



Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 18, 2022 • 8:00 AM Rite I

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

CLERGY & STAFF

The Rev. Jesse Perkins, *Rector*
The Rev. Elizabeth (Betsy) Ward,
Priest Associate
The Rev. Alvin Johnson, *Priest Associate*
The Rev. Tim Murray, *Deacon*
Theresa Halminiak, *Parish Administrator*
Sara Torbeck, *Director of Music*
Jerry Egger, *Organist*
Kay Lewis, *Junior & Senior High Youth Ministry*
Kim Curtis, *Facilities Manager & Sunday School Director*
Carol Hebert, *Bookkeeper*
Caren Hunter, *Director of Little Angels Christian Preschool*
Rich Hornickel, *Sexton*

VESTRY

John Garcia, *Senior Warden*
Lindsay Taylor, *Junior Warden*

2023

Gwen Weibel
Kathi Frelk
Ric Lindeen
David Rauschenberg

2024

Doug Torbeck
Greg Mears
Carol Berman
Melissa Buckley

2025

Marisa Boynton
Brant Deichmann

John Davis, *Treasurer*
Craig Anderson, *Clerk*

St. Michael's Welcomes You!

Whether you are visiting with us for the first time today or if St. Michael's is your home, we welcome you and are glad you are joining us for worship. Wherever you might be in your spiritual journey, we invite you to continue to explore a deeper relationship with God and a stronger spiritual life.

Sunday Worship and Education Schedule

8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:00 a.m.	St. Michael's Jr. (LiFT) Sturtz House <i>(summer hours vary)</i>
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Visit stmichaelsbarrington.org
6:30 p.m.	St. Michael's Sr. High (LiFT) Sturtz House <i>(summer hours vary)</i>

Things to Remember

- Masks are optional while in the building.
- When it is time for Holy Communion, walk up to the altar and stand or kneel at the altar rail.
- A phone-friendly version of this bulletin is available by visiting our website at stmichaelsbarrington.org.

We also live-stream all services to Facebook and the parish website. This provides a way for everyone to worship with us, even if they are not comfortable returning in person. If you come up for communion, you will likely be seen in our online video by those worshipping at home.

Please visit our website at www.stmichaelsbarrington.org for more information and announcements.



The Holy Eucharist

The bells will ring three times, inviting the congregation to stand.

PRELUDE | Organ

The Word of God *Please stand as able.*

OPENING HYMN | Hymn 54, Savior of the Nations Come, *Nun kommt der Heiden Heiland*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT OF PURITY | BCP 323

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

TRISAGION | BCP 324 *Said in unison three times.*

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING | Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18| *Qui regis Israel*

Said in unison

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts,
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

THE SECOND READING | Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL | Matthew 1:18-25

Please stand as able.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON | Kim Curtis

THE NICENE CREED | BCP 326

Please stand. Said in unison.

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form VI, BCP 392

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Paula, our Bishop; Archbishop Joseph and Bishop-elect Simon of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; Jesse, Betsy, Al, Tim, and Judy, our priests and deacons; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

For: Rollo and the Nessel family, Louis, Jim, the Cheatham family, Jim, the Novak family, Cliff, Deborah, Marilyn and Pat, Ann, Bryan, Dave, Phyllis, Cameron, Maribeth, Pat, Ruth, Brian, Ted, Barb and Steve, Patty, and Amy.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We thank you for the birthdays and anniversaries of: Jeff Cross, Terri Longo, Caden Chan, Kathy Galliher, Judy Tammi, Paul Carrubba, Joel Deichmann, Kay Richards, and Ellen and Ric Lindeen.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

We remember: Tommie Nessel, Ann Cheatham, Jack Novak, Barbara Mabbs, Bette Sue Thomasson, Scott Treveiler, Jr., John Dowling, Anthony Slone, JoAnn Godfrey and Eleanor Conlon.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Today, in our Reverse Advent Calendar, we pray for the ministry and outreach of Ravenswood Community Services, as we collect and bless items for their use.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

.CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION | BCP 330

Deacon or Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

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

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto 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

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

People: **And with thy spirit.**

All may greet one another with the Peace of Christ.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

The Holy Communion

THE OFFERTORY

Thank you for your gifts in support of the church's mission and ministries. Offerings may also be made online at stmichaelsbarrington.org/give or by scanning the QR code.



MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY | Hymn 81, Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming, *Es ist ein Ros*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Prayer II | BCP 340

Please stand as able

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant: All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, 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, he 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 remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Celebrant and 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All are welcome to come forward to the altar rail for Communion or a Blessing.

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.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION | Hymn 324, Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence, *Picardy*

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Kneel or stand.

Celebrant: Let us pray. *Said in unison.*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the people

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN | Hymn 74, Blest Be the King Whose coming, *Valet will ich dir geben*

DISMISSAL

Deacon or Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE | Organ

AT TODAY'S WORSHIP

Preaching: Kim Curtis

Presiding: The Rev. Jesse Perkins

Deacon: The Rev. Tim Murray

*"Permission to reprint, podcast, and / or stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE
with license #A-704397. All rights reserved."*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Guild Flower Donations- This holiday season you can help our altar to be adorned with God's beautiful gift of flowers. The altar guild works tirelessly to create floral arrangements for the altar but we need your help! Did you know that the flowers on the altar are funded solely with donations by parishioners? A donation can be made in memory or thanksgiving of a loved one or just in thanksgiving! Please consider donating towards our Christmas flowers with any amount you can. The funds will be used to purchase flowers and poinsettias to create a special Christmas display. There are envelopes in the narthex on the podium and some in the pews. You can also donate online by selecting 'altar flowers' under fund and make a note of who they are in memory or thanksgiving for. In order to have the names in printed in the bulletin, please donate by December 19th. The altar guild thanks you in advance for your support!

CALENDAR & EVENTS

- **November 27th- December 18th** / Advent Adult Forum- Sunday's 11:30am.
- **December 18th** | 10am St. Nicholas visits St. Michael's
- **December 24th** | 2pm, 4pm, 10pm Christmas Eve Services
- **December 25th** | 8am and 10am Sunday Services
- **February 5th** | 11:30am Annual Meeting

WEEKLY EVENTS

- **Sundays 10:00 AM** | In Person Sunday School
- **Tuesdays 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM** | Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study
- **Fridays at 5:45 AM** | Men's Fellowship meets in the Community Room

MONTHLY EVENTS

- **Last Tuesday of Every Month** | Prayer Shawl Meets in the Library at 10:00 AM
- **Third Wednesday of Every Month** | Book Club meets in the Library at 7 PM

Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Rollo and the Nessel family, Louis, Jim, the Cheatham family, Jim, the Novak family, Cliff, Deborah, Marilyn and Pat, Ann, Bryan, Dave, Phyllis, Cameron, Maribeth, Pat, Ruth, Brian, Ted, Barb and Steve, Patty, and Amy.

Birthdays

12/18 Jeff Cross
12/18 Terri Longo
12/19 Caden Chan
12/19 Kathy Galliher
12/20 Judy Tammi
12/21 Paul Carrubba
12/21 Joel Deichmann
12/22 Kay Richards

Anniversaries

12/22 Ellen and Ric Lindeen

Remembrances

12/18 Barbara Mabbs
12/19 Bette Sue
Thomasson
12/19 Scott Treveiler, Jr.
12/19 John Dowling
12/20 Anthony Slone
12/20 JoAnn Godfrey
12/24 Eleanor Conlon
Jack Novak
Ann Cheatham
Tommie Nessel

