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DECEMBER MUSIC AND WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. LUKE

- December 9 *Second Sunday of Advent*
 "Mighty God" Isaiah 9:6 (Colossians 1:15-20)
- 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

Christmas Eve Services

December 24

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



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The 11:00 a.m. service is streamed at www.stlukeum.com and broadcast at WLTC 103.7 Lite FM
Rebroadcast on WTVM Channel 9 at 10:00 a.m.

December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

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

Color: Purple

Prelude (*St. Luke Orchestra*)..... “And Heaven and Nature Ring”Patrick Roszell
(*Jim Evans, Conductor*)

Welcome and Opening Prayer.....Rev. Robert Beckum

*Hymn..... “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”Number 196

The Lighting of the Advent CandlesMark and Cindy Sigmund

*Choral Response“People, Look East”, stanza 2, 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..... “Danish Amen”anon.

Anthem “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”arr. Joel Raney

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..... “Angels We Have Heard on High”Number 238

Offertory Prayer.....Rev. Beckum

**Offertory (SLO)..... “Stille, Stille, Stille”arr. James Curnow

*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, Colossians 1:15-20 (p. 600, OT/p. 188, NT in pew Bible)

The Spoken Word..... **“THE MIGHTY GOD”**Rev. Beckum

*Hymn of Invitation..... “Joy to the World”Number 246

*The Benediction

Choral Benediction Response..... “Come, Emmanuel”Marc Boensel

Postlude (8:30 a.m.)..... “O Praise Ye the Lord”Improvisation

(11:00 a.m., SLO)..... “Fantasia on the Dargason (Greensleeves)”Gustav Holst

**Standing as able.*

** *Music Box*

WELCOME VISITORS: We are glad to have you with us today! If you have any questions or need assistance with anything, please ask a church greeter or any member of the church staff. For more information about St. Luke, contact Cindy Cox Garrard or any of the pastors at 706-327-4343 or cindy@stlukeum.com. Thank you for blessing us with your presence.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKS AVAILABLE

Our Advent 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 9

- 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. Kenya Missionaries (LD, MIN)
Youth Sunday School (The Corner, MIN)/College Small Group (College House)
Pre-recorded broadcast of worship service on WTVM Channel 9.
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)/Broadcast over WLTC 103.7 Lite FM
and at www.stlukeum.com beginning at 11:00 a.m.
- 12:20 p.m. Worship in Spanish (Chapel, Main)
- 1-4:00 p.m. Hispanic Sunday School Classes (Library) and Fellowship (Stockwell Hall, Main)
- 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 10

- 6:30 p.m. Monday Night Women's Bible Study (Beckum's Home)

Tuesday, December 11

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (SD, MIN)
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
Circle 2 (Main)/Circle 3 (Chapel, Main)
Circle 9 (Room 110, Main)
- 10:30 a.m. Back Columbus Blue (LD, MIN)
- 11:00 a.m. Lions Club (SD, MIN)
- 3:15 p.m. Girls/Boys Basketball Game - Southland/St. Luke (Gym)
- 4:00 p.m. RFTS Full Board Meeting (Meeting Room, MIN)

Wednesday, December 12

- 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)
Preschool Christmas Program (LD, 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)**
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary, Main)
Bible Study in Spanish (Room 110, Main)
- 8:00 p.m. College House (1030 Second Ave.)
- 8:20 p.m. Hispanic Praise Team Rehearsal (Chapel)

Thursday, December 13

- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 11:30 a.m. SLS Teachers Christmas Luncheon (Youth Room, MIN)
Columbus and the Valley Football Awards Banquet (LD, MIN)
- 6:00 p.m. Masterbuilt Christmas Party (LD, MIN)

Friday, December 14

- 6:00 p.m. Unity Church Christmas Gala (LD, MIN)
- 7:00 p.m. NJHS Middle School Dance (Gym)

Saturday, December 15

- 10:00 a.m. SL Christmas Cantata Dress Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 2:00 p.m. DFACS Foster Care Christmas Party (Stockwell Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Corinth Baptist Church Christmas Party (LD, 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 12

Program: A Christmas Story

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: Fried Chicken, Smoked Roast Beef, Butter Beans, Rice, Salad, and Rolls.

Name: _____

Adults (\$7.00) _____ Children (\$3.00) _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Email: _____

MUSIC BOX

Dr. Marc F. Boensel, Director of Music Ministries, mboensel@stlukeum.com

Dear Friends,

Mark your calendars ahead for the following:

December 16, 2018 - Chancel Choir Cantata Sunday, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services

March 31, 2019 - Chamber Music benefit concert in the Sanctuary, 4:00 p.m.

May 10, 2019 - Keyboards for Keyna benefit concert in the Sanctuary, 7:00 p.m.

Today's Anthem: See Hymnal #626

WORSHIP IN SPANISH: 12:20 p.m. worship in Turner Chapel, Rev. Dr. Ivelisse Quiñones preaching, "La profecía de Zacarías", Lucas 1: 68-79.

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 Martha and Ralph King and Mary King Smalley by Martha King Cunningham and family.

OUR KNOWN SICK: Shepherd Center: Mickaela Hammer, 408 ICU.

NEW MEMBERS: John and Joi Liscar come by transfer from another denomination. Their daughter, Jana, was baptized and joined by profession of faith.



CONFIRMATION

If you are a member of St. Luke or have been visiting and interested in your child going through Confirmation, please contact Rev. Brett Maddocks bmaddocks@stlukeum.com. Confirmation is offered for 6th graders. The **Confirmation Kick-off Breakfast** is

January 6, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Large Dining Room of the Ministry Center. For more information about the Confirmation process, the Confirmation Retreat, or anything else, contact Brett at bmaddocks@stlukeum.com or Erin at erin@stlukeum.com.

-Respite Care-

"Caring for loved ones and caregivers."

Diane Hett, Director of Respite Ministry, 706-256-3117 or dhett@stlukeum.com



What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part.
Yet what I can I give Him--give my heart.

The Respite Care Ministry is blessed by Volunteers who share a smile, a touch, a hand of assistance, a listening ear... all gifts from the heart.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

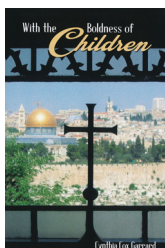
Hope Sims, Director of Children's Ministries, hsims@stlukeum.com - www.cornerkidz.com

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.

THE FOOD PANTRY IS LOOKING FOR FIVE OR SIX VOLUNTEERS who want to show the love of Christ through servant leadership right here on the St. Luke Church campus. Anyone looking for a way to give back to our church and community is welcome! Retired adults, a stay-at-home parents, mission-hearted students, this is a perfect opportunity for you to share and receive the reciprocal joy of Jesus through loving service to others. It requires, first, a heart for the broken, and second, four hours of your time, just once a month. Please contact Richard Jarboe at jarboe@aol.com for more information.



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.



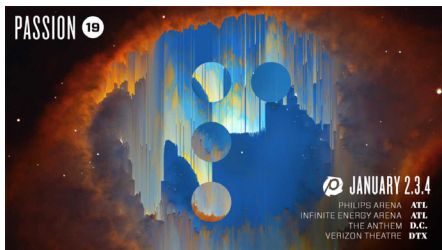
*St. Luke
Women's
Conference*

SAVE THE DATE

With Morgan Cheek

St. Luke Church (Ministry Center)

Saturday, February 2, 2019



PASSION WITH COLLEGE HOUSE

January 2-4, 2019

Philips Arena, Atlanta, GA

Cost: \$235. Sign up at

www.collegehouseministries.com

IGNITE RETREAT

St. Luke adults! Join us for a wonderful weekend getaway designed to IGNITE spiritual renewal and foster fellowship, community and personal growth in Christ. January 18-20, 2019 at beautiful Ross Bridge in Birmingham, AL. Register by December 15 at www.stlukeum.com. Contact Sandra Hollingsworth for more information, 706-587-1770.

I Love to Tell the Story of Jesus and His Love 2019 Pledge Update

To date we have **255 pledges** totaling **\$2,237,330** for ministry and mission in 2019. **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.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Circle 2: December 11, 10:00 a.m. (Main Bldg.)

Circle 3: December 11, 10:00 a.m. in Turner Chapel.

Circle 9: December 11, 10:30 a.m. in Room 110 (Main Bldg.)

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.

Samaritan Fund: In honor of Mrs. Annette Pollock by Ms. Nancy Pedersen. In memory of Mr. Bill Meeks by Mr. and Mrs. Don Williams.

Meals on Wheels: In memory of Mr. Bill Meeks by Mr. and Mrs. Dale Ellis.

Respite Care: In memory of Mrs. Susan Fortson by Mr. and Mrs. Morris Plott.

UMCOR: In honor of Mrs. Geraldine King for her birthday by Mr. and Mrs. Don Williams.

Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of Mr. Paul Singer by Mr. and Mrs. David Bickley. In memory of Mrs. Wilda Dudley by Ms. Margaret Watson. In memory of Mrs. Marie Moshell by Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Martin.



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.



ST. LUKE ACADEMY PRESENTS

The Scripture Way of Salvation:

"The Life and Theology of John Wesley for Today"

We will be looking at the life and theology of one of the most important Christians in history. We will be studying who John Wesley was, what he believed, and how he ignited a movement that literally impacted the world for Christ. If you have ever wanted to know who John Wesley was, what it means to be a Methodist/Wesleyan, and how John Wesley continues to impact St. Luke today then you are invited to attend this class.

Sunday Nights from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. (LD, Ministry Center)

January 13-April 14, 2019

There is no cost. Contact Brett Maddocks, bmaddocks@stlukeum.com, for more information.



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!



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, worshipping, 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.

