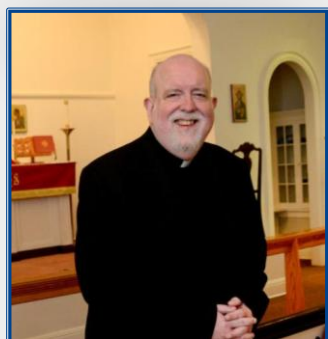
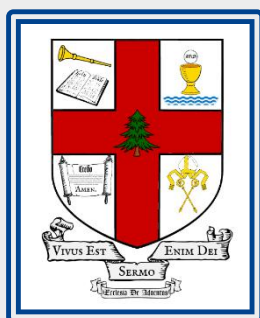


The Church of the Advent

An Anglican Church
in the heart of the
Sandhills!



Fr. Michael J. McKinnon, Rector



The Anglican Church in
North America (ACNA)

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ADVENTures


Your upcoming events at TCOTA



"For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

The celebration of the Epiphany ~ January 4th

Also called **"Three Kings Sunday"**, this celebration follows the 12th
day of Christmas- **when Christ was/is revealed to the world!**

King's Cake will be served at both services and of course-
 **crowns** for everyone!



Events Committee 2026 Planning Meeting

Saturday, January 10th 10:00am~2:00pm

Feel the call? Get involved! If you enjoy planning fun events and/or making
them happen, contact Susan Lamm @ 910.274.8238 for more details!



A super special **THANK YOU** to *everyone* who made our
Christmas Eve Services amazing, especially Becky
Addison, Father Bill, Father Lance, and Father B!

Communion Classes for Children and Youth



Would you like your children to learn more about Communion?
Perhaps develop a better understanding of this Holy Sacrament?
Melissa will be leading an age-appropriate Communion class for ages 7-12
beginning January 11th during both services. Please see Fr. Michael or
Melissa to enroll your wee ones!

Note: Father Michael is off on Mondays! If you have an emergency, please
contact Father Bill at 910-986-6764!

Sunday Mornings:

JOIN US

9:00 a.m. Solemn High Mass (with Traditional Language & incense)

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Children's Chapel is offered at both services for ages 4-10 (following the Gospel Proclamation and returning during the Offertory)

Nursery care is available during both services for children ages 0-3



Wednesdays:

6:00 p.m. *Holy Eucharist

6:45 p.m. Adult Bible Study and Youth Group (ages 11-17)

**Note: A Service of Healing followed by a light supper is held on the 1st Wednesday of each month.*

Thursdays:

12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

12:45 p.m. Book Study (bagged lunches welcome!)

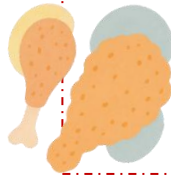
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TCOTA Annual Meeting
Sunday, February 1st, 2026
@ 12:30-ish

Sandhills Classical Christian School
1487 Rays Bridge Rd., Whispering Pines, NC

Our annual church meeting is not only required by our diocese, but is an **opportunity** to come together as a **church body** to reflect on events of the past year, plan financially and programmatically for 2026, and to elect new members to the vestry (the guidance and leadership body of the church). This is an opportunity to share ideas, discuss important matters of ministry and strategy, and celebrate life together as a church family in Christ Jesus.

Baked & Fried Chicken and beverages will be provided.



Please bring salads, sides or desserts to share!

If you sit in a pew, this means you!

Are you interested in Confirmation or Reception into the Anglican Church? *Not sure what the difference is?* Please speak with Father Michael about how you can be officially welcomed into the ACNA by the Bishop this Spring.

To help you prepare, a book study on Gerald R. McDermott's **Deep Anglicanism - A Brief Guide** (second edition) will begin **Wednesday evening, January 14th** following Holy Eucharist -or- Thursday, January 8th. **ALL parishioners are invited** whether or not you are participating in Confirmation or Reception this year.



The *official* TCOTA choir holds rehearsals on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-7:00pm for parishioners ages 8 and up!

Questions? Need more info? email David @

davidlussiermusic@gmail.com



TCOTA Women's Evening Bible study will resume in February with Part 11 of Women of the Bible. For more info, contact Belinda Furby at 910.995.2798. More info to follow!



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Attention ALL TCOTA GENTS: Enjoy a beverage while sharing in Christian fellowship this month! Date and location TBA!



Don't carry a heavy heart- let our **Prayer Team**, led by Father Bill and Linda, pray over you during communion in the Narthex. Need daily prayer for yourself or someone you care about? Write your request on one of the little cards in the heart-shaped bowl in the Narthex.



Important info about parking: The parking areas in front of the church and in the driveways are reserved for **visitors, seniors and handicapped** parishioners. If you are able, please park outside of these areas and enjoy a short stroll along the sidewalk.

My New Year's Resolution...



Love. Grow. Serve.

The Saints' Scrolls Society

Meets on **Sunday afternoons at 12:45pm at TCOTA**. Next up: Readings and discussions from the book **Re-Formed Catholic Anglicanism**. Interested? **For more info** contact Robert Morabito at 845.541.5745

wednesday

3:30pm Holy Eucharist at
Gracious Living

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

6:45 p.m. Adult Bible Study and
Youth Group (ages 11-17)

Thursday Prayer and Prose!

Resumes January 8th!

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Enjoy your bagged lunch during the book study!

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