



THE

MARCH 2023

TRUMPETER

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

8 am - Holy Eucharist Service (In-Person)
10:15 am - Holy Eucharist Service
(In-Person & Livestreamed via Facebook Live)

THURSDAYS

5:30 pm - Evening Prayer on Facebook Live
6 pm - Bible Study on Facebook Live & Zoom



THE PRIEST'S DESK

Lenten Reflection

Here we are in the season of Lent. This is a time for us to reflect on our relationship with God and with one another. It is a time to enter into the mystery of our salvation.

Lent is an opportunity for us to deepen our faith and our understanding of who God is and just how much God loves us. The agony in the garden, the crucifixion, the death. All done for us because God loves us.

As we move through this season of holiness, let us stop. Stop all the busyness of our lives. Let us pause and truly do our very best to connect with our loving God. Maybe we have given up something for Lent, maybe we are fasting. Whatever we are doing, we must ask one simple question. Are we moving deeper into our relationship with God and as a result of this movement in our lives, are we moving deeper into our relationship with our sisters and brothers on this, our island home.

My prayer is that this Lent is meaningful. That we allow God to touch our heart and our mind and our soul. And then as we enter into Holy Week, we might have a deeper understanding of just how much God loves us and wants to be one with us.

Jerry+

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UPCOMING LESSONS

March 5 Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17
Psalm 121

March 12 Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:1-7
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42
Psalm 95

March 19 Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41
Psalm 23

March 26 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45
Psalm 130

**Find the readings every week at
lectionarypage.net**

Clothing Items Outreach

We are still collecting NEW or like new T-shirts, socks and underwear to give to St. Andrew's for their outreach. Baskets to place donations can be found in the gathering space near the hallway to go to the Fellowship Hall.



**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH'S
CONCERT FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY
Award Winning Concert Tour Comes to Michigan!**

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The Concert for the Human Family is an inspiring collaboration between musicians and church leaders who believe in the power of music and storytelling to foster Beloved Community.

Experience genre-crossing original music that bridges jazz, hip-hop, rock and bluegrass, performed by a multi-cultural, award-winning team of recording artists, led by GRAMMY-nominated pianist and composer Kory Caudill and Wordsmith, a Baltimore-based songwriter, performer and recording artist. Guided by their music and friendship, they invite concertgoers into an exploration of Beloved Community and the power of racial reconciliation through relationship.

The Episcopal Dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan are thrilled to host two stops on the nationwide Spring Tour: in Grand Rapids on April 21st and in Flint on April 22nd. This is a destination experience -- see below for tickets!!

TICKETS

Tickets are on sale now! Tickets are \$18 per person with our local discount codes and additional savings are available for students and group registrations. This event is open to all, regardless of denomination or faith background -- please share!

FRIDAY, APRIL 21st at 7:30pm
St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Grand Rapids
Discount Code: STMARKS

SAT., APRIL 22nd at 7:30pm
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Flint
Discount Code: STPAULS

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notes from the... *Music Room*



As Father Jerry pointed out, we will be celebrating the Sundays in Lent. Sundays are considered feast days in Christianity, as they are joyous celebratory days used to remember the death and Resurrection of Christ. The hymnody we will be using will lead us to Holy Week, and then, our great celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord on Easter, April 9th.

This year, St. Christopher will be hosting our Ecumenical Good Friday Service. This service will take place on Friday, April 7th, at 7:00 p.m. (It is our turn in the rotation). Churches involved in this service will be Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Grand Blanc United Methodist Church, First Congregational United Church of Christ, Kirkridge Presbyterian Church. Please do attend this meaningful service.

Mid-Lent. I offer this text from Hymn 145, "Now Quit Your Care" to please read and hear in your heart.

Now Quit Your Care

Now quit your care and anxious fear and worry; for schemes are vain and fretting brings no gain. Lent calls to prayer, to trust and dedication; God brings new beauty nigh; reply, reply, reply with love to love most high; reply, reply, reply to love most high.

To bow the head in sackcloth and in ashes, or rend the soul, such grief is not Lent's goal; but to be led to where God's glory flashes, his beauty to come near. Make clear, make clear, make clear where truth and light appear; make clear, make clear, make clear where truth and light appear.

In Christ, I am yours,

Nada Radakovich

Director of Music

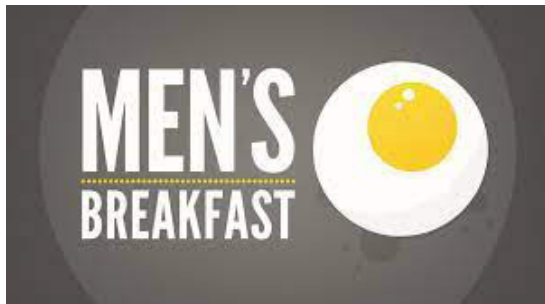
MUSIC MOMENTS OF INTEREST...

-Coming up in just two weeks, a special Guest Artist with the Flint Symphony Orchestra, our own Jeffrey Walker, will be the Organist in the program's finale, Saint-Saëns' Organ Symphony; a bold romantic masterpiece. The composer himself considered it the pinnacle of his career, and its various elements are characteristic of his compositional style up to that point. It features virtuosic piano passages, lush, romantic orchestral writing and a booming pipe organ that will fill the concert hall with glorious tone

-Angel Langford (Choir) and Cynthia Risch (Choir) will both be performing in:
The Spitfire Grill; March 31, April 1, 2, Friday and Saturday 7:30 pm,
Sunday 2:00pm :April 7, 8 Friday 7:30 pm: Saturday 2:00pm and 7:30 pm at UM-Flint Theatre

-Audrey Ditri (Choir) will be performing in April in Ann Arbor's Gilbert and Sullivan Society's production of "Patience". Production dates are April 13-16th, at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theater in the Michigan League, with full staging and full orchestra.

MEN'S GROUP



Men: We have formed a Men's Club that will meet once a month for breakfast on a Saturday morning to share fellowship. The next men's breakfast will be on **Saturday, March 11th at 9 a.m.** at Hill Road Grille, 2160 w. Hill Rd., Flint, MI 48507. Reservations are highly recommended.

Please **sign up on the kiosk (NEW)**, email or call Jerry to make your reservation.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

I am a “snowbird member” of St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in Stuart, Florida. It is a large faith community—they’ve had 5 new babies since Christmas! Saturday evening, Fr. Christian was speaking about the volunteer thank you dinner that they hold each year. His comment that struck and stayed with me is that he doesn’t think of those diners as volunteers, but as “members of the team”. I’ve kept playing that comment over and over in my head the past few days and finding how very true it is.

In any sport, if one player is absent, injured, or just doesn’t bring their best effort on a particular day, collectively, the team can struggle, may succeed or may fail. When all the players embrace their roles and work to enhance and strengthen themselves, the entire team benefits, other players want to join a “winning team”, the fan base expands.

In any family team, there are chores to be done, meals to prepare, faith and guidance to be provided, fun to be enjoyed. When any of these things are neglected, a team member is absent or puts in little effort-chaos reigns supreme!

And so it is in the church. We each have a role on St. Christopher’s “Team”. Our time and talents, contributed individually and collectively, are the force that makes us a team. Our efforts to enhance, strengthen and grow our faith bless each of us individually and collectively as a faith family. We each have work God has given us to do. With Him as our coach, we can only fail if we cease to try!

Thanks, Fr. Chris!!

See you soon
Ellen



The next Ladies’ Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, March 8th at 11:45 a.m. at Blondie’s, 2520 W. Hill Rd., Flint. If you plan on attending, please sign up on the kiosk or contact Louise McAra at (810) 287-4334 no later than March 4, 2023 as we need to give a head count to the restaurant. Please note that going forward the Ladies’ Luncheons will be held the second Wednesday of the month so mark your calendars!



Thank you to everyone who hosted coffee hour in February: Cindy Donner, Rod Bytwerk, Karen & Dave Miller, Shirley Shower and Cindy Butcher.

There is a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please consider signing up to host! You only have to make coffee/tea and perhaps provide a small snack or treat item if desired.



Please join us at Noon for our Stations of the Cross Services. These services will be held every Friday during Lent.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR MARCH 2023

	LECTOR / LEM	GREETERS	TECH	ALTAR GUILD	COFFEE HOUR	ALTAR FLOWERS
<u>March 5</u>						
8 am	Jane Brewer	Don & Nancy Wells	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Frank Burger	Joyce Thewalt & Flo Gjerstad		Cindy Donner	Available	-----
<u>March 12</u>						
8 am	Nancy Wells	Jane Brewer & Lou Alarie		-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Flo Gjerstad Rod Bytwerk (L)	Jan Taylor & Mary Van Duyne		Jane Brewer	Available	-----
<u>March 19</u>						
8 am	Dave & Melissa Butler	Don & Nancy Wells	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Frank Burger	Flo Gjerstad & Mike Latesky		Anne Naber	Available	-----
<u>March 26</u>						
8 am	Kay Van Natta	Dave & Melissa Butler	-----	-----	-----	-----



