



ST. MICHAEL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FEBRUARY 22, 2026
9 AM GOSPEL FAMILY SERVICE



FAMILY BAPTISM DAY
IN THE SEASON OF LENT

(please stand)

WE GATHER

OPENING SONG

John 3:16

For God, so loved the world
That He gave His only Son
So that whoever believes in Him
Shall have eternal life

Ohhh
I've been set free
I've been set free
I've been set free
Oh oh oh oh

For God, so loved the world
That He gave His only Son
So that whoever believes in Him
Shall have eternal life

I've been set free
I've been set free
I've been set free
It is by the Blood of the Lamb
Ohhh ohhh ohhhh ohhh oh oh
By the Blood of the Lamb

Celebrant: There is one body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us.
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism. One God and Father of all.

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Let us pray: Holy God, You are the source of all life and the breath in every soul. We thank you for the gift of this day, where the ordinary meets the extraordinary. In this water, remind us that we are your Beloved— not because of what we have done, but because of who You are.

As we walk this path together, give us hearts that are open to your grace, hands that are ready to serve, and a faith that finds you in every neighbor. May our life with You be a story of courage and kindness, reflecting the light of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WE LISTEN

THE PSALM FOR THE DAY

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-13

LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *

you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places *

and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *

but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before *

and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *

it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

For you yourself created my inmost parts; *

you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *

your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

THE TALK

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY BAPTISM

THE INVITATION

The Celebrant stands near the Font.

Celebrant: Today, we aren't just performing a ceremony; we are stepping into a Great Story. It is the story of a Love that won't let go, of Light that the darkness cannot put out, and of a Home that is always open.

In this water, we see our past washed clean and our future made bright. Today we welcome those receiving the sacrament of new birth into the family of God—a new belonging, a new identity, and a new way of walking through this world with Jesus.

THE COVENANT: OUR SHARED COMPASS

Celebrant: Before we come to the water, let us stand together and remember what we believe and how we choose to live.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father, the Creator of all?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

Celebrant: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Breath of Life?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

Celebrant: Knowing this, will you keep learning the story of Jesus, sharing in worship, and growing together in faith?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you look for Christ in every person you meet, and love your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you work for justice and peace, honoring the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

THE PRESENTATION: THE CIRCLE OF SUPPORT

Celebrant: Who brings this person to be wrapped in God's grace today?

Parents & Sponsors: We do.

Amara Imogene Boyd
Caleb Barrington Boyd

Jacob Alexander Brown
Zachary Alan Brown

Celebrant: To you who love _____ most: Will you show them what Love looks like? Will you pray with them and help them find their place in this family?

Parents & Sponsors: We will, with God's help.

Celebrant *(to the Congregation):* And to all of you: Will you do everything in your power to support **N.** in their life in Christ?

People: We will!

THE THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

(The Celebrant invites the children forward and pours water into the font.)

Celebrant: God has always used water to bring life. In the beginning, the Spirit hovered over the waters of Creation. Through the sea, God led the people to Freedom. In the river Jordan, Jesus was baptized.

Celebrant: Pour out your Spirit upon this water. Let it be for us a sign of dying and rising with Christ. As we are washed in it, let us remember that we are never alone and always loved.

People: Amen.

THE BAPTISM & ANOINTING

Celebrant: N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

(The Celebrant anoints the candidate with oil, making the sign of the cross)

Celebrant: N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.

People: Amen.

THE WELCOME & THE LIGHT

(A candle is lit and handed to the family)

Celebrant: Receive the Light of Christ.

People: We receive you into the household of God. Walk with us in the way of Love. Proclaim the story of the Resurrection. Share with us in the work of God's kingdom.

SONG OF PRAISE

Worthy Is The Lamb

Thank you for the cross, Lord
Thank you for the price You paid
Bearing all my sin and shame
In love You came
And gave amazing grace

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Bearing all my sin and shame
In love You came
And gave amazing grace

Thank you for this love, Lord
Thank you for the nail pierced hands
Washed me in Your cleansing flow
Now all I know
Your forgiveness and embrace

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Thank you for the nail pierced hands
Washed me in Your cleansing flow
Now all I know
Your forgiveness and embrace

Worthy is the Lamb
Seated on the throne
Crown You now with many crowns
You reign victorious

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High and lifted up
Jesus Son of God
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THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you!

People: 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, Jesus often met people at tables— not to judge them, but to welcome them. To break bread. To remind them they belonged. To show them the Father's love.

So come to this table— not because you've earned it, not because you've got it all together, but because you're hungry... hungry for grace, for peace, for the embrace of a Father who has been waiting for you all along.

This is the table where shame has no seat, where striving ends, and love is poured out like wine. Come. Let yourself be fed. Let yourself be known. Let yourself be fathered by God. The table is ready. And so is the Father's love.

The Priest says:

Loving God, we remember that on the night before he died, Jesus sat at a table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my Body, given for you. Do this to remember me."

Then he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it, saying, "This is my Blood, poured out for you and for all, for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, remember me."

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. Amen.

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: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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

The Lord Bless you and keep you
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DIMISSION

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**We celebrate with joy and thanksgiving the newly baptized members
of the St. Michael's Family:**

Amara Imogene Boyd

Caleb Barrington Boyd

Jacob Alexander Brown

Zachary Alan Brown

Words of Blessing for Amara & Caleb Boyd

Dear Amara and Caleb,

May God bless you and keep you. You are loved, blessed, and highly favored. May the Lord watch over you all the days of your life and give you everlasting joy on this blessed walk with Him."

Love,
Mama and Papa

Dear Amara and Caleb,

We are so excited to watch you grow up in the strength and love of Christ. You are such bright rays of energy and light. As you've blessed our lives with joy, we pray the Lord fills you with joy and wisdom as you grow in the knowledge of Him. We love you very much and pray for continual blessings over your lives.

Love,
Nana, Grandpa and Uncle

Words of Blessing *for Jacob Brown & Zack Brown*

A Lenten Baptism Blessing

On this first Sunday of Lent — a season of renewal and grace — we celebrate a beautiful new beginning in your baptism, Jacob Brown and Zack Brown.

May this special day always remind you how deeply loved you are, and that God is walking with you every step of the way.

Jacob, may you grow up strong in faith, kindness, and courage, always looking for the good and sharing it with others.

Zack, may this day bring you renewed strength and peace as you lead your family with love and steady faith, together with Amanda, building a home filled with God's love.

May this day draw your whole family closer to one another and always closer to Him.

With all our love and prayers,

Gigi and Pap Pap
Amen.

St. Michael's Preschool
& Children's Ministry
present

Mother & Son Game Night

We welcome moms, grandmas, big sisters,
aunts, and other mother figures to join us for
an evening of fun and games with their boys!!

RSVP HERE



**FRIDAY
3/6
5:30PM -
7PM**

**MINI PIZZAS, COOKIE DECORATING AND
VARIOUS GAMES FOR PRESCHOOLER TO HIGH
SCHOOLERS**

Thank you for worshipping with us today!



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A colorful banner with a mosaic background of blue, yellow, and orange squares. On the left, the word "Welcome!" is written in a blue, cursive font. Below it, a white speech bubble contains the text "WE ARE SO GLAD YOU ARE HERE" in black, bold, sans-serif font. To the right of the speech bubble is a large QR code. At the bottom left, a white box contains the text "Scan the QR code to let us know you are here and to receive our newsletter." A small icon of a church with a steeple is positioned to the right of "Welcome!".