



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Christ-Centered Community of Practice Awaking to the Abiding Presence of God

February 9, 2025

WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

"Berceuse"

Louis Vierne

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

After the Announcements, a period of silence is kept. Please stand when you hear the music for the first hymn.

HYMN IN PROCESSION

The Hymnal, 401

Hymn printed on next page

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
 2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
 3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
 4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
 5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
 2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
 3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
 4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!
 5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
 3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
 5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

ACCLAMATION

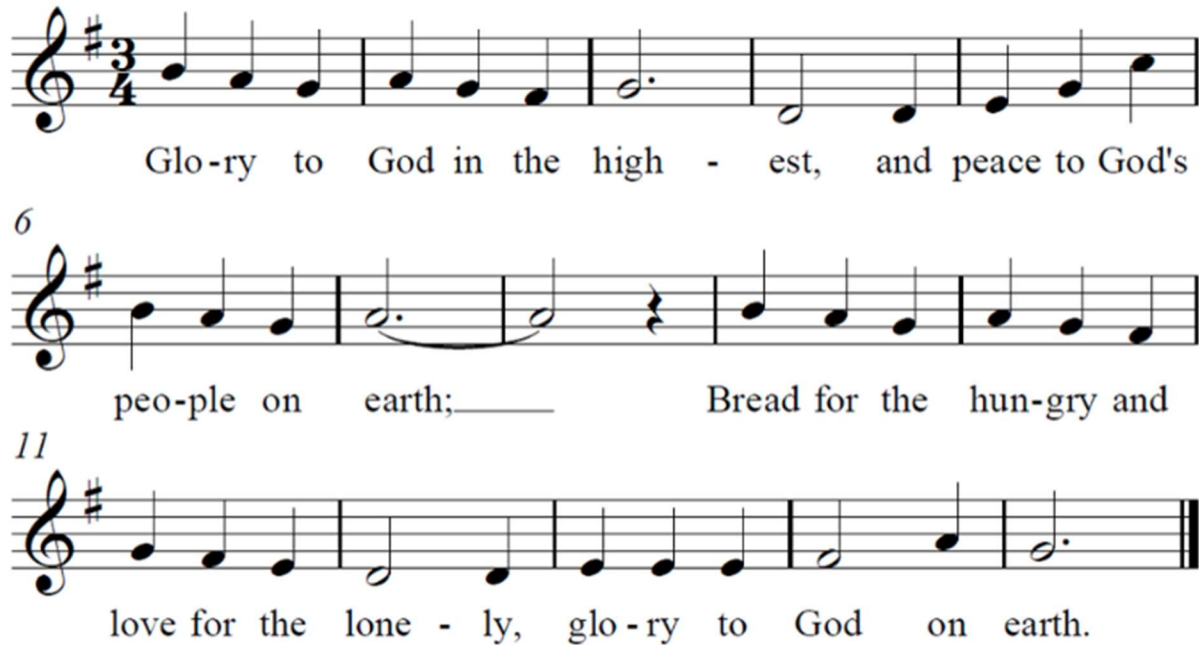
Blessed be God: Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse

the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's

6
peo-ple on earth; Bread for the hun-gry and

11
love for the lone - ly, glo - ry to God on earth.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WE PROCLAIM AND RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 6: 1-13

Following the Lesson...

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138

1

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.

2

I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;

3

For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.

4

When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.

5

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

6

They will sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.

7

Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.

8

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.

9

The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
O LORD, your love endures forever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

A READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Following the Lesson...

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
Thanks be to God.

HYMN

LEVAS 203

Hymn printed on next page.

There — is a balm in Gil - c - ad to make the wound - ed

whole; There — is a balm in Gil - c - ad to heal the sin - sick soul. Fine

1. Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged, And — think my work's in vain, — But —
 2. If you can - not preach like Pet - er, If you can - not preach like Paul, — You can
 3. Don't — ev - er be dis - cour - aged For — Je - sus is your friend, — And —

1. then the ho - ly spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain. —————
 2. tell the love of Je - sus, And say He died for all. —————
 3. if you lack for know - ledge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend. ————— D.C.

Words: Traditional. Music: American Melody; arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *The Haywood Collection of Negro Spirituals*.
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Preceding the Gospel...

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 5: 1-11

Following the Gospel...

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

SERMON

The Rev. Mary Lindquist

After the sermon a period of silence is kept

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
who has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

WE PRAY FOR GOD'S CREATION, FOR THE WORLD, AND FOR THE CHURCH

The Leader bids us to pray for the sick and suffering, for those who have asked for our prayer, for those who rejoice in life events and for those who have died.

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

THE CONFESSION

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Following the Peace, the Celebrant recites a sentence from Holy Scripture; all prepare for the Holy Eucharist.

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION TOGETHER

ANTHEM

"O Rest in the Lord"
Valerie Abrahamsen, soprano

Felix Mendelssohn

All stand to sing

OFFERTORY HYMN

The Hymnal, 367

Hymn is printed on next page.

1 Round the Lord in glo - ry seat - ed cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim
 2 Heaven is still with glo - ry ring - ing, earth takes up the an - gels' cry,
 3 "Lord, thy glo - ry fills the hea - ven, earth is with thy full - ness stored;

filled his tem - ple, and re - peat - ed each to each the al - ter - nate hymn;
 "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," sing - ing, "Lord of hosts, the Lord Most High."
 un - to thee be glo - ry giv - en, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord."

"Lord, thy glo - ry fills the hea - ven, earth is with thy full - ness stored;
 With his ser - aph train be - fore him, with his ho - ly Church be - low,
 Thus thy glo - rious Name con - fess - ing, with thine an - gel hosts we cry

un - to thee be glo - ry giv - en, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord."
 thus u - nite we to a - dore him, bid we thus our an - them flow:
 "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," bless - ing thee, the Lord of hosts Most High.

Words: Richard Mant (1776-1848). Music: *Rustington*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918).

OFFERING

During the hymn, ushers pass the offering plates. Representatives from the parish bring the people's offerings of food bread and wine for the Eucharist, and money for mission and ministry to the Altar. You may also make a donation online at www.stmichaelsvermont.org under "Give" & "Give Online." Our ministry at St. Michael's depends on your generosity. Please consider making a donation or a pledge.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people remain standing. The Celebrant says

May God be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe,

you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you forever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

The Presider praises God for God's creation and love. Then all sing the Sanctus together:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932). Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and give it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we

may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

The Presider asks the Holy Spirit to consecrate the bread and the wine to be God's holy food.

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAD IS BROKEN

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread, and all sing



Like bread in the de-sert, You nour-ish our lives, We
5
sing your praise, al - le - lu - ia!

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

Celebrant: Behold what we are.

People: **May we become what we receive.**

BREAD AND WINE ARE SHARED

Invitation to Receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion

At St. Michael's, we believe that God's love is unconditional. We welcome all people and we affirm the worth, dignity, and gifts of every person as a beloved child of God. In our celebration of the Eucharist, there is no one here who is ineligible or unwelcome; no one who has too many doubts or too few beliefs. This is the table of a loving God set for all creation through the power of Jesus Christ.

You, who are part of that creation, are welcome.

Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. If you would like either, please indicate that preference to the liturgical minister.

Receive the Bread in your open palm followed by the Common Cup, taking the cup by its base and guiding it to your lips. You may also receive the Bread only, with arms folded over your chest afterwards. Or if you wish to come to the Altar for a blessing only, please fold your arms over your chest.

WE ARE SENT AND GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
You have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
And grant us strength and courage
To love and serve you
With gladness and singleness of heart;
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

HYMN

The Hymnal, 362

Hymn printed on next page.

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!
 *2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt. Music: *Nicaea*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

DISMISSAL

Response: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Voluntary"

Simon Stubley

PARTICIPANTS TODAY

10: 15 The Rev. Mary Lindquist, celebrant and preacher; *The Rev. Lars Hunter*, deacon; *Annie Landenberger*, lay assistant; *Laura Andrews* and *Susan Daigneault*, readers and element bearers; *Margery McCrum*, intercessor; *Alli Ackerman-Hovis* and *Craig Irvine*, chalcers; *Betsy Bates* and *William Stearns*, ushers; *Anne Black*, healing minister; *The Vestry*, coffee hour host; *Judy Walker* and *Carol Hesselbach*, Altar Guild.

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- **WELCOME TO VISITORS!** All are welcome at this table. If you have any questions about the liturgy, location of the bathrooms, or anything else, please ask one of the ushers or greeters. Thank you for joining us today.
- **TO RECEIVE THE RITE OF HEALING:** Trained lay healing ministers are available in the chapel to pray with you individually before or after you receive communion. A healing minister will say prayers, lay her or his hands upon you, and anoint you with consecrated oil. You can come for yourself, for another person, for a need or for a thanksgiving. Please ask ushers for assistance if you have questions.
- **GLUTEN FREE WAFERS AND GRAPE JUICE** are available for Communion at both 8:00 am and 10: 15 services. Please make yourselves known to the priest when you come up for Communion.
- **CHILDREN ARE WELCOME HERE!** There are clipboards with paper and crayons, as well as activity bags with coloring books at the back of the Sanctuary for children who are interested in coloring or drawing during the service. Feel free to come in and out of the worship area as needed with your children! Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Morning Prayer, 8-8:30 am, Monday-Friday, on Zoom, Tuesday-Thursday in-person the Chapel

Bible Study, 8:30-10 am, 2nd, 4th, and 5th Wednesdays at The Works, Main St, Brattleboro

Centering Prayer, 11:30-11:55 am, Wednesday in the Chapel

Eucharist with the Saints, 12 noon-12:30, Wednesday in the Chapel

Contemplative Worship, 5:30-6:00 pm, Thursday in the Chapel, in-person and on Zoom

Centering Prayer, 8 am, Saturday in the Chapel

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to *Susan Wilson*, today; *Alan McBean* and *Jayne Fritz*, Tuesday; *Craig Irvine*, Wednesday; *Cliff Wood*, Thursday.

MARY HAS RETURNED FROM HER SABBATICAL MONTH: Greetings St. Michael's, I have returned from my month at Upaya Zen Center. It was a wonderful, deep and restful time and I am so grateful for your allowing me the time for rest and renewal. I look forward to reconnecting with each of you!

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING: FEBRUARY 9 FOLLOWING THE 10:15 SERVICE

Please plan to attend St. Michael's Annual Meeting today, which begins following the 10:15 am service in the Undercroft. During this meeting, we will view our annual slide show, hear reports, elect three new members

of the Vestry, and elect delegates to the Diocesan Convention. This meeting, beginning at around 12, will be hybrid, so you may participate in person or by zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89847379741?pwd=jap0d0EjoELKAO3VejeVBdiG9hhv12.1>

Meeting ID: 898 4737 9741

Passcode: 349711

For coffee hour, the Vestry has prepared a soup buffet, offering a selection with various dietary choices. Please plan to stay for a light meal and a time of reflection and thanksgiving for the tremendous year of 2024 in the life of our church. Childcare will be available during the meeting.

ADULT FORUM TODAY: The Forum meets on Sunday morning from 9-10 in the Meeting Room. All are welcome to join in the learning opportunity.

- **Today: “A Forum on the Adult Forum”** In line with our annual meeting, the planning committee invites you to participate in a discussion with us of how we use the hour from 9-10 on Sundays. What is the Adult Forum for? Do you like what we do? Should we be doing something different? What do you want to learn or discuss? Do you wish we were doing something different? Help us make sure we are serving the community.
- **Next Week, February 16: Approaching Our Final Years.** To what do we need to pay attention as we enter the final years of our lives? What can we do now that will make it easier for our loved ones when we die? Led by **Rob Szpila**, founder of “The Passing On,” a consulting service working with people as they look at the end of their lives. Rob lives in Brattleboro, is theologically trained and has worked with people of all ages including: Brattleboro Retreat, Turning Point, Brattleboro Area Hospice and Big Brother and Big Sisters.

FROM THE REFUGEE MINISTRY: Will you help welcome the Newest Vermonters?

On January 24th, ECDC received a stop work order affecting the Reception and Placement (R&P) services to refugees and their families which are normally delivered during the first 90 days. Funds which are provided during this period were also cut off. Then on Monday, January 27, ECDC let go nine employees.

As a result, our Refugee Ministry has been asked to back-up the staff that remains by providing volunteer support for 34 children and adults who are in this vital period of transition. The goal is to provide contact over the next several months so that they feel welcome and begin to adjust to Vermont during this very unsettling time. We need about 20 volunteers who will spend from 2 to 6 hours per week conversing, showing them the town, integrating them into our culture, and being the light they need.

Can you help fill the gap of personal contact that is now not available? If you would like to learn more, please contact:

Paul Gallagher at 203 809-8531 pkgall07@gmail.com, or

Elizabeth Fisher at 802 257-8584 livezestfully@yahoo.com

SKYBERRY HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY UPCOMING EVENTS

Food and Thought, Fridays 12-1 Join us in our learning as a community while breaking bread together. These intimate gatherings are open to the greater community. If you or a friend is curious about being a ***skyberry Host***, this is a great way to begin a relationship with our work and volunteers. We will explore a variety of themes including hospitality, culture care, peace, prayer, and local action with the unhoused community facilitated by a different thought-filled leader each week. A simple lunch will be provided.

Feb. 7th- Peace Pilgrim

Feb. 14th- History of Hospitality

RSVP houseskyberry@gmail.com by the Thursday before the Friday you are interested in joining us for Food and Thought.

Cocoa and Tea: Sunday's at the Brattleboro Transit Center with our unhoused neighbors. Volunteer with us to make and share warm drinks alongside a long standing meal distribution. **Sunday afternoons 2:30-4:00.** Prep to take place before distribution.

We look forward to hearing from you: houseskyberry@gmail.com

TAG SALE NEWS The St. Michael's Tag Sale will be taking place this spring on Saturday, May 3. We will be raising money this year for Loaves and Fishes, as well as the Family Fund at Winston Prouty. This time of year, many people are reorganizing their belongings and cleaning out items they no longer need. Please keep the Tag Sale in mind when you are doing this - we can take books (except textbooks), clothing, shoes and linens in good shape, housewares (except electronics like TVs and computers) and selective furniture in good condition. All these items can be gratefully re-used by someone else! Please save them to donate to the Tag Sale.

Donations for many items (except furniture) will begin on Sun., **Feb. 16!** That's really soon! There will be more details coming up in the Thursday notes and Sunday bulletins, and the March "Guardian", so stay tuned and thank you for your support!