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## *The Church of the Advent, Southern Pines, NC*

*(A small, but growing church with a BIG witness for Jesus Christ and His holy Gospel)*

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**Topic (The Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus; Celebrated on January 1):** *“Pay attention to all that I have said to you [says the Lord], and make no mention of the names of other gods, nor let it be heard on your lips” (Exodus. 23:13)”... “For there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts of the Apostles 4:12).*

**From the Holy Scriptures:** *“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:5-11).*

**From the Church Fathers:** *“He follows Christ who stands in his commandments [i.e., His Word], who walks in the way of his teaching, who follows in his footsteps and his ways, who imitates that which Christ both did and taught... To put on the name of Christ, and yet not go in the way of Christ – what else is this but a mockery of the divine name! It is a desertion of the way of salvation. For he himself teaches and says that the person who keeps his commandments will come into life” (St. Cyprian of Carthage, Bishop and Martyr, 250 A.D.).*

**From The Book of Common Prayer (2019):** *“Almighty God, your blessed Son fulfilled the covenant of circumcision for our sake, and was given the Name that is above every name: Give us grace faithfully to bear his Name, and to worship him with pure hearts according to the New Covenant; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.” (2019 BCP, Collect for The Feast of the Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ; January 1).*

**Teaching:** On Sunday January 1, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Name of Jesus is no ordinary name. It is the Name of God Incarnate (i.e., God made man in the person of Jesus Christ)! Thus, to call upon the Name of Jesus is to call upon the Name of God. Jesus Christ is Emmanuel – “God with us.” “And [the Angel Gabriel said to Mary] behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end” (Luke 1:31-33). The Name of Jesus is the Name of: God Incarnate; salvation; God’s victory over sin and death; God’s victory over the Dominion of the Darkness; God who binds demons; God who delivers us from temptation; God’s

forgiveness for all mankind (for you and for me); freedom from sin and the desires of the world, the flesh, and the devil; the God who heals us – for He is our Divine Physician. Death need not be the final word over us. Jesus Christ is now God’s final Word in this world for all who trust in His Name – His Name is the Name of Life and Salvation! Christians bear the Name of Jesus. “[W]hat is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all” (Ephesians 1:19-23). Lastly, “And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him” (Colossians 3:17). Humbly bear the Name of Jesus. Be the light that shines in the darkness.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

## ***CHRISTMAS EVE (DECEMBER 24): O’ COME, LET US ADORE HIM!***

- **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (5:00 p.m., December 24, 1517 Luther Way, Southern Pines – All are welcome!) Please Note: We rent space from Our Saviour Lutheran Church.**
- **Christmas Eve Fellowship @ The McKinnon Home (7:00 – 8:30 p.m.; 37 Princess Gate Drive, Whispering Pines)**

**WISHING YOU AND ALL WHOM YOU HOLD DEAR, A VERY BLESSED CHRISTMAS!**

### **(ANNOUNCEMENTS BELOW) CLIFF NOTES:**

- **Christmas Eve Schedule: Please see above!**
- **New Time: Sunday Morning Worship will begin at 11:00 a.m. beginning Sunday, January 8.**
- **New Day (Part 1): Morning Prayer will be offered at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays (a move from Thursdays) beginning January 11.**
- **New Day (Part 2): Beginning in Lent 2023, a Said Celebration of the Holy Eucharist will be offered on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in place of Morning Prayer on those occasional weeks in which the Church commemorates a Principal Feast.**
- **Please Note: The McKinnon family will be visiting family and friends in VA and CT from Sunday, December 25 through Sunday, January 1. Merry Christmas!**

**(NEW) MORNING PRAYER – PLEASE NOTE CHANGES:** We presently offer Morning Prayer every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. **Please Note: 1) Morning Prayer will not be offered on Thursday, December 29 as Fr. Michael will be away. 2) Morning Prayer will be moving to Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. beginning January 11.** We will meet in our Chapel (our rented space at 1517 Luther Way, Southern Pines). All are welcome to attend. PS: Beginning in Lent 2023, when there is a Principal Feast of the Church to be celebrated during the week, a said Celebration of the Holy Eucharist will be offered in place of Morning Prayer. Our host at Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Pastor Frank, has set this prayer time aside that we may pray together. In addition to assisting with the Readings at Morning Prayer, Fr. Michael will from time to time invite Pastor Frank to share a few thoughts, i.e., a brief homily in honour of the Feast.

**(NEW) Fr. Michael and Family will be away:** The McKinnon family will be visiting family and friends in VA and CT from Sunday, December 25 through Sunday, January 1. Fr. Dan will be presiding and preaching at our 11:30 a.m. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Sunday, January 1; The Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus and The Eighth Day of the Christmas Season.

**(UPDATED) Lectors:** Reading the Word of God within the liturgy, the worship of the Church, is a special ministry. The grace and presence of God is conveyed in and through the Word of God, especially when proclaimed within the gathered assembly (Gr: ecclesia) and fellowship (Gr: koinonia) of the Church. “...Devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching” (1 Timothy 4:13). Also, “Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God” (Colossians 3:16). I am blessed to say that we have our first volunteers to serve as Lector. If you believe you may be called by God to serve as a Lector, please let Fr. Michael know by calling him at 910-585-4305 or emailing him at [Fr.Michael.Advent@gmail.com](mailto:Fr.Michael.Advent@gmail.com). Thank you!

**(NEW) Altar Servers:** Serving in the Sanctuary of our Lord and around His Altar/Holy Table is a calling and an honour. Children (age 7 and above), young adults, and adults are all welcome to serve as Altar Servers. We need a thurifer (for very special occasions), a boat-bearer (on such special occasions), a cross-bearer, two torch-bearers, an icon-bearer (on special occasions), and a second Cross-bearer (on special occasions) and others to take turns serving in God’s Sanctuary. If you believe you may be called to serve our Lord in His Sanctuary, please let Fr. Michael know by calling him at 910-585-4305 or emailing him at [Fr.Michael.Advent@gmail.com](mailto:Fr.Michael.Advent@gmail.com). Thank you!

**(UPDATED/IMPORTANT) Tithing/Pledging:** The Holy Bible says: “*The point is this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver*” (2 Cor. 9:6-7). My prayer for our new church family is that will sow bountifully that we may reap bountifully. The harvest is ready! The bible often calls God’s people to tithe toward the building up of the Kingdom of God (or to move toward tithing within the very best of our ability). However, we are not called to give merely out of obedience to God’s command, but out of genuine thankfulness to God for our life and salvation in Jesus Christ! Giving toward the Kingdom should bring us joy within our heart. Our Province, The Anglican Church in North America, calls upon her members to tithe to the local church, for the local church to tithe to the Province, and the Province to tithe to GAFCON; the orthodox/biblical fellowship of Christians within the Anglican Communion. God knows that tithing will produce fruit multi-fold and will lead to local churches, dioceses, provinces, and the greater Church throughout the world reaching many with the Good News of Jesus Christ. God says, “*Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, ‘How have we robbed you?’ In your tithes and contributions. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. Bring the full tithe into the storehouse...And thereby put me to the test...if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need*” (Malachi 3:8 – 10). Thus, please prayerfully consider the words in the biblical passages above and consider pledging and tithing, or moving toward tithing over time. Pledge cards will soon be available. Please help to support our new church plant. Together, we can make a difference.

**(UPDATE/IMPORTANT) Holiday Fellowship and Thank You to Pastor Frank and the Church Board of Our Saviour Lutheran Church (Saturday, January 21, beginning at 10:00 a.m.):** We are very grateful to Pastor Frank and the Church Board of Our Saviour Lutheran Church for opening their doors and hearts to us and for allowing us to rent space from them. When we were desperate to find a place to worship the Lord on Sundays, they extended the hand of fellowship. Thus, at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 21, Fr. Michael and Christine will open their home for Epiphany Holiday Fellowship as a thank you to the leadership of Our Saviour Lutheran Church. Members and friends of our church family are welcome to join in the fellowship and even to bring along some goodies to share.

**(COMING SOON) A Chance to Share the Gospel:** Fr. Michael is pleased to say that we will be ordering several copies of The Gospel of Jesus according to St. John in booklet form. **1)** We will place a Gospel booklet in every visitor gift bag; **2)** We will place a copy in every gift bag given out on future

prayer walks (we will be focusing our future prayer walks on newcomers to Moore County; and **3**) Each member, who is willing to participate, will be given copies of Gospel booklet to share with those whom God places on your daily path. Regarding the latter, please pray for God to present you with opportunities to share this Gospel booklet. Lastly, these Gospel booklets are free, the cost covered by an anonymous donor (God be praised), and we can also place a two or three paragraph description of our church plant and an invitation for persons to join us.

### **(UPDATED) Weekly Schedule for The Church of the Advent in 2023:**

- Sunday:** **11:00 a.m. (NEW TIME STARTING JANUARY 8):** Celebration of the Holy Eucharist (with a mixture of traditional hymnody and the best of contemporary Christian music)  
**PLEASE NOTE: Sometime in 2023 we hope to begin offering both Adult and Children's Christian Education on the Lord's Day prior to our celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Stay tuned!**
- Monday:** **Fr. Michael is OFF on Mondays.**
- Tuesday:** **10:30 a.m.** Fr. Michael teaches Christian Literature & Writing at All Saints' Christian Academy, Cameron.  
**2:00 p.m.** Fr. Michael teaches Christian Apologetics at All Saints' Christian Academy, Cameron.
- Wednesday:** **10:00 a.m. (STARTING JANUARY 11):** Morning Prayer is offered in our Chapel located at 1517 Luther Way, Southern Pines (meeting at Our Saviour Lutheran Church). **PLEASE NOTE: Sometime in 2023 we hope to begin offering a said Celebration of the Holy Eucharist in place of Morning Prayer on those weeks when we commemorate a Principal Feast of the Church. Stay tuned!**  
**10:30 a.m. (First Wednesday of the Month):** Clergy Meeting, via Zoom, with Bishop Julian; our Diocesan Bishop.  
**1:00 p.m.** Fr. Michael, Fire Chaplain, to visit The Southern Pines Fire Department (Stations 1 & 2). He will also be visiting the SPFD at other times.
- Thursday:** **8:30 a.m.** Fr. Michael volunteers at the Southern Pines Food Pantry helping to pack meals for local students in need. Please consider joining Fr. Michael. It is an opportunity for our church family to be a presence in the greater community and to share the Good News of Jesus.  
**10:30 a.m.** Fr. Michael teaches Christian Literature & Writing at All Saints' Christian Academy, Cameron.  
**2:00 p.m.** Fr. Michael teaches Christian Apologetics at All Saints' Christian Academy, Cameron.
- Friday:** **9:15 a.m.** Fr. Michael teaches American History at All Saints' Christian Academy, Cameron; once or twice a month (TBD).  
**11:45 a.m.** Fr. Michael participates in the Southern Pines Rotary Club; lunch and meeting.
- Saturday:** **Fr. Michael is OFF on Saturdays.**

### **(UPDATED) THE LORD'S DAY AT THE CHURCH OF THE ADVENT**

January 1	The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Worship at 11:30 a.m.)
January 8	The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ ( <b>Worship at a new time; 11:00 a.m.</b> )
January 15	Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ ( <b>Worship at our new time; 11:00 a.m.</b> )
January 22	Third Sunday of Epiphany ( <b>Worship at our new time; 11:00 a.m.</b> )
January 29	Fourth Sunday of Epiphany ( <b>Worship at our new time; 11:00 a.m.</b> )
February 5	The Presentation of Christ in the Temple ( <b>Worship at our new time; 11:00 a.m.</b> )

**(UPDATED) PRINCIPAL HOLY DAYS (AND HONORY MENTIONS) IN LATE DECEMBER & EARLY 2023**

**December 25 The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Christmas; “The Mass of Christ”)**

**December 26 St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr, 1<sup>st</sup> Century (Apostolic Age)**

**December 27 St. John, Apostle and Evangelist, 1<sup>st</sup> Century (Apostolic Age)**

**December 28 The Holy Innocents of Bethlehem**

**January 6 The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

January 10 Blessed William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1645 AD

January 13 St. Hilary of Poitiers, Bishop and Teacher of the Faith, 367 AD

January 17 St. Anthony, Hermit in Egypt (Desert Father), 356 AD

**January 18 Confession of St. Peter the Apostle, 1<sup>st</sup> Century (Apostolic Age)**

January 21 St. Agnes, Martyr at Rome, 304 AD.

January 22 St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr, 304 AD.

**January 25 Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle, 1<sup>st</sup> Century (Apostolic Age)**

January 26 Sts. Timothy and Titus, Companions of St. Paul the Apostle, 1<sup>st</sup> Century (Apostolic Age)

January 27 Sts. Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe (Deacon), Helpers of the Apostles, 1<sup>st</sup> Century (Apostolic Age)

January 28 St. Thomas Aquinas, Friar, Priest, and Teacher of the Faith, 1274 AD.

January 30 Blessed Charles, King and Martyr, 1649 AD

*\*Who are these “Heroes of the Christian Faith?” Consider looking them up on line. Be inspired by those who have gone before us in faith!*

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- Fr. Daniel Hardin, Assisting Priest and Pastor

*THE ADVENTURE IS ONLY BEGINNING!*

*Jesus Christ is Lord and Saviour! Share the Good News: Sin and Death need no longer be the final word over us in this world. Life and Salvation in Jesus Christ is now God’s final Word in this world! Please see John 3:16-17.*