦ Holy Communion will continue to be bread only until further instruction.

Thank you for helping us make our worship services a safer place for all, especially those who are most vulnerable.

Tuesday Night @ Mike's

Join Tuesday Nights @ Mike's for the season of Advent! Barbara Stewart will guide us through Journeying the Way of Love as we await the coming of Christ by moving through the first two chapters of the Gospel of Luke. Luke's gospel provides a pattern for understanding how we can live the Way of Love as individuals, as families and friends, as a community, and out in the world.

- ✦ Dec 7: Mary and Elizabeth: Journeying with Family and Friends
- ✦ Dec 14: The Birth of John the Baptist: Journeying with Community
- ✦ Dec 21: The Birth of Jesus: Journeying with the World

To accompany the Journeying the Way of Love curriculum, download the Advent Calendar, which offers daily suggestions for engaging in the seven practices that encompass the Way of Love: Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, and Rest.

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2021/10/Advent-2021-Calendar.pdf>

Questions? Please contact Beth Bianchi.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83429763754>

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Passcode: none required



Sunday School

The Godly Play story this week is "Advent". Elizabeth Henry will be the Storyteller and Marjie Blevins will be the Doorkeeper.

The Youth Formation Class, grades 5-8, topic for Sunday, November 21, is "The Annunciation", part 1 in the Advent series from Holy Moly, Sparkhouse Digital Curriculum. Susan Caldwell is the discussion leader.

Bible Challenge

The Bible Challenge meets on the 3rd Sunday of the Month at 8:00 am. The discussion of our book, **Angels of the Bible** by Kate Moorehead, continues. This book has been wonderfully engaging! If you would like to participate, please email Susan Caldwell. scaldwell@stmikescdm.org. The cost of the book is \$19.00.

December 19th, 2021 8:00 am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95819330475?pwd=YXh2ZVkvOUhUQnd4UXJaY1dTQndFdz09>

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The Inklings

Inklings will meet the third Thursday of the month, December 16, 9:30am-11:00am, Davis Library. We will continue our study of **Reflections on the Psalms** by C. S. Lewis. All are welcome to join. This is a hybrid event.

<https://zoom.us/j/93842505095?pwd=ZlpUcWUySEtNZXA5Y1o4N1ZVUVZsUT09>

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Kerygma Bible Study

An Adult Sunday School Program

Today's Meeting Time: 10:15 am -11:45 pm

South Wing and Online

Today's Topic

December 5: Revelation (Last in a series of seven meetings)

What You Need: a Bible and a Kerygma Study Guide

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9666325340?pwd=VHNOd2ZpUUd4U2JXWGhBVG1OYXhidz09>

Meeting ID: 966 632 5340

Passcode: 221426

**"Kerygma" is a Greek word used in the New Testament for "proclamation."*



Drivers Needed!

St. Michael's has in the past arranged transportation to church for parishioners who are unable to drive or do not own a car. If you are willing to participate in this service, or are in need of transportation, please contact the church office or Steve Morris, Ombudsperson on the Vestry.

Sing Christmas Music at the Corona del Mar Christmas Walk

Join us today in front of Sherman Gardens on PCH in Corona del Mar as we sing a selection of wonderful Christmas Hymns and distribute leaflets to the crowds promoting our Christmas Schedule. 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm.

✚✚✚ We Are Active in Mission ✚✚✚

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Interested in knitting? Want to learn? Please join us on Friday mornings at 10 as we work on prayer shawls. When completed, the shawls will be blessed and given to those needing a bit of comfort and compassion. Questions? contact Barbara Stewart. barbarastewart001@gmail.com or 949 378-9780.

Can't come on Fridays? You can knit anytime!

Questions? Contact Barbara Stewart barbarastewart001@gmail.com

You can also support the Prayer Shawl Ministry by ordering See's Candy through the online Shop set up for this purpose. Use the QR code below to connect directly to the store. 50% of the sales are returned to the church to fund this mission outreach. Such a deal! Hurry, because this deal ends December 3rd.

Share Ourselves - Families in Need

Each year, St. Michael and All Angels helps provide a happy holiday to our neighbors in need. Because this has been an especially difficult year, we are working together to brighten Christmas for two families. Thank you for joining us and for your generosity!

Family 1 - Manuel and his family are really struggling right now. The house that they had been living in with their three children has been sold and they need to find a new place to live. In order to move into a new apartment they need to put down two months rent as a deposit. Manuel is so grateful for his full-time job, but they are still having trouble coming up with the money for their new apartment. Gabriela has only been able to find part time jobs which is not enough to help and also keep up with their monthly payments of utilities and food. The family is very thankful for any help they can get during this difficult time. Mom and Dad would love to be able to buy Christopher, James and Bryan each a new toy for Christmas.

Family 1 Wish List

Bryan (Son), 4 Years, Male

Wish: Gift Card to Marshalls, Ross or Walmart for clothes, household items, and a toy

Christopher (Son), 5 Years, Male

Wish: Gift Card to Marshalls, Ross or Walmart for clothes, household items, and a toy

James (Son), 6 Years, Male

Wish: Gift Card to Marshalls, Ross or Walmart for clothes, household items, and a toy

Gabriela (Mom), 27 Years, Female

Wish: Gift Card to Marshalls, Ross or Walmart for clothes and household items

Manuel (Dad), 34 Years, Male

Wish: Gift Card to Walmart or WSS (for shoes)

Jesus (Uncle), 37 Years, Male

Wish: Gift Card to Ross or Walmart for clothes and household items

Family 2 - Adrian and Loreno are doing the best they can to provide for their family of five. Adrian is the sole provider and they face a continuous struggle to keep up with the basic costs of living. Their younger children Kaylene and Andrew are in special education and require extra attention, making it difficult for Loreno to hold down a steady job or rely on others for childcare. These are dedicated parents with very limited resources who have had to accept both food and uniform assistance when offered by the school. Donations of gift cards to help with groceries and warm clothing for the family and something more personal for Kaylene, Andrew and Jahir would make for a very special Christmas. Whatever you are able to provide will be so meaningful to this family who has so little. Please know your donations will go a long way to bring relief, cheer and encouragement. We know that these times are hard for everyone and appreciate your generosity.

Family 2 Wish List

Adrian (Dad), 40 Years, Male

Wish: Gift Card to JC Penny for clothing

Wish: Gift Card to Target for household essentials and hygiene supplies

Wish: Gift Card to Food 4 Less or Northgate for groceries

Loreno (Mom), 37 Years, Female

Wish: Gift Card to Target for household essentials and hygiene supplies

Wish: Gift Card to Food 4 Less or Northgate for groceries

Wish: Gift Card to JC Penny for clothing

Jahir (Son), 16 Years, Male

Wish: Gift Card to Walmart or Target for clothing and hygiene supplies

Wish: Gift Card to WSS for shoes

Kaylene (Daughter), 9 Years, Female

Wish: Gift Card to Walmart or Target for clothing and art supplies

Wish: Gift Card to Vans for shoes

Andrew (Son), 10 Years, Male

Wish: Gift Card to Game Stop

Wish: Gift Card to Walmart or Target for clothing

Wish: Gift Card to WSS for shoes

Important information fir both families:

No food items. No actual gifts of any kind.

Drop off gift cards at the church office by Sunday, December 12.

Include gift card receipts



Gingerbread Lane

Decorate a Gingerbread House!! Wednesday, December 8

Drop in—5:00-7:00 for Grilled Cheese Sandwiches and Tomato Soup & Sweet Fun!!

Questions? Contact Beth Bianchi—bethebianchi@gmail.com or

Susan Caldwell—scaldwell@stmikescdm.or



Christmas Flowers

Help beautify the sanctuary for Christmas worship. You can donate by placing your donation in one of the envelopes located on the back railing in the sanctuary, or online. \$15 is the suggested donation.



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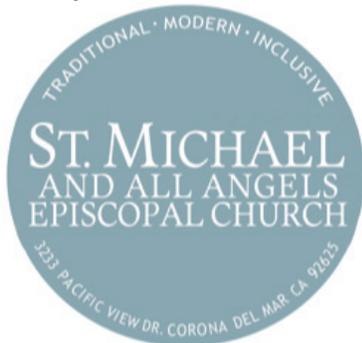
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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Giving Sunday

Sunday, December 5 at 9:00 am
Followed by a catered celebration.

Corona del Mar Christmas Walk

Sunday, December 5 at Noon

Gingerbread Lane

Wednesday, December 8 at 5:00 pm
Festive evening for all ages, decorating a gingerbread house with dinner provided.

Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 19 at 4:00 pm
The Nativity Story and Family Holy Eucharist.

Christmas Eve Family Service

Friday, December 24 at 5:00 pm

Christmas Eve Choral Holy Eucharist

Friday, December 24
Gift of Music at 7:30 pm
Choral Holy Eucharist at 8:00 pm

Christmas Day Holy Eucharist

Saturday, December 25 at 10:00 am

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