DECEMBER MUSIC AND WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. LUKE

December 2  First Sunday of Advent “Wonderful Counselor” Isaiah 9:6, Service of Holy Communion

December 4  Free Spirits Christmas Musical Extravaganza Lunch 11:30 a.m., St. Luke Ministry Center

December 5  St. Luke Wind Orchestra Christmas Concert 6:00 p.m., St. Luke Ministry Center

December 9  Second Sunday of Advent “Mighty God” Isaiah 9:6

December 16  Third Sunday of Advent St. Luke Choir Christmas Cantata, “Sing Noel!” 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

A Service of Hope: We Look for the Light 4:30 p.m., Turner Chapel

December 23  Fourth Sunday of Advent “Everlasting Father” Isaiah 9:6

December 24  Christmas Eve Services 3:00 p.m. Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
5:00 p.m. A Service of Communion and Candle Lighting Especially for families with children (St. Luke Ministry Center)
8:00 p.m. A Service of Candle Lighting and Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
11:00 p.m. Pre-Recorded St. Luke Christmas Broadcast on WTVM Channel 9
December 2, 2018  First Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  Color: Purple

Prelude (Beth Parsons, Flute) .................. “An Advent Prelude” .................Charles Callahan
Welcome and Opening Prayer .......................................................................Rev. Robert Beckum
*Hymn.................................................. “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” .............Number 211
The Lighting of the Advent Candle ...................................................David and Karen Lewis
*Choral Response .................................. “People, Look East”, stanza 1, UMH# 202
Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer ..............................................................Rev. Dr. Cindy Cox Garrard
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, forever.

Choral Prayer Response .................................. “Alleluia, Amen” ..................................Carl Wiltse
Children’s Sermon ......................................................................................Rev. Garrard
After the 11:00 a.m. Children’s Sermon, children who are in Kindergarten-5th grade are invited to go to
Corner Kids for a time of extended worship. Parents pick them up in Stockwell Hall when this service is completed.

*Hymn.................................................. “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” .............Number 196
Offertory Prayer.............................................................................................Rev. Beckum
**Offertory Anthem............................... “Come, Messiah!” ...................................Lloyd Larson
*The Dedication of Offerings.................. “The Doxology” ...................................Number 95
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Written Word...................................................Isaiah 9:6 (p. 600, OT in pew Bible)
The Spoken Word.................. “WONDERFUL COUNSELOR” .....................Rev. Beckum
The Invocation and Confession
Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another:
Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

The Peace
Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love. The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you. (All exchange signs and words of God’s peace.)

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving..............................................................Page 23; Hymnal

The Sharing of Bread and Cup
*Hymn of Invitation.............. “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” .............Number 213
*The Benediction
Choral Benediction Response........... “Come, O Come, Emmanuel” .............Marc Boensel
Postlude.................................. “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” ..........Improvisation
*Standing as able.  ** Music Box

ACOLYTES (11:00 a.m.): Jake Albright and Chase Townsend.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKS AVAILABLE
Advent begins December 2. The devotional book, We Look for the Light; We Long for a Savior, is available at the entrance to all worship spaces. Please pick up one for your family!
OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, December 2
8:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)
9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service (MIN)
9:30 a.m. Meet and Greet (Parlor, Main)
9:45 a.m. Sunday School/Youth Sunday School Assembly (The Corner, MIN)
10:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School (The Corner, MIN)/College Small Group (College House)
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)/Broadcast over WTVM Channel 9.
12:20 p.m. Worship in Spanish (Chapel, Main)
1-4:00 p.m. Hispanic Sunday School Classes and Fellowship (Stockwell Hall, Main)
3:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop Meeting (Commons Area, Main)
4:30 p.m. Extreme Kids (Ministry Center)
5-7:00 p.m. Crosswalk (Stockwell Hall)/The Corner High School (LD, MIN)
St. Luke Academy (Youth Room, MIN)
6:00 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal (Room 110, Main)
11:30 p.m. Pre-recorded broadcast of The Nine worship service, WTVM Channel 9.

Monday, December 3
12 Noon SLPA Meeting (Meeting Room, MIN)
6:30 p.m. Monday Night Women’s Bible Study (Meeting Room, MIN)

Tuesday, December 4
7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study (SD, MIN)
10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
11:30 a.m. Free Spirits Luncheon (LD, MIN)
1:00 p.m. SGAC Local Arrangements Committee Meeting (Conference Room, Main)
6:30 p.m. SLPA Meeting and Christmas Concert (LD, MIN)

Wednesday, December 5
7:00 a.m. All Pro Dads (LD, MIN)
8:35 a.m. SLS 4th-8th Chapel (Sanctuary, Main)
9:10 a.m. SLS K-3rd Chapel (Sanctuary, Main)
10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
10:30 a.m. Preschool/ELC Chapel (Sanctuary, Main)
11:30 a.m. Kiwanis Luncheon (SD, MIN)
3:00 p.m. Children’s Choir (Ministry Center)
5:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Rm.)
5:30 p.m. WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER (Stockwell Hall, Main)
6:00 p.m. St. Luke Wind Orchestra Christmas Concert (LD, MIN)
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary, Main)
8:00 p.m. College House (1030 Second Ave.)

Thursday, December 6
10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
11:00 a.m. Diplomats Club Christmas Luncheon (SD, MIN)
11:30 a.m. Exchange Club (SD, MIN)

Friday, December 7
10:45 a.m. MREA Luncheon (LD,MN)
6:30 p.m. Piedmont Christmas Party (LD, MIN)

Saturday, December 8
5:30 p.m. Evangel Temple Christmas Dinner (LD, MIN)
6:30 p.m. FANN Christmas Party (SD, MIN)

Main (main building, where Sanctuary is)/MIN (Ministry Center). Contact the Ministry Center for information about renting or reserving rooms.

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER - December 5
Program: St. Luke Orchestra Christmas Concert
“A Wise Choice”
Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The serving line is open until 6:30 p.m. Please make or cancel reservations by using the form below, by e-mailing jwidener@stlukeum.com, or by calling 706-256-1017 before Monday noon.

Menu: Meatloaf, Fried Chicken, Broccoli Casserole, Mashed Potatoes, Salad, and Rolls.

Name: _____________________________________________
Adults ($7.00) _____________ Children ($3.00) _____________
Daytime Phone: ________________________________
Email: ___________________________________________

ST. LUKE ORCHESTRA Christmas Concert
(A wise choice) DECEMBER 5TH 6:00 P.M. MINISTRY CENTER

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WORSHIP IN SPANISH: 12:20 p.m. worship in Turner Chapel, Rev. Dr. Ivelisse Quiñones preaching, “Dirección, perdón y protección” Salmo 25: 1-10.

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE (THE NINE): 9:00 a.m., Ministry Center, Rev. Brett Maddocks, preaching.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The beautiful flowers in the chancel area are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Flowers, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Flowers, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. William J. Gravlee.

OUR KNOWN SICK: Shepherd Center: Mickaela Hammer, 408 ICU. Orchard View: Morris Plott, 80.

HOLY COMMUNION: All persons who confess Christ as their Savior, regardless of age or denomination, are invited to share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please come forward by the center aisle at the invitation of the ushers and stand or kneel in prayer at the chancel rail for as long as you like, then cup your hands to indicate your readiness to receive the Sacrament. After you have partaken of the cup, you may remain in prayer or return to your seat by means of the side aisle. Those who wish to receive Holy Communion in their seats should so indicate to an usher or pastor. Gluten-free bread is available. The offering plates at the head of the center aisle are to receive gifts for the Samaritan Fund, our emergency financial outreach ministry. Please give generously as God gives you the ability.

IN MEMORIAM
Mr. William H. Meeks
November 27, 2018

HOLIDAY TIPS FOR CAREGIVERS

1) Simplify - lighten your load by not expecting more of yourself than you can manage.
2) Enlist help – often family and friends are happy to assist but not sure what to do; just ask.
3) Live for the moment – try not to dwell on how things once were or what lies ahead.

You are spending this Christmas with your loved one, and that is a blessing for which to be thankful.
CHILDE N'S MINISTRY
Hope Sims, Director of Children's Ministries, hsims@stlukeum.com - www.cornerkidz.com

CORNER KIDZ (9:00 a.m.) welcomes K-5th graders. Children will be escorted upstairs to the Corner Kidz Room next to the Gymnasium. Parents need to pick up children from upstairs immediately after the service.

CORNER KIDZ (11:00 a.m.) welcomes K-5th graders. Children will be escorted to Stockwell Hall. Please pick up your child in Stockwell Hall after the service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is held in the main church building. Parent(s) need to drop off their child at the appropriate Sunday School at 10:00 a.m., and pick up their child promptly by 10:50 a.m. There will be greeters to help you find your child’s Sunday School classroom.

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PRAYER BOOKS AVAILABLE
With the Boldness of Children, a book of the pastoral prayers of Rev. Cindy Cox Garrard, is available free to all St. Luke worshippers.

PASSION WITH COLLEGE HOUSE
January 2-4, 2019
Philips Arena, Atlanta, GA
Cost: $235. Sign up at www.collegehouseministries.com

I Love to Tell the Story of Jesus and His Love 2019 Pledge Update
To date we have **229 pledges** totaling $1,667,350 for ministry and mission in 2019. This is almost exactly 50% of last year’s pledge total; so, we are half the way home in this year’s stewardship campaign. If you have not yet returned your pledge for 2019, let me encourage you to add your commitment to these that have been made. Together, we can make a tremendous difference in creating a more Christ-like world.

OUR PHONE NUMBERS
Church Office, 706-327-4343 • Preschool, 706-327-4343
St. Luke School, 706-256-1301 • Early Learning Center, 706-322-2703
Ministry Center, 706-256-1017 • Respite Care Ministry, 706-256-3117
Abiding Gifts
If you wish to honor or remember someone, please attach to your check the name of that person and the address to which you wish the acknowledgement sent and mail or bring to the Church Office. Contact maggie@stlukeum.com.


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Food Pantry: In memory of Mrs. Wilda Dudley by Circle 3 UMW.

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Older Adult Ministry: In honor of Mr. Mitch Watts by Circle 9 UMW.

WE LOOK FOR THE LIGHT
A Service of Hope
Turner Chapel
4:30 p.m., Sunday, December 16.
This service of peace and consolation will be followed by a reception and is sponsored by the Bereavement Ministry. All are welcome.

Holiday Hospitality
Are you looking for a way to share a holiday table? For Christmas or just for Sunday dinner, as a guest or as a host? Use the below link to connect with Malerie Goodman, coordinator of St. Luke’s Holiday ministry. If you do not have access to a computer, you may call Maggie Roberson at 706-327-4343.

https://goo.gl/forms/wpkPqms6Z0jq5ELJ2

Now that DNOW is over we are excited to announce that Crosswalk is going on our first ever Crosswalk Winter Retreat! All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are invited! Snow tubing, ice skating, 100 of your closest middle school friends! Cost is $225 for non-tubers and $250 for tubers! Visit www.thecornerstudents.com for more information! SIGN UP TODAY!

December First Saturday:

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The Corner
Jonathan and Lisa Moore, Directors of Student Ministries, jmoore@stlukeum.com

*Christmas Party for Crosswalk and The Corner High School On December 16, 5-7 PM. Large Dining Room!

The High School Mountain Retreat
IS DEC. 29 - JAN. 1
Mallory Wood and band are leading worship and Tyler Higgins is speaking! We are skiing, tubing, ice skating, worshiping, playing, drinking a lot of hot chocolate and coffee and pressing in hard to hear the voice of God! We have spots reserved for 100 High Schoolers, so sign up today and let’s go to the mountains! Full details on www.thecornerstudents.com.