



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The parts for this year's pageant will be drawn from the first through twelfth grades and from any adult congregants who are interested in participating. Volunteers are needed for many behind the scenes elements.

TEXT or CALL Morgan Falk - 628-9963

CHRISTMAS EVE

- 4:30 pm Pageant (*Nursery Available*)
- 7:45 pm *Music begins**
- 8:00 pm Holy Communion
- 10:45 pm *Music begins**
- 11:00 pm Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY

- 10:00 am Holy Communion

NEW YEAR'S EVE

- 11:30 pm Holy Communion



Transforming Hearts Through Jesus Christ

71 Broad Street, Charleston, SC 29401

PREACHING SERIES THE INVASION OF LIGHT

ADVENT SERVICE & BREAKFAST TUESDAYS at 7:00 am

During Advent, we will once again have our Tuesday morning Communion services at 7:00 with a delicious breakfast following at 7:30. These mornings will bless young and old alike, so come and join us before taking your children to school. We look forward to seeing you bright and early on the Tuesdays in Advent.

- Tuesday, December 1
- Tuesday, December 8
- Tuesday, December 15
- Tuesday, December 22

SUNDAYS

- Advent 1: Sunday, November 29** Acts 2:37-42
8:00 and 10:30 am The Rev. Dr. Peter C. Moore
Repentance: Far Too Easy, Much Too Hard?
- 6:00 pm The Rev. Hamilton Smith
The Big Question
- Advent 2: Sunday, December 6** Acts 17:16-34
8:00 and 10:30 am The Rector
How Do We Live Out Repentance?
- 6:00 pm The Rev. Engin Yildirim
(Turkish native who grew up a Muslim, and converted to Christianity) who after studying at Wycliffe College in Toronto, ordained as the first Turkish Anglican priest since 1850. Engin is also a practicing accountant in Istanbul, Turkey.
- Advent 3: Sunday, December 13** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11
The Rev. Hamilton Smith
Not Destined For Wrath
- Advent 4: Sunday, December 20** 1 John 4:1-11
The Rector
The Spirit of Jesus vs. the Spirit of the Antichrist

St. Michael's Church



2009

Advent & Christmas

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THE INVASION OF LIGHT

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

FOR ALL AGE GROUPS

WHAT IS ADVENT?

A period of four weeks before Christmas, the word *advent* is derived from the Latin word, *adventus*, which means coming or arrival. Thus Advent is a season that anticipates the coming of Jesus, the Christ Child, the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. This season of anticipation begins Sunday November 29th and ends December 24.

THE INVASION OF LIGHT - The expectation of the light of Christ Jesus coming into the world that transformed hearts at the first celebration of the birth of Jesus, and that continues to transform hearts today.

DIFFERENT WORSHIP

We will have a special Advent preaching series called: The Invasion of Light, in which we will be preparing you for the birth of Christ (see back panel). Our Hymns will reflect this anticipation of the Christ (be keenly aware of the words you sing!). Our vestments and hangings will be purple. Purple was the most costly dye in ancient times and was therefore used by kings to indicate their royal status. Purple also signifies the repentance of God's people as they patiently await the arrival of their Lord. The altar will be pushed back against the wall such that the celebrant at

services of Holy Communion will be joining with the whole congregation in facing towards the cross. An Advent Wreath will be placed in the Sanctuary with additional candles lit each week to help us mark our anticipation for the full invasion of the Light of Christ remembered and celebrated at his birth on Christmas. A Creche' (from the French word cradle, but has come to mean the manger scene) will be set up in a front pew so we might visualize the gathering at the manger. The flower guild will slowly add other Christmas surprises into the sanctuary to help us build momentum each week through Advent and into Christmas.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ADVENT PREACHING SERIES
- TUESDAY ADVENT BREAKFAST
- CHRISTMAS CONCERT
- RECTORY OPEN HOUSE
- CHRISTMAS PARTIES
- 9:20 AM COFFEE HOUR
- ADVENT DEVOTIONALS ONLINE



THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS CONCERT - December 13th at 2:30 pm

A Christmas celebration in music for the whole family presenting: The majestic sound of Brass and Organ, the Choir of St. Michael's Church, Edward Norman-organist and conductor. Music to thrill to, carols for you to sing, and a sing-along "Hallelujah!" Chorus. Freewill Offering.



EDWARD NORMAN MUSIC

December 10th at 5:00 pm

Edward Norman will be playing all your favorite Christmas music at the home of Dr. Telfair & Hope Parker at 128 Tradd Street. Please bring an appetizer to share. No elevator available, be prepared to climb stairs. Invitation to all ages



TACKY CHRISTMAS SWEATERS

December 10th at 6:30 pm

If you are in your 20's & 30's, join the Gate at the home of Vicki & Yan Vázquez at 161 Sea Cotton Circle on James Island. Wear the tackiest Christmas sweater and receive a prize.

RSVP thegate@stmichaelschurch.net

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 11th at 7:00 pm

For all those single and married, join us at the home of Bob & Noel Kunes at 1414 East Ashley Avenue on Folly Beach. Beverages are provided. Bring Hors d'oeuvres to share. Carpooling encouraged as parking is limited.

RSVP by December 7, 2009 - 724-7589

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OPEN HOUSE AT THE RECTORY

December 13th at 12:30 pm