

St Michael's Episcopal Church

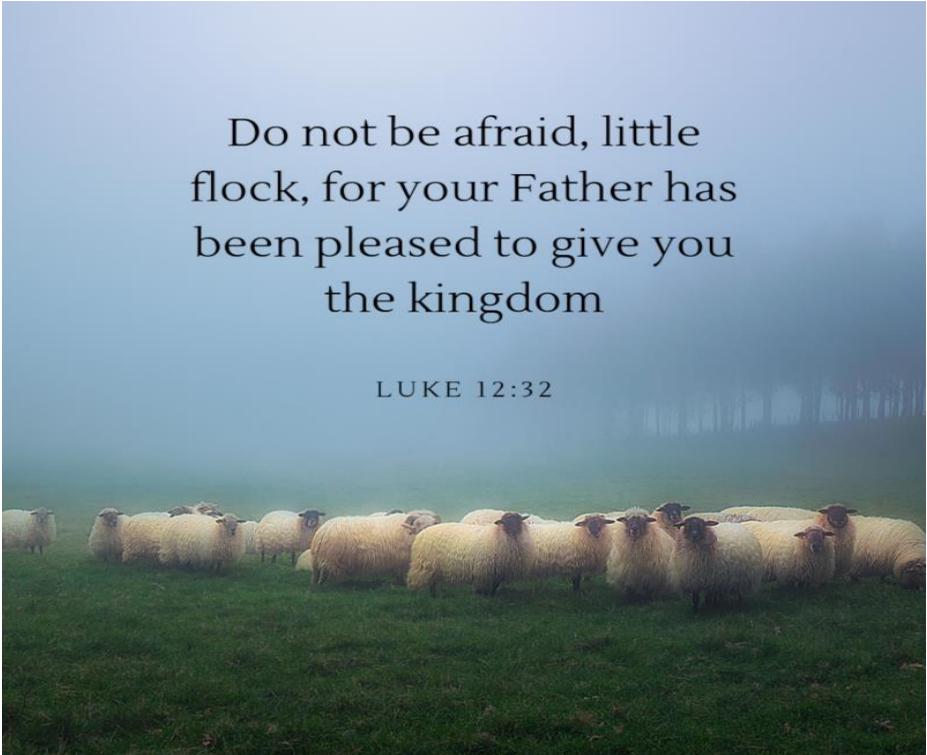
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Do not be afraid, little
flock, for your Father has
been pleased to give you
the kingdom

LUKE 12:32

The Rt. Rev. Brian K. Burgess
XII Bishop of Springfield

The Rev. Dr. Gregory Wilde
Priest in Charge

Bill Dusenbery, Senior Warden

Harry Gore, Junior Warden

Welcome to St Michael's

Masks and hand sanitizer are available for anyone who wishes to use them.

Our 9:30am service is live streamed on our Facebook page and uploaded to our YouTube channel every Sunday.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

YOU CAN USE either the *User-friendly Worship Booklet*, or *The Book of Common Prayer* (red or black), both in the pew rack in front of you. Page numbers are indicated below.

 *All stand when the sacristy bell is rung*

Entry Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

Hymnal # 636

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

BCP 355 / Bkt 3

Glory to God B

Gloria in Excelsis

Hymnal #S280 / Bkt 5

The Collects of the Day

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

All sit down after the Collect, through the reading of the 2nd Lesson.

The First Lesson

Genesis 15:1-6

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

Psalm 33:12-22

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
- 13 The LORD looks down from heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the world.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
on all who dwell on the earth.
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them *
and understands all their works.
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love,

- 19 To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; *
he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to

return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

As the Gospel is announced, you may trace a small cross on your forehead, lips and heart, with the prayer, "Christ be on my mind, on my lips and in my heart."

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

12:32-40

✠ Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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

Christ is in our midst. *Is now and ever shall be.*

The Homily/Sermon	<i>The Rev. Dr. Gregory Wilde</i>
The Nicene Creed <i>standing</i>	BCP 358 / Bkt7
The Prayers of the People: Form IV	BCP 388
The Confession of Sin, Absolution, and The Peace	BCP 360 / Bkt 8

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory	<i>The offerings of the people - bread, wine, and money are presented at the Altar.</i>	
Offertory Hymn	<i>Faith of Our Fathers</i>	Hymnal # 558
Doxology A		Hymnal #380 / Bkt 10
The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A		BCP 361 / Bkt 11
Holy, holy, holy Lord	<i>Sanctus</i>	Hymnal #S130
The Lord's Prayer		BCP 364 / Bkt 15
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP 364 / Bkt 15
Jesus, Lamb of God B	<i>Agnus Dei</i>	Hymnal #S164 / Bkt 16

Receiving Communion

All baptized individuals are invited to come to receive communion.
You are welcome to kneel or stand. If you would like communion
brought to you in the pew, please tell an usher.

Communion Hymn	<i>Fairest Lord Jesus</i>	<i>Hymnal #383</i>
After Communion		
Post-Communion Prayer: A		BCP 365 / Bkt 18
The Blessing		

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Alex Kevin Valencia Vargas (St. Michael's Sponsor Child)

Robert Wartonick (brother of Nick Wartonick)

Grant Monson (grandson of Co Soulé)

Anna Claire Bradford (sister of Sonja Wartonick)

Adam Randolph (friend of the Gores)

Andrea Mellan (daughter-in-law of Rosemary Mellan)

Barbara Lindley (daughter of the Ingersolls)

Jarod Roberson (grandson of the Ingersolls)

Joe Puricelli (friend of Amy Konieczny)

Sirvella Oakes

Fr. Greg Wilde

Linda Shaffer (friend of Amy Konieczny)

Eric Askeland (friend of Amy Konieczny)

Lynn Johnson (friend of Debbie LaFreniere)

Haidyn Loudon and the Loudon family (friend of the Wilts)

Alison Stevens and the Stevens Family (friends of the Wilts)

Chris LaFreniere (son of Debbie LaFreniere)

Julaine Ingersoll

*Please keep us updated with the name(s) you have placed on the Prayers of the People.

**Individuals are removed from the prayer list after 2 months. If you wish for someone to remain on the list, please contact the office at (618) 632-6168.

***There are "Praying for You" cards available in the Narthex if you would like to send one to someone you have added to our Prayer List. If you have questions or need assistance sending a card, please contact Judie Payne.

Pastoral Emergencies: Please call Fr. Greg Wilde at (574) 286-6762

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