

SAINT MICHAEL'S CHURCH

ANGLICAN

Charleston, South Carolina



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 2022

11:00 am Traditional Service

**THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
& INSTRUCTED EUCHARIST**

Access our service online!

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Living into Advent Through Renewed Worship

Advent is a four week period beginning four Sundays before Christmas and observed as a season of prayer, fasting and renewed worship preparing for the birth and second coming (judgement day) of Jesus. There are many ways to live into this season, including family devotions around your Advent Wreath using the devotionals available at St. Michael's Church.

Advent is also about renewing worship, for if we're not careful, worship can feel stale and inconsistent. It's one of the reasons why today we will take the time for an Instructed Eucharist to explain what and why we do what we do!

Additionally, here are four ways to renew your worship that you can begin today!

1. Arrive earlier to church so you're not rushed. Once you arrive, take the time to put on a nametag (nametags are for regulars so newcomers and others can know you by name, and they are for newcomers so that regulars can know you by name)!
2. As you find your seat, and even if just for Advent, sit closer to the front. Why? The closer to the front you are the more engaged you will feel! Try sitting in a different pew and experience how that renews your experience of worship. As you arrive in your pew, and in preparation for worship, kneel to pray and invite the Holy Spirit into our worship. Then cue up those readings in the pew Bible that will be read in church.
3. If you're not doing so already, make an Advent commitment to come each and every Sunday. Something beautiful happens when we worship with continuity Sunday after Sunday. It not only blesses you to be faithful to the sabbath, your presence will inspire others.
4. As you leave, ask yourself, who will I invite next week? We are renewed in worship when we invite someone and see worship through their eyes.

Welcome to St. Michael's

- Welcome to St. Michael's! We are so glad you are here!
- Please continue your tithes and offerings. We have three ways to give:
 1. Mail a check to the church at 71 Broad Street, 29401
 2. Go on our website and give electronically (under Giving)
 3. Text stm to 73256 (REALM)
- **Visiting?** Please text Welcome to 843-258-4445.
- Please check our website (www.stmichaelschurch.net/members) for news, updates, and information on online worship and classes. A printed copy of our weekly newsletter eblast is available in the narthex.
- If you are not receiving our emails, please check your spam folder, and add our email to your Contacts list. If you are still having trouble, contact Trish McGuinn at trish@stmichaelschurch.net.

Today's Sermon

Fruitfulness and Joy

Preacher: The Rector

Today is that one Sunday of the year where we slow down our worship for something we call an Instructed Eucharist. The purpose of the Instructed Eucharist is to explain why we do what we do in worship. Like why do we have confession before Communion? What does the wafer we receive at communion: **קִבּוּד** signify? What does all of this have to do with my life? Ironically, the Gospel for today is all about fruitfulness. How can we be fruitful if we don't really know why we worship? So come with a teachable spirit as together we are refreshed with the why's of what we do!



What's Happening on Sunday

8:00 am

Reflective Service (Church)

8:45 am - 12:30 pm

Nursery age 6 weeks to 4 years

9:00 am

Contemporary Service with Praise Music (Church)

There is no Children's Church today

10:00 am

Tour of the Church. Meet our tour guide by the pulpit in the center aisle after the service.

10:00 am SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children & Youth

K-1st grade	Gospel Corner 1st floor of Belser Building
2nd-3rd grade	Room 204
4th-5th grade	Room 203
6th-12 grade	Room 201

Adults with Bill Hyer

Bill Hyer's class is on hiatus until Sunday, January 8, 2023.

Adults with Tim Surratt

A discussion-based class
Choir Room

Adults with Laura Gruber and Hal Frampton

A parent-focused class
The Chapel (2nd floor Belser Bldg)

11:00 am

Traditional Service with Organ and Choir (Church)

There is no Children's Church today

12:30 pm

Tour of the Church. Meet our tour guide by the pulpit in the center aisle after the service.

7:00 pm

Youth Group 6th-12th grade

Meets with Taylor Daniel in the Rectory Yard and Kinloch Room.

Prelude

Nun, komm, der Heiden Heiland J. S. Bach
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✠ Denotes pausing for Instructed Eucharist



This classic Advent hymn encapsulates the tension of the already-not-yet nature of the season. We find ancient longing for a Redeemer in verse one and then we explore the first fulfillment of that longing in the mystery of Christ's incarnation and life on earth. The Biblical references here are powerful: the "Dayspring from on high" (Luke 1:78), the "Rod of Jesse" (Isaiah 11:1-2), and the singing of the angels (Luke 2:9-14). In the last verse we pray for the not yet, the yet to be fulfilled promise that Christ would rule in our hearts alone and bring in his heavenly kingdom. Finally, we pray for the ultimate fulfillment of the Advent season, that Christ would bring us to his eternal home.

ProceSSIONAL Hymn, all standing

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

- 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.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.*
- 2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high, appear;
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth;
"Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."*
- 3. Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end;
By his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.*
- 4. Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.*

Welcome

Revelation 22:20

Officiant Surely the Lord is coming soon.
People Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

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

In this **Prayer for Purity**, we ask God to cleanse our hearts and minds of anything that comes between Him and us, anything that would impede our worship of Him. We offer to Him our whole selves that we might decrease and that He might increase, to the glory of Jesus Christ.

The Collect for Purity

All Almighty God, *to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Summary of the Law

Officiant Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Officiant Lord, have mercy.
People **Christ, have mercy.**
Officiant Lord, have mercy.

Song of Praise, standing

I Hear a Sound

1. *I hear a sound coming from the mountain,
I hear it louder each day.
I hear a sound coming from the mountain
And it says, "Prepare ye the way."*

*Refrain: Prepare ye the way, Prepare ye the way
Prepare ye the way of the Lord.*

2. *I see the King standing on the mountain,
I see Him clearer each day.
I see the King standing on the mountain,
And He says, "Prepare ye the way." Refrain*



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

The Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: Romans 15:1-6, *seated*

Bible, p. 949

After the Reading, the Reader says The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 24:7-10, standing, read responsively by whole verse

7 Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
8 **Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle!**
9 Lift up your heads, O gates! and lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
10 **Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!**

Glory 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.**

The Scriptures teach that much of our spiritual renewal is by the washing of the Word of God, which cleanses our minds and purifies our hearts.

Hymn, *standing*

Savior of the Nations, Come! Hymn 54

1. *Savior of the nations, come! Virgin's Son, make here your home.
Marvel now, both heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.*
2. *Wondrous birth! Oh, wondrous child of the Virgin undefiled!
Mighty God and Mary's son, eager now his race to run!*
3. *Thus on earth the Word appears, gracing his created spheres;
Hence to death and hell descends, then the heavenly throne ascends.*
4. *Come, O Father's saving Son, who o'er sin the victory won,
Boundless shall your kingdom be; grant that we its glories see.*

The Gospel, *standing*

Bible, p. 808

Priest

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew 3:10-12

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The word **Gospel** comes from an old German word which means "Good News," the great good news about Jesus the Messiah. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the importance we place on Jesus' words and actions.

We don't often learn from a sermon until we have reflected on it, even if briefly! Take this moment for quiet contemplation, asking the Lord to reveal His message to you.

The **Nicene Creed** is a statement of what the Christian community believes to be true about God. It was born of rigorous intellectual debate in the fourth century, culminating in councils of whole church at Nicaea in 325 and at Constantinople in 381. The word creed comes from the Latin credo for "I believe."

Catholic simply means universal, not necessarily the Roman Catholic Church.

Homily

Fruitfulness and Joy
The Rector

Instrumental Music

Nicene Creed, *together, standing*

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.*



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

Prayers of the People, kneeling

Leader Heavenly Father, we know we are at our most joyfilled when we are using the gifts you’ve given us and bearing fruit! Help us understand what our gifts are and empower them for your glory to bear fruit for the Kingdom! Lord, in your mercy:

People *Hear our prayer.*

Leader We pray for God’s people throughout the world; for Foley, Archbishop of the Anglican Church in North America, for Chip, our Bishop, and for the clergy, staff, and congregation of St. Michael’s Church. Lord, in your mercy:

People *Hear our prayer.*

Leader For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service, especially Joe, our President, Henry, our Governor, and John, our Mayor, and for all who serve in law enforcement, as well as all first responders, firefighters, and our armed forces, that we would be one nation under God. Lord, in your mercy:

People *Hear our prayer.*

Leader For our schools, teachers, coaches, and students here in our community. Lord, in your mercy:

People *Hear our prayer.*

Leader For all the blessings of this life, especially for this season of Advent and our preparation for the coming birth of our Savior. Lord, in your mercy:

People *Hear our prayer.*

Leader For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. We also lift up those who have come to us for prayers of healing, especially Bettie Clark, Cantey Hare, Jim Holman, Kristine Schaffer, Richard Scurry, and Mary Harris Wickline. Lord, in your mercy:

People *Hear our prayer.*

Leader For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection. Lord, in your mercy:

People *Hear our prayer.*

Leader In these and in all ways, we give thanks to you Lord God, for your goodness, for your listening ears, healing hands, and caring heart.

People *Amen.*

The Prayers of the People: This is a time during our service to pray for some people by name, who have requested prayers from us. We are limiting those mentioned “out loud” to the five most recent requests from church members and their families, but please note the following:

More than 60 Prayer Ministers at St. Michael’s Church are praying for more than 50 people by name each day. Just because we have not said their name does not mean they are not being prayed for faithfully and daily. Also, please understand that we don’t put anyone on any prayer list without their permission.

We encourage you to come forward during communion to our prayer teams, located in the front pews, and ask for specific prayers for yourself or anyone who is on your mind who needs prayer. You can meet with these trained teams after you receive communion until the end of the service.. or beyond, however long it takes.

To place someone on our prayer list, please call the church. We also offer prayer teams who can come to you, by appointment, to offer in depth prayer for your needs.

We would love for you to become one of our Prayer Ministers, who receive weekly updates on the needs of those on our list and pray for these needs daily.

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

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



The 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.*)

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.*



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*

There are four ways to give:

1. Text Stm to 73256 (REALM). Standard text messaging rates may apply.
2. Give online on our website, www.stmichaelschurch.net (under Giving).
3. Mail your tithe or offering to St Michael's Church, 71 Broad St, Charleston, SC 29401.
4. If in attendance at church, place in the offering basket.

Visiting? Please text Welcome to 843-258-4445.

Dedication of Advent Sanctuary Hangings

Beebe Family: We, the family of Jan and Lucius Beebe, present to St. Michael's Church these Advent Sanctuary hangings to be set apart for the service of Christ's holy Church.

Officiant: All things come from you, O Lord;

People: **And from your own gifts do we give to you.**

Officiant: This is the offering which you shall receive from the people: gold, silver, and bronze, blue and purple and scarlet cloth, and finely woven linen. (Exodus 25:3)

People: **You are clothed with majesty and splendor.**

Officiant: Prosper the work of our hands;

People: **Prosper our handiwork.**

Officiant: Let us pray.
Almighty God, we thank you that you have put it into the hearts of your people to make offerings for your service, and have been pleased to accept their gifts. Be with us now and bless us as we set apart these Sanctuary hangings to your praise and glory through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Dedication of Advent Vestments

Beebe Family: We also present to St. Michael's Church these Advent Sanctuary vestments to be set apart for the service of Christ's holy Church.

Officiant: You shall make holy garments for Aaron, for glory and for beauty. (Exodus 28:2)

People: *Clothe your ministers with righteousness and let your people sing with joy.*

Officiant: Let us pray.
O God, you revealed your Son clothed in majesty and glory: Accept these vestments for the use of the clergy of your Church, that, being clothed with humility as they minister to you, they may show forth his eternal splendor.

Heavenly Father, in memory and in honor of Jan and Lucius Beebe, grant that these Advent Sanctuary hangings and vestments may adorn this sanctuary; and show forth your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



Officiant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Anthem

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come P. Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins, who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be. Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, who was and is and is to come; sing Holy, Holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon! Even so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their all! -from Rev. 22

Doxology

*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.*

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.*

2022 Stewardship Update

Budget
\$2,092,670

Received
as of Dec. 1
\$1,690,609



Hopefully most of you have received your annual giving update in the mail from St. Michael's in the last week or two. It is important for everyone to fulfill their annual pledge in the next few weeks. Also, we rely on those who do not pledge to be generous in their year end giving to the church. We need to "finish well" to achieve a balanced budget again this year. Thank you for your support of St. Michael's Church!
Gary DiCamillo
Treasurer

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.

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 **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.

The **Sanctus** is the song of the seraphim contained in the great vision that the prophet Isaiah experienced while worshipping 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 **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 Lord's Prayer, we ask for daily bread, meaning the things we need to get through each day. But as a part of that, the sacramental bread also symbolizes God's presence, which is something that is also essential to our getting through the day.

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.

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 glory 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:

Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

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.

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.*

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 Savior 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*



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.

The Invitation

The congregation will now receive communion at the rail, either kneeling at the rail for the wafer and cup, or receiving a mini-chalice (to be consumed at the rail).

Everyone is invited to sing during communion.

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.

Prayers you might pray during Communion

Prayer for those in doubt:

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing and that leads to the life you promise.

Prayer of belief:

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Please come into my life through the power of your Holy Spirit.

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 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.

As you approach the rail, you may choose to receive the bread and wine from the cup at the rail, or indicate you want a mini-chalice by placing your right hand over your heart. Please consume the elements of your mini-chalice at the rail.

* 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.

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.

Those seated upstairs may receive Communion or a mini-chalice at a station in the balcony. Please wait until the Communion ministers are in place, then follow the direction of the ushers.

**ORDER FOR RECEIVING
COMMUNION**

eneral: 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.

Singing During Communion:

The Christian life is deeply
personal yet is essentially
corporate by nature, not
private. Every act of worship
is intended not only to glorify
God for God's sake, but to lift
up and build up one another in
Christ for His sake as well. The
word "liturgy" literally means
"the work of the people." A
central function of liturgy is
to send the message that in a
worship community there are
no bystanders. It is corporate
through and through and from
one end to the other. Singing is
also a form of prayer that can
help carry the heart to God not
only in the words being sung
but beyond the reach of words.
At St. Michael's, therefore, we
encourage you to continue to
pray by singing both before and
after you come to Communion
yourself. In this way all of us
are helping each other to lift our
hearts continuously in the midst
of receiving the greatest gift ever
given...the life of Jesus Christ.

Song, seated

1. *The desert shall rejoice and blossom as a rose:
It shall blossom abundantly
And rejoice with praise and singing.*
2. *The desert shall rejoice and blossom as a rose:
For the ears of the dear shall hear
And the blind, their eyes be opened.*
3. *The desert shall rejoice and blossom as a rose:
For the tongue of the mute shall sing
And the lame will dance with gladness.*
4. *The desert shall rejoice and blossom as a rose:
For the ground will become a pool
And the dry land springs of water.*
5. *The desert shall rejoice and blossom as a rose:
As the ransomed return to God
And come singing back to Zion.*
6. *The desert shall rejoice and blossom as a rose:
Unto Zion we come with joy,
For our God has come to save us.*

Hymn

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

1. *The King shall come when morning dawns, and light triumphant breaks;
When beauty gilds the eastern hills, and life to joy awakes.
Not as of old a little child to bear, and fight, and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.*
2. *The King shall come when morning dawns, and earth's dark night is past;
O haste the rising of that morn, the day that e'er shall last.
And let the endless bliss begin, by weary saints foretold,
When right shall triumph over wrong, and truth shall be extolled.*
3. *The King shall come when morning dawns, and light and beauty brings:
Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray, come quickly, King of kings.
O brighter than that glorious morn shall this fair morning be,
When Christ, our King, in beauty comes, and we His face shall see.*

Hymn

Blest Be the King Whose Coming Hymn 74

1. *Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!
For him let doors be opened, no hearts against him barred!
Not robed in royal splendor, in power and pomp, comes he;
But clad as are the poorest, such his humility!*
2. *Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!
By those who truly listen his voice is truly heard;
Pity the proud and haughty, who have not learned to heed
The Christ who is the Promise, who has atonement made.*
3. *Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!
He only to the humble reveals the face of God.
All power is his, all glory! All things are in his hand,
All ages and all peoples, till time itself shall end!*
4. *Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!
He offers to the burdened the rest and grace they need.
Gentle is he and humble! And light his yoke shall be,
For he would have us bear it so he can make us free!*

Song

Alleluia He Is Coming

1. *I looked up and I saw young Mary riding
I looked up and I saw young Mary riding down the road*
- Chorus: *Alleluia He is coming Alleluia He is near
Alleluia He is coming Alleluia He is near*
2. *I looked up and I saw a manger waiting
I looked up and I saw a manger waiting for a King Chorus*
 3. *I looked up and I saw a new star rising
I looked up and I saw a new star rising in the sky Chorus*



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 Advent Blessing

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

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.

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.

This hymn adopts much of the imagery and mystery of the Parable of the Ten Virgins from Matthew 25. We begin singing an eschatological evening, the darkness falling around us, but we end the hymn singing of Christ rising as a sun and ushering in the everlasting day of earth's glorious redemption. The song makes no reference to Christ's first Advent; we sing only of the present era of God's redemptive history where Christ calls us to be little lights in the world. Notice also the wonderful promises of verse two: Jesus' appearing means the end of our battle with sin and our earthly toil. What awaits us in the next world is our own marriage feast where we corporately, as heirs of glory, wed our great and glorious Bridegroom. We agree together in song and pray "to see the day of earth's redemption, and ever be with thee!"

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.

Closing Hymn

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers Hymn 68

- 1. Rejoice! Rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear!
The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising, and soon he will draw nigh;
Up, watch in expectation! At midnight comes the cry.*
- 2. See that your lamps are burning, replenish them with oil;
Look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.
The marriage feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand;
Rise up, ye heirs of glory, the Bridegroom is at hand!*
- 3. Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, thou Sun so longed for, above this darkened sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption, and ever be with thee!*

The Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

Fanfare and Advent Toccata D. L. Henzman

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 lemonade in the Kinloch Room after the service!

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!

Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 18

The pageant will take place during the 9:00 am Contemporary Service.

The 8:00 am and 11:00 am services will remain at their usual times with Holy Communion.

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Christmas at St. Michael's Church

Children's Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 18

9:00 am

Christmas Eve Services

Saturday, December 24

4:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 11:00 pm

Christmas Day Service

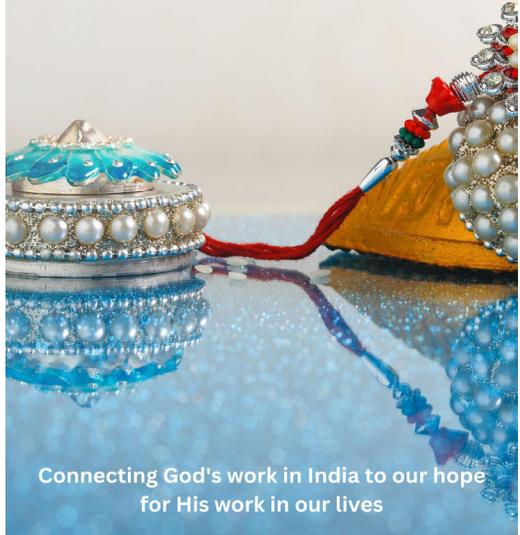
Sunday, December 25

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 am

*On December 24, we will have Noah's Nursery only at the 4:00 pm service
* available on livestream*

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Christmas Rectory
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Sunday, December 11
after the 11:00 am service

Would you like to help?
We need volunteers to help
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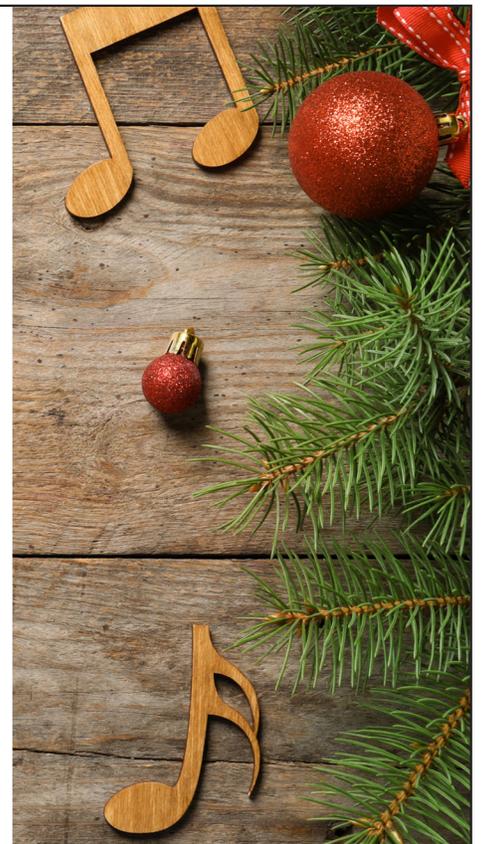
Advent Music

Caroling at Canterbury House,
November 30
6:30 pm at 175 Market St.

Caroling in the Neighborhood
December 7
6:30 pm Meet in the Kinloch Room
for Hotdog Supper

Advent Lessons & Carols
December 14
7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Advent Organ Recital & Carol Sing
December 21
7:30 pm in the Sanctuary



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



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Christmas Flower Offerings

as a Memorial or Thanksgiving

If you wish to give flowers and/or greens 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.*

Deadline

*Names will be accepted for publication through **Thursday, December 15***

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GREENERY HELP NEEDED:

As we approach Christmas this year the Flower Guild would like to invite you to participate in the greening of the Church by donating greenery from your gardens. If you have "Little Gem" magnolia, boxwood, or holly or other evergreens typically used at holiday time that are over-grown and need a little thinning out, please call Mary Scarborough 843-270-7117 to arrange a time for cutting, 6" - 8" pieces. The cost of flowers and greenery has increased significantly over the past ten years and gathering plant material from our yards is an enormous help. Thank you for considering this opportunity for giving out of your abundance!

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Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:00 pm **Youth Group** 6th-12th grades

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

6:30 pm **Caroling in the Neighborhood**

Meet in the Kinloch Room for hot dogs, then caroling at homes near St Michael's Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

12:15 pm **Rectory Open House**

7:00 pm **Youth Group Christmas Party**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:00 pm **Advent Lessons & Carols**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

9:00 am **Christmas Pageant**

We will still have the 8:00 am & 11:00 am Holy Communion services, but there will be no Sunday School.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

7:30 pm **Christmas at the Organ**

Carol sing and organ arrangements of your favorite songs!

Altar & Flower Guilds: Group IV

Greeter: Susannah Hubbell, Amanda Tatem, Kara Wilson, Maraide Sullivan

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