Gospel Family Service

HOPE



First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2026 · 9 am
St. Michael's Church

WE GATHER

OPENING SONG **DAYS OF ELIJAH**

These are the days of Elijah,
Declaring the word of the Lord:
And these are the days of Your servant Moses,
Righteousness being restored.

And though these are days of great trial,
Of famine and darkness and sword,
Still, we are the voice in the desert crying
'Prepare ye the way of the Lord'

Behold He comes riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

These are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of Your servant David,

Rebuilding a temple of praise.
These are the days of the harvest,
The fields are as white in Your world,
And we are the labourers in Your vineyard,
Declaring the word of the Lord!

There's no God like Jehovah.
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Priest: Welcome! We're glad you're here. Let's begin by blessing the God who first blesses us.

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

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen

Let us pray: **God, you know us completely, every thought, hope, and secret. Nothing surprises you, and nothing stops you loving us. Make our hearts clean, so that we may truly love you and gladly praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE **Above All**

Above all powers
Above all kings
Above all nature and all created things
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man
You were here before the world began
Above all kingdoms
Above all thrones
Above all wonders the world has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth
There's no way to measure what
You're worth

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Celebrant: The Lord is here.
People: God's Spirit is with us.

Celebrant**:** Let us pray:
Lord Jesus, open our hearts to your presence, our minds to your truth, our hands to your service, and our lives to your love. For you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever**. Amen**

WE LISTEN

THE PSALM FOR THE DAY **PSALM 100**

Shout with joy to the Lord,
everyone, everywhere!

Worship the Lord with glad hearts;
come to God with joyful songs!

Know that the Lord is God. God made us, and we belong to God;
we are God's people, and God cares for us like a shepherd cares for sheep.

Come into God's house with thankful hearts;
give thanks to God and praise God's name!

The Lord is good, and God's love lasts forever;
God is faithful to every generation!

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (1:3-9)

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

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

THE TALK

THE ST. MICHAEL'S CREED

Celebrant: Friends, let us stand and say together what we believe and what gives us hope:

We believe in God,
who created heaven and earth,
knows us by name,
and loves us with a love that never ends.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's Son, our Savior
who was born among us as one of us,
showed us the heart of God,
gave his life on the cross,
rose again in victory,
is with us always,
and will come again
to make all things new.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who moved over the waters at creation,
spoke through the prophets,
lives within us,
gives us faith,
fills us with hope,
and teaches us to love.

We believe we belong to God's family, the Church,
where we are welcomed in one baptism,
forgiven and nourished,
and learn to follow Jesus together.

We look for the day
when God will make all things new,
and we will live with him forever.
Amen.

WE PRAY TOGETHER

(sit or kneel)

We pray for our families, friends, neighbors, and everyone who needs hope, healing, or encouragement today.
Lord, teach us to love.

We pray for our leaders and for all who shape the future of our world. Give them wisdom, compassion, and courage to seek justice and peace.
Lord, teach us to love..

We pray for those who are hungry, lonely, afraid, or hurting. Show them your love, and help us become part of the answer to their prayers.
Lord, teach us to love.

We remember those we love who have died. Thank you that nothing, not even death, can separate us from your love.
Lord, teach us to love.

We remember those who are especially on our hearts today... *(pause)*
Lord, teach us to love.

Priest: Loving God, receive these prayers, and even the ones we cannot find words to say. Fill us with your Spirit, so that we may love you more deeply, love our neighbors more generously, and serve the world more faithfully. **Amen.**

WE FIND REST & RELEASE

Priest: Jesus invites us to come to him with open hearts. Let us confess our sins and receive his mercy.

(Silence)

Loving God,
we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have said things we should not have said,
done things we should not have done,
and left undone things we should have done.
We are truly sorry.
Forgive us, for Jesus' sake,
Renew us.
Lead us by your Holy Spirit,
so that we may follow Jesus
with joy and courage. Amen.

(silence)

Priest: May God forgive you; Christ befriend you, and the Holy Spirit renew and change your life. Amen

THE PEACE

Priest: The peace of Christ be always with you.
All: And also, with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAY PRAYER:

Watch over this your child, O Lord.
Bless and guide (him/her) wherever (he/she) may be.
Strengthen and comfort (him/her) to do that
which is good and right.
May (he/she) feel the touch of Thy Divine Hand,
and receive the joy and power of the Holy Spirit,
that (he/she) may be blessed forever more,
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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERING

WE SHARE A MEAL TOGETHER

(sit or kneel)
Beloved, again and again, Jesus met people around a table. not to condemn them, but to welcome them, feed them, and remind them that they were deeply loved. So come to this table, not because you've earned a place here, but because Christ invites you. Come hungry for grace, for hope, and for the love of God that is freely given to all.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and always our joy, to give you thanks, loving Father.
You created us in love, never stopped loving us when we wandered from you, and, in the fullness of time, sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to bring us home.

By his life, his death on the cross, and his glorious resurrection, he opened the way to forgiveness, new life, and the hope that nothing can ever separate us from your love.

On the night before he gave himself for us, Jesus took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, 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, saying,
"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."

Remembering his life, his death, his resurrection, and his promise to come again, we offer you our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
Send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and this cup,
that they may be for us
the Body and Blood of Christ.
And as we receive them,
may we be filled with your love,
renewed by your grace,
and made one with Christ and one another.

All this we ask in the name of Jesus, our Savior and our Friend. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

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

JESUS' FAMILY PRAYER

(all 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.

WE BECOME ONE

Priest: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

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.

WE GO (*sit)*

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim and demonstrate your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

CLOSING SONG **The Blessing**

The Lord Bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face towards you
And give you peace

A....men, A..men A.....men
A...men A...men A.....men

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DIMISSAL

Go in peace to love God, love others, and serve the world.
Thanks be to God



SAINT MICHAEL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Upcoming ***events***

DEC 2026

WED **DEC**	**2**	***Noonday Prayer and Compline*** 12:00 PM & 8:00 PM Zoom
FRI **DEC**	**4**	***Advent Festival*** 6:00 - 8:30 PM Quigley Hall *(Food, music, crafts, and wine)*
SAT **DEC**	**12**	***Youth Gingerbread House Decorating Event*** 11:30 AM – 3:00 PM
SUN **DEC**	**13**	***EYC Christmas Party*** 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM Off-site
SUN **DEC**	**13**	***Choir Advent Christmas Concert*** 4:00 PM *Quigley Hall*

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

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Christmas at St. Michael's

Celebrate the Season with Us!

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— 2026 —

Blue Christmas Service

Thursday, December 17 @ 6:30 PM

Christmas Eve Services & Schedule

Thursday, December 24

3:30 pm	Gospel Family Service
5 pm	Christmas Pageant
5:30 pm	Christmas Eve Service
10 pm	Carols
10:30 pm	Christmas Eve Service

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