



# St. Michael's Messenger

December 24, 2024



## The Rector's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Michael's,

And the angel said to [the shepherds,] "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!"

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." (Luke 2:10-15 RSV)

Throughout Advent, and in our own personal and spiritual lives, we have prepared ourselves for the birth of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. In short order, we will celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus. I want to invite us all to come to church. We have you covered for services!

- Dec. 24 at 6:30 PM: Christmas Hymns and Songs Singing
- Dec. 24 at 7 PM: Christmas Eve Service (Rite II), complete with music
- Dec. 25 at 10 AM: Christmas Day Service (Rite II), without music

Let us not just bring ourselves, but let us invite others to come and hear the Good News. We have neighbors and strangers and even family members who need not be alone on such a holy and joyful occasion.

I invite us all to be as faithful as the shepherds and venture to find the Christ Child. For the one who saves breaks into the world... and this news must joyfully be shared. So yes, come and see and come and celebrate.

You never know who may come and be among us as we worship God and give thanks for the Christ Child.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who has worked so hard to make sure our Advent and Christmas Events have come to fruition. From our outreach efforts to our music, from our worship to fellowship opportunities, much has taken place since Christ the King Sunday to now. My thanks to everyone!

Faithfully,  
Fr. Dan

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** St. Michael's annual congregational meeting will be Sunday, January 12th. The meeting will be between services at 9:30 AM. We encourage everyone to attend this important part of our parish life.

**CHURCH CALENDARS:** 2025 Episcopal Calendars are available for purchase - only \$3 each. We have a limited number of them, so be sure to get yours today. They are on the greeters table in the Narthex with an envelope to put your money in.

**JANUARY ECM SOCIAL:** Will be Thursday, Jan 4 at 6:30 PM Social, 7 PM Meal. We will have our traditional January New Year's Feast of Fried Pork Chops, Collard Greens, Black Eyed Peas, Rice and Gravy and a dessert. This is a great time to invite someone new or who hasn't been in a while. PLEASE SIGN UP so that we know how much food to prepare. The cost will be split among those attending.

**ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS FOR 2025:** The altar flower chart and dedication sheets are posted on the parish hall bulletin board. We still have dates available. Here's how to sign-up: Put your name on the altar flower chart then on the dedication sheet, write your name and how you want your dedication to read in the bulletin for the date you select. Please remember you need to put your name in both places! Altar flowers cost a minimum of \$40.00. Greenery is \$20 and special request may cost more.

### ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Reverend Daniel A. Wagner, Rector  
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## WINTER CALENDAR

12/24	12:00	Church Office Closes
12/24	7:00	Christmas Eve Service (6:30 singing)
12/25		<i>Merry Christmas!</i>
12/25	10:00	Christmas Day Service
12/28	6:00	December Mingle 'N' Eat
12/29	10:30	Baptism Service
01/01		<i>Happy New Year!</i>
01/06	9:00	Church Office Reopens
01/09	6:30	January ECM Social
01/12	9:30	Annual Parish Meeting (between services)
01/15	5:15	Choir Practice
01/18	9:00	Vestry Retreat



### St. Michael's Christmas Schedule

#### Christmas Eve Service

6:30 PM Churchwide Singing  
7:00 PM Christmas Eve Eucharist

#### Christmas Day Service

10:00 AM Christmas Day Eucharist

We hope you and your family can join us for our Christmas services.



### DECEMBER

9	John Dickey
13	Joan Cornine Ashley Keating
16	Ethan Carroll
18	Teri Swann
19	Leisa Achterhoff Robert Pinkston
22	Libby Carman
23	Anna Dunn
26	Denise Lake
30	Julie Cleveland

*May God Bless You  
On Your Birthday!!*

### SERVING SUNDAY 12/24/24

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Daniel A. Wagner  
Organist and Choirmaster: Nancy Owens  
Altar Guild: Kim Frost  
Eucharistic Ministers: Bob Cook & John Dickey  
Psalmist: Robert Pinkston  
Lector: Libby Carman  
Verger: Tom McCabe  
Crucifer: John Dickey  
Torch Bearers: Kim Pesnell, Summer Robbins  
Banner Bearer: Salvina Cascio-Brewer  
Clergy Cross: Ethan Carroll  
Greeters: John Cleveland & Ethel Lawler  
Vestry Open-up Church: Robbie Lake  
Vestry Lock-up Church: Cheryl Borowski

### Holiday Hours

The Church Office will close at noon on Tuesday, Dec. 24, and then reopen on Monday, Jan. 6 at 9 AM. For Pastoral Care Emergencies, please call Fr. Dan at 864.430.2221. Have a Happy, Holy, and Safe Holiday Season.