

Alive in Christ. Alive in Generosity.

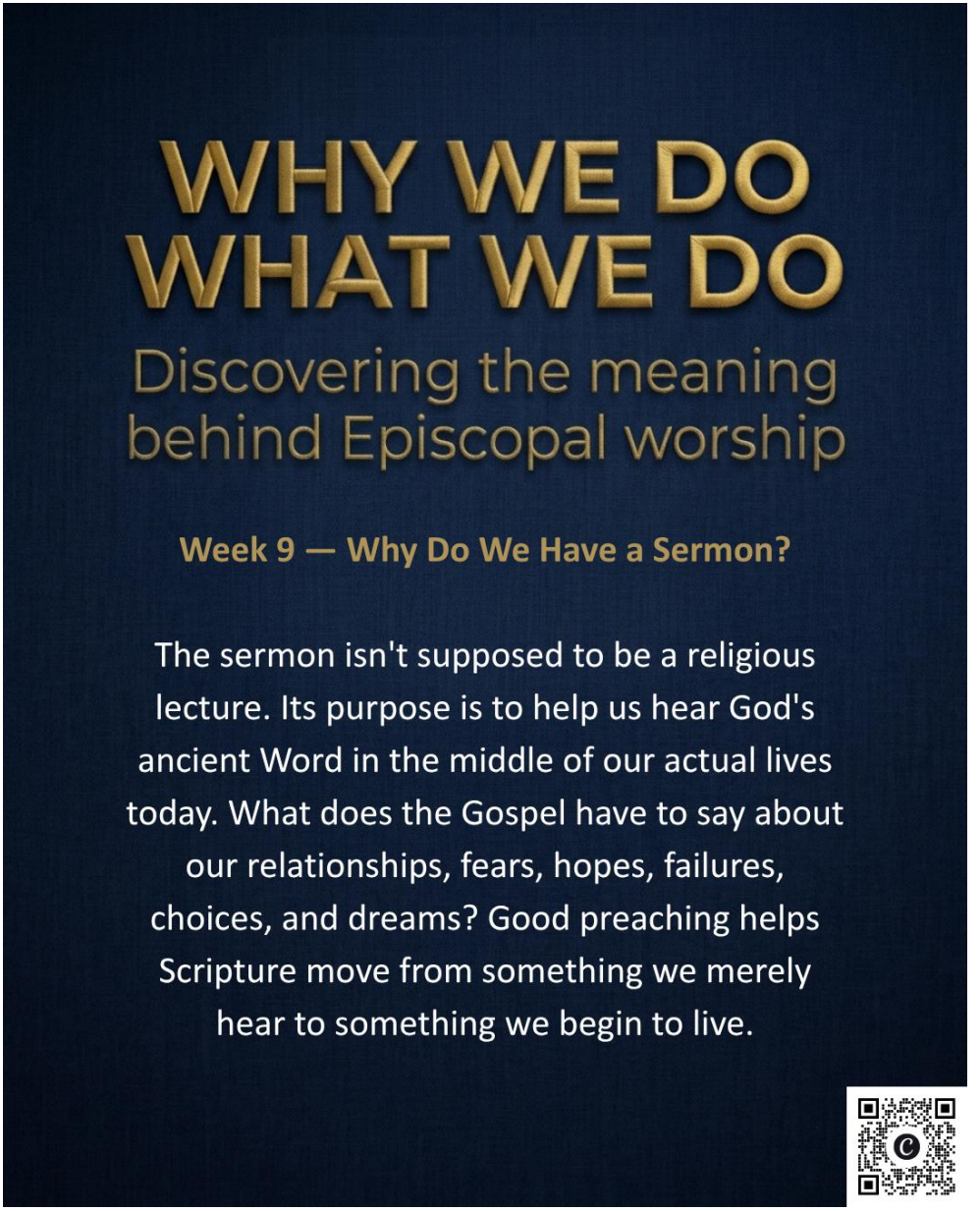
With all that I am and all that I have, I honor you.

Sunday, Nov. 8 at 10:15 am

GRACE → GRATITUDE → TRUST → GENEROSITY

Welcome to St. Michael's Church

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we welcome and accept you, and we trust God to take you where God wants you in God's timing. We want to be a safe place for you to experience God's grace, love, and presence with us. **Welcome home.**



PROCESSIONAL HYMN **Blessed Assurance**



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Celebrant says

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*.

HYMN OF PRAISE **Glory to God** **S-280**



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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING **Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25**

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. "Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 78:1-7 (*to be read responsively, by half-verse*)

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know,and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;

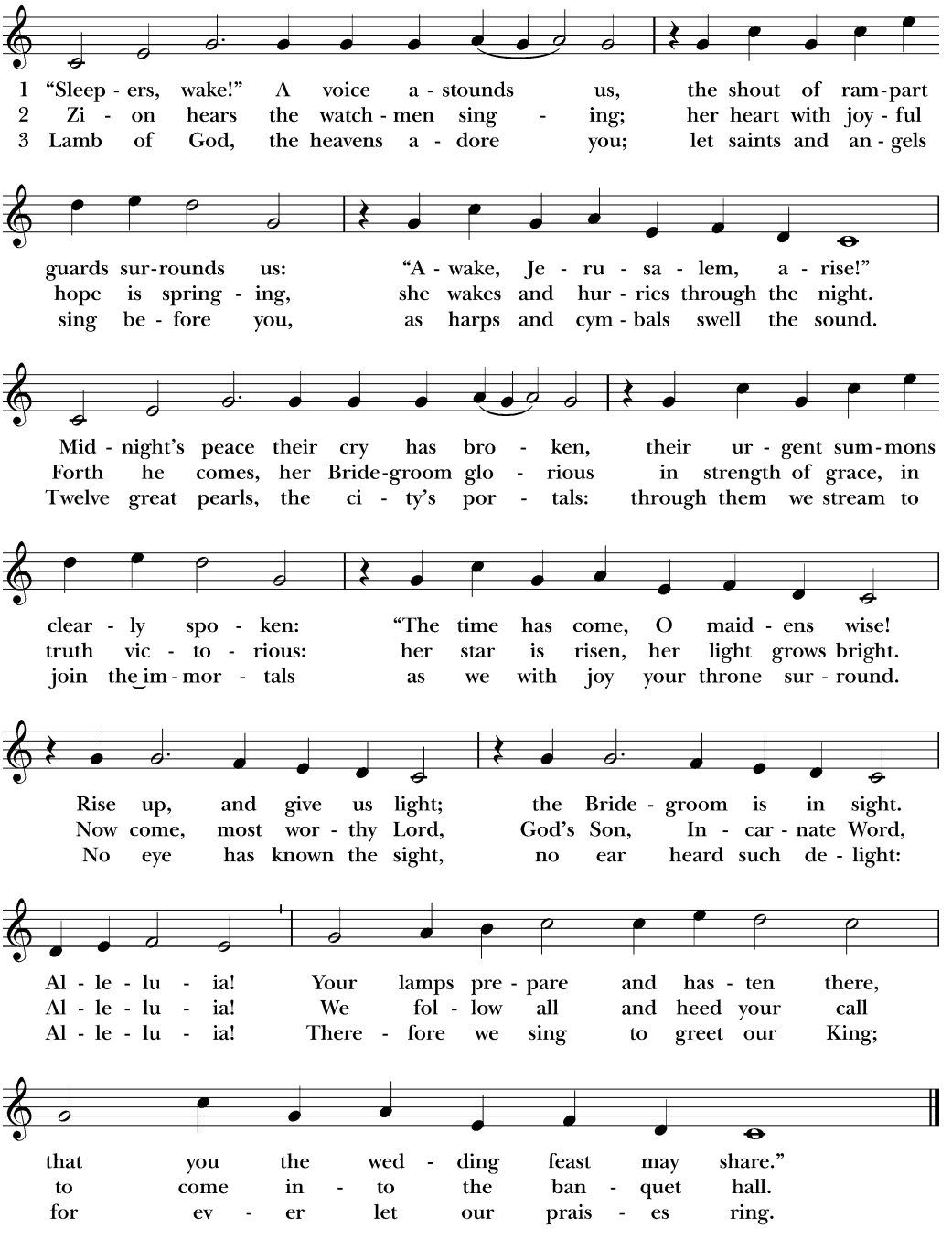
SECOND READING **1 John3:1-3**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

(please stand)

GOSPEL HYMN **"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us** **HYMN 62**



HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 25:1-13**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

Step 3 Prayer

God, I offer myself to Thee –
to build with me and to do with me as Thou wilt.
Relieve me of the bondage of self,
that I may better do Thy will.
Take away my difficulties,
that victory over them may bear witness to those I would help
of Thy Power, Thy Love, and Thy Way of life.
May I do Thy will always.

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All Stand

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

Intercessor: Trusting in the love that has made us children of God, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all who long for healing and hope.

For the Church throughout the world**:** Lord Jesus, awaken us to your presence. Keep us from becoming so comfortable with religion that we forget your call to love. Fill our lamps with the light of your grace, and make us faithful witnesses to your mercy.
Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

For the nations of the world and those entrusted with authority: Where there is division, sow reconciliation. Where there is hatred, awaken compassion. Where fear and the hunger for power prevail, raise up leaders who seek justice, practice humility, and serve the common good.
Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

For those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit: Draw near to the sick, the grieving, the lonely, and the discouraged. {LIST} Remind them that they are fully known and deeply loved. Surround them with your healing presence and with people who will walk beside them in compassion.
Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

For our parish family and the community we serve: Make St. Michael's a place where grace is not merely proclaimed but lived. Open our hearts to newcomers, our hands to neighbors in need, and our lives to the transforming work of your Holy Spirit. Teach us to love as you love.
Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

For those who have died and for all who await the fullness of your promises: {PAUSE} We give you thanks that death does not have the final word. Receive the departed into your eternal love, comfort those who mourn, and strengthen our hope in the day when we shall see Christ and be made like him.
Lord, in your mercy**,** ***Hear our prayer***.

Celebrant: Gracious God, you have loved us before we knew how to love you. Keep our hearts awake, our lamps burning, and our lives open to your grace. Free us from all that keeps us from loving, and complete in us the good work you have begun; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon then says
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence.

Minister and People
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 Priest stands and says
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.

PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

(you may sit)
CHILDREN'S SERMON
BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY BLESSING
ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant says
Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

OFFERTORY ANTHEM **Rejoice, Rejoice Believers**

Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear; the evening is advancing, and darker night is near. The bridegroom is arising and soon is drawing nigh. Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry.

The watchers on the mountain proclaim the bridegroom near; go forth as he approaches with alleluias clear. The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand. Arise, O heirs of glory; the bridegroom is at hand.

The saints, who here in patience their cross and suff'rings bore, shall live and reign forever when sorrow is no more. Around the throne of glory the Lamb they shall behold; in triumph cast before him their diadems of gold.

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear; arise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere. With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see the day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660-1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823-1907
Tune: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG – Swedish folk tune

(you may stand)

GREAT THANKSGIVING (Prayer A)

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 him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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


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

(you may kneel)
The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, gave thanks, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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

(you may kneel)
The Celebrant continues
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at *the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.*

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.

The Celebrant then continues

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.



God Bless to Us Our Bread
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COMMUNION HYMN **Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness** **HYMN 339**





Words: Johann Franck (1618-1677); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Schmücke dich*, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

LEV SENDING PRAYER

If Lay Eucharistic Visitors are to be sent out, the following words are said:

The Celebrant *In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.*

People ***We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.***

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.
(you may kneel)

Celebrant and People
Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

(please stand)



BLESSING

The priest blesses the people.

RECESSIONAL HYMN **Soon and Very Soon**



DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**



SAINT MICHAEL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Upcoming ***events***

NOV 2026

FRI NOV 13–15

Diocesan Youth Retreat: Made New
Camp Wingmann, Avon Park
(Grades 7–12; Guest Speaker: Brian Morgan; Cost $150)

SUN NOV 15

Music at St. Michael's: Journey of the Heart
4:00 PM
Quigley Hall

THU NOV 19

Pub Theology
7 PM
Bottle Shop Tasting Bar

WED NOV 25

Thanksgiving Eve Noonday Prayer and Compline
12:00 PM for Noonday Prayer and 8:00 PM for Compline
Zoom

THU NOV 26

Thanksgiving Dinner
1:00 PM
Quigley Hall

For more info on upcoming events, check out our E-Messenger at stmichaelschurch.com or scan the QR code.

Scan the QR code below for our online event's calendar



Pause, Reflect, Give Thanks

Thanksgiving Eve Compline

A SERVICE OF NIGHT PRAYER



Wednesday, November 25
at 8:00 PM (ET)

ON ZOOM

JOIN COMPLINE ON ZOOM

Scan the QR code or click the link in the E-messenger to join.

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ALIVE IN CHRIST. ALIVE IN GENEROSITY.

WEEK 2 • GRATITUDE

Learning to see the gifts.

"Everything comes from you." 1 CHRONICLES 29:14

Dear Friends in Christ,

This week, I invite you to take an inventory of your life. Begin with the people who have loved you, the gifts you have developed, and the ordinary mercies that have carried you.

Grace changes how we see what we have. We begin to recognize that so much of life has been received. Even our capacity to give is itself a gift.

Gratitude makes room for the whole truth of our lives, including grief, uncertainty, and financial strain. We can name what is hard and still notice the kindness of God within it.

At St. Michael's, our shared life gives us countless opportunities to respond with thanksgiving: in worship, in friendship, and in care for our neighbors. What God has entrusted to us can become a blessing in someone else's life.

As you read the Gratitude section of our booklet, name three gifts each day. Then ask how one of those gifts might be shared. Let thanksgiving become a practice that opens your heart and your hands.

With love and gratitude,

Fr. Rick

AN INVITATION TO GROW

What has God entrusted to me, and how might my giving express gratitude?

2026 STEWARDSHIP SEASON • 2027 PLEDGE YEAR

Music at St. Michael's:
Invite, Welcome, Connect!

Journey of the Heart



Sonia Perez, soprano
Omaldo Perez, piano

A musical soirée that will take you
on a journey through the many facets of love.
This program will feature musical selections from
Broadway, the Silver Screen, and around the world.

Sunday, November 15, 2026 at 4:00pm

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ST. MICHAEL'S PRAYER LIST

Those who have commended themselves to our prayers: Bill L., Catherine, Cindy S., Fara, Lane, Lauren, Margie S., Marleigh, Tara, Tim

Long-Term Prayer List: Angela, Alex, Alexa C., Arline, Chris M., Chris P., Colton, Cynthia L., Damian M., Dan, David B., Deirdre E., Donna S., Ellen, Eugenia, Felicia, George T., Gylla, Jackie, Jason, Jeffrey, Joyce B., JoAnn O., John M., Joseph T., Julia L., Justin, Kris R., Lavelle B., Lisa H. & Family, Marci A., Paul, Pauline, Pedro, Pete, Phil, Sam M., Sarah, Scott S., Shelley (Warren), Sonia, Stephen, Stephanie G., Susana C., Susan A., Susan M., Thomasina M., Victor

Rest In Peace: Richard McGowin, *spouse of Susan Slemons-McGowin*

Those serving in the armed forces and in harm's way: Aaron D., Ben V., Bradley H., Chad S., Christopher E., Gloria, Hank H., Hope H., Jonah H., Kenneth K., Matt F., Nick R., Will M., Stuart R.

Birthdays: 8:Quentin Caruso, 9: Hadley Vanture, 10: Sylvia Saunders, Bill Zink, Susan Airth, Tina Harbert, Lenny Martins, Joshua Schwartz, 11: Arlon Doughton, 12: Olivia Corso, Kate Caruso, Stephanie Barksdale, Emmett Higgins, Adrian Milbrath, Ruth Einsig, 13: Ben Loughran, 14: Kathy Gillman

Anniversaries: 9: Chris & Courtney Steinhaus, 12: Dan & Judy Tracy

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A Gentle Reminder About the Prayer List:

Names that have been placed on the prayer list will remain on the short-term list for 2 weeks. At that time, they will transition to the long-term list for the remainder of a 90-day period.

To place someone on the prayer list, please get in touch with Ashleigh in the parish office at ashleigh@stmichaelschurch.com or call 407-843-8448.

BIRTHDAY PRAYER

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) *N.* as *they* begin(s) another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their* life (lives), through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

O God, we ask that you pour your grace and mercies on this (these) couple/s. Guide them with your wisdom, protect them with your love, fill their home with your presence, and may they grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ all the days of their life. *Amen*.

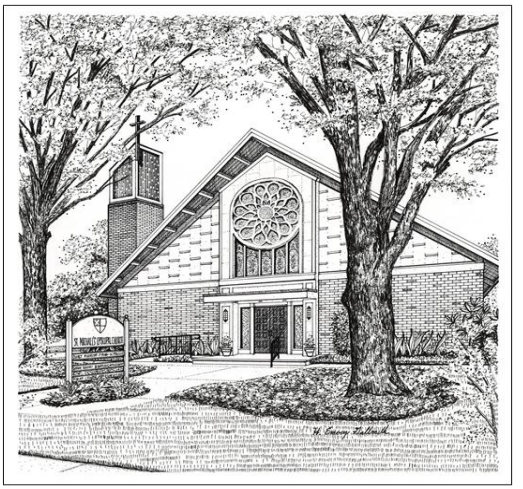
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The Rev. Greg Favazza, *Assisting Priest*
Omaldo Pérez, *Director of Music Ministry*
Mike Robertson, *Director of Outreach*
Tiffany Stieger, *Director of Children's Ministry*
Melanie Olivier, *Director of Preschool*
Mark T. Cole, *Director of Youth Ministries*

VESTRY

Senior Warden: Jordan Cook Evans
Junior Warden: Matt Vanture
Courtney Hazouri
Brian Rush
Ashley Bennett
Eleanor Ackermann
Basia Andraka-Christou
Kirsten Leger
Stephanie Dickinson
Anna McPherson
Sam Provencher
Jenn Mandelion Chrisman

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