St. Michael and All Angels
Episcopal Church

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 29, 2026 AT 9:00AM

Entrance Hymn:	Christ be Our Light	Gather #590
Offertory Hymn:	Maranatha, Lord Messiah	Gather #397
Communion Hymn:	Warm the Time of Winter	Gather #417
Closing Hymn:	O Come, Divine Messiah	Gather #401

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

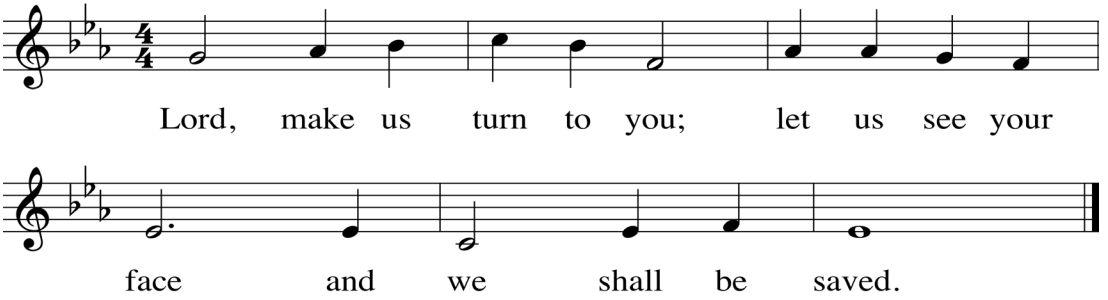
Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 80 *The congregation is invited to join in singing* Gather #922

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 80:2ac and 3b, 15–16, 18–19*



O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
enthroned on the cherubim, shine forth.
Rouse up your might and come to save us. R/.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore;
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted,
the son of man you have claimed for yourself. R/.

May your hand be on the man at your right hand,
the son of man you have confirmed as your own.
And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name. R/.

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A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

1 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.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ. Mark 13:24-37

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Gospeler The Gospel of our Savior.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON The Rev. Mike Angell
Please be seated at the invitation of the Preacher

2026 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 20
7:30am Advent IV service
9:00am Blue(s) Christmas
11:15am Lessons and Carols

Thursday, December 24
10:00am Luminaria Setup
4:30pm Intergenerational Informal Service
8:00pm Christmas Eve Festival Service
Coro de Luz leads carols from around the world (7:30pm Musical Prelude)
10:30pm Festival Christmas Eve Service
the Chancel Choir with strings
(10:00pm Musical Prelude)

Friday, December 25
10:00am Service with Carols
11:00am Luminaria Cleanup

Sunday, December 27
7:30am Simple Service with Chant
10:00am Service with Carols

Sunday, January 3: Epiphany celebration
7:30am Simple Service with Chant
10:00am Service with E-Jazz followed by Potluck Brunch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

More information on upcoming events can be found at stmichaelsabq.org /info

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE We are grateful to the 181 households who have pledged so far, including 28 new pledgers! The average increase on annual pledges is 36%. Please submit your pledge soon, as the vestry is already working on the 2027 budget. You can turn in your pledge card today or submit it online using the QR code provided on the pledge card.

YOUTH FAMILY FORMATION: TODAY AT 3:30 PM Food and conversation begin at 3:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

TODAY OUR FEATURED MINISTRY: GALLERY ST.MICHAEL'S Do you love the visual arts? Have an interest in being part of and artsy side of St. Michael's? We would love to talk to you about your interest in this ministry! Come by and talk to members of this ministry between services in the Narthex.

ADVENT BOOK STUDY: WE MAKE THE ROAD BY WALKING Continue our journey through Brian McLaren's book. The Monday evening group begins November 30 at 6PM, and the Wednesday group begins December 2 at 12:30pm. Sign up on line or in the Narthex. All are welcome to read along and join the conversation.

ADVENT MOVIE SERIES WEDNESDAYS: DECEMBER 2, 9, AND 16 6:00PM "And the darkness did not overcome it..." Join us as we explore stories of organizing for change in the midst of impossible odds thru film and conversation. This week we will watch *American Agitators*, a documentary about Dolores Huerta, Fred Ross, and the impact of grassroots organizing. Gather in the Pavillion at 6PM. Dinner provided.

DECEMBER 5 9-12 NOON ADVENT QUIET DAY A peaceful retreat from the hustle and bustle of the season. embrace stillness, engage in artisitc expression, and reflect with inspiring insights from our clergy.

CLASSICS' ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 10 AT 2:00 PM IN THE PAVILION Everyone is invited to bring their favorite appetizer or dessert to enjoy. The Rev. Mike Angell will be joining us to give us a preview of the upcoming year. Feel free to bring someone, and you do not have to consider yourself a "senior" to attend.

PACK FAMILY FORMATION: WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 16, 6:00 PM Younger children and parents will reflect together on Advent Themes using The Chronicles of Narnia. Supper provided.

HOLIDAY DRIVE FOR NAVAJOLAND We are partnering again with Good Shepherd Mission and the Episcopal Church in Navajoland to support their parishioners. Instead of purchasing gifts, we will collect monetary donations for families through Sunday, December 20. Gift tags have QR codes, with suggested donation amounts.