



## The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Christmas Eve 2025  
3:00 p.m.

# St. Michael's Welcomes You!

## St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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

### Things to Remember

- When it is time for Holy Communion, walk up to the altar and stand or kneel at the altar rail.
- A digital version of this bulletin is available by visiting our website at [www.stmichaelsbarrington.org/blog](http://www.stmichaelsbarrington.org/blog).

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](http://www.stmichaelsbarrington.org) for more information and announcements.

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# The Holy Eucharist

## Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 | 3:00 p.m. | Rite II

*Welcome and Merry Christmas! We're so glad you are here. When the prelude music begins, please join us in quiet contemplation as we prepare our hearts for worship.*

### PRELUDE |

He is born, arr. Karen Lakey Buckwalter, St. Michael's Bell Choir  
Coventry Carol, arr. Noel Piercy  
I saw three ships, arr. Randy Calistri-Ye  
On Christmas night all Christians sing

## The Word of God

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** | Hymn 83, O Come, All Ye Faithful, (vs. 1, 2, 3, 6) *Adeste fideles*

*Please stand.*

### CRÈCHE BLESSING

Celebrant: The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us:

People: **And we beheld his glory.**

Celebrant: Most merciful and loving God, you have made this day holy by the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, and by the child-bearing of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Grant that we your people may enter with joy into the celebration of this day, and may also rejoice forever as your adopted sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### CHRISTMAS SALUTATION

*Please stand.*

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

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

Celebrant: The people who walked in darkness.

People: **Have seen a great light.**

Celebrant: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness.

People: **On them light has shined.**

*Children may return to their pews.*

**GLORIA** | Hymn 96, Angels We Have Heard on High, *Gloria*

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

**THE FIRST LESSON** | Isaiah 9:2-7

*Please be seated.*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before You as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 96 | *Cantate Domino***

*Said in unison*

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.**
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name;  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations  
and his wonders among all peoples.**
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;  
he is more to be feared than all gods.**
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;  
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.**
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!**
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples;  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.**
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name;  
bring offerings and come into his courts.**
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;  
let the whole earth tremble before him.**
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King!  
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."**
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.**
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the LORD when he comes,  
when he comes to judge the earth.**
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with his truth.**

## **THE SECOND LESSON | Titus 2:11-14**

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

# GRADUAL HYMN | Away in a manger

Anon, Philadelphia, 1885, 1892

James R. Murray, 1887

1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed, the lit - tle Lord  
2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord  
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay close by me for -

Je - sus lay down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky look  
Je - sus no cry - ing he makes; I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look  
ev - er, and love me, I pray; bless all the dear child - ren in

down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.  
down from the sky, and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.  
thy ten - der care, and fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

## **THE GOSPEL** Luke 2:1-20

*Remain standing.*

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth 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 heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**THE SERMON** The Rev. Ralph Osborne

## THE NICENE CREED | Expanded Language

*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 became truly  
human.**

**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.  
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

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Come let us adore Christ, the Lord. Let us pray, "Glorious Lord, **grant us your peace**"

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: make joyful our hearts. Strengthen your church with humility and faith that we might triumph over the power of evil.

*Silence*

Glorious Lord,

**Grant us your peace.**

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: you abhor neither the simple nor the lowly. Shine your light on all the world that the nations may look upon your truth and find their salvation.

*Silence*

Glorious Lord,

**Grant us your peace.**

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: may all of creation burst forth in songs of praise. May all the works of your hand glorify you.

*The congregation is invited to add their thanksgivings.*

Glorious Lord,

**Grant us your peace.**

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: summon the people of our community to yourself. May all the distractions and heartache of our lives fade away in the joy of your presence.

*Silence*

Glorious Lord,

**Grant us your peace.**

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: you love us so dearly. Grant your healing grace to sinners, the poor, to those in need of love. Open your arms to the sick and the lonely.

*The congregation is invited to add their petitions.*

Glorious Lord,

**Grant us your peace.**

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: all glory be given to you. You blessed our earthly bodies with your birth; and you promise to raise us to new life by your death and resurrection.

*Silence*

Glorious Lord,

**Grant us your peace.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant:* The Peace of God be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*All may greet one another with the Peace of Christ.*

## **The Holy Communion**

### **THE OFFERTORY**

*Thank you for your gifts in support of the church's mission and ministries.  
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**MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY | Take This Light, Helen Kemp, St. Michael's Children's Choir**

THE DOXOLOGY | Advent Doxology, *Irby*, arr. R.G. Huff

Praise to God, the One who made us. Praise to Christ, the new\* - born Son.

Praise the Spir - it, ev - er\_ with us. Praise the God - head, Three in\_ One.

Clear a path! Pre-pare the way! Ad - vent leads to Christ - mas Day!

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Please stand as able.*

**Celebrant:** God 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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant:

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

**SANCTUS** | Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, St. James Service, Richard Shephard

### Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (Sanctus)

St. James Advent Service  
arr. Richard Shephard



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r, of  
pow'r\_ and might. Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in\_ the high - est. Blessed is he, is he who comes  
in the name\_ of\_ the Lord. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est, Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues:*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant and People:*

## **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.**

**ANTHEM** | Be known to us, St. James Service, Richard Shephard

### Be Known To Us (Fraction Anthem) St. James Advent Service arr. Richard Shephard

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus Christ,  
in the break - ing of the bread. God of hope and  
God of pro - mise, you have pre - pared a ban - quet for us;  
Come, Lord Je - sus, come and cheer, Come and make Thy Cradle here.

## 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.

*Please come forward to receive Communion, receiving the Bread while standing or kneeling at the altar rail. While receiving both the Bread and the Wine is tradition, receiving the Bread alone constitutes full participation in this Holy Communion, and includes all benefits of the Sacrament. (Gluten free Bread available upon request).*

*To also receive the Wine, you may remain at the altar rail to drink from the chalice; please do not dip or intinct the Bread into the Wine as fingers will contaminate the cup.*

*If you would like a blessing instead, cross your arms and the priest will bless you. If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but, by reason of extreme sickness or physical disability [or pandemic], is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth. (BCP 457)*

## MUSIC AT COMMUNION |

87 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing, *Mendelssohn*

109 The First Nowell

115 What Child is this, *Greensleeves*

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *Kneel or stand.*

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

**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.**

**HYMN 111 |** Silent Night, *Stille Nacht*

## CHRISTMAS BLESSING

*Please stand.*

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN** | Hymn 100 Joy to the World, *Antioch*

## THE DISMISSAL

*Please remain standing.*

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the newborn King.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** | Joy to the World, W Held, Jerry Egger, organ

**Thank you for sharing your musical gifts at St. Michaels!**

### **Children's Choir:**

Kat Anderson, Jack Torbeck, Eddie Taylor, Aston Boynton, Alban Galliher, Lilly Weibel, Emeline Summerfield, Niamh Thomasson

### **Bell Choir**

Nick Anderson, Kat Anderson, Jill Anderson, Eddie Taylor, Lindsay Taylor, Sandy Borth, Kim McLean

### **Instrumental Ensemble**

Austin Gabis, violin

Sebastian Szymanski, violin

Lauren Gabis, cello

Tyler Gabis, bass

Jackson Summerfield, trumpet

### **After the Holidays**

Sunday School will begin on January 4.

And all the angels gift shop will return to its normal days and times starting January 3rd.

The first book club meeting of the new year will take place on January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

*The flowers on the altar are offered to Almighty God  
by the People of St. Michael's.*

*Barbara Floyd - In thanksgiving*

*Judy Tammi - In memory of James Tammi*

*Laurie & Jim Bateman - In thanksgiving for family and in memory of Bob &  
Maryann Strain and Rolley & Annette Bateman*

*Ingrid Bostrom - In thanksgiving*

*John & Edie Davis - Grateful for blessings of family*

*Bonnie Factor - In thanksgiving for Doug Factor*

*Fr Henry Doyle - In honor of Kay Richards birthday*

*Linda & Bruce Keclik - In thanksgiving*

*Greg & Cathy Koehlinger - Treasuring family*

