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## Your 2020 Pledge Card As An Advent Symbol

This week the women of our Altar Guild have been working their annual magic to decorate our hallways, entrance ways and worship spaces with beautiful symbols of the season. I am so grateful for their talent and their labor of love. This Sunday we will have wreaths on the doors and walls, advent wreaths in the sanctuary, chapel and ministry center, Chrismon trees in the chancel area and in the ministry center. Beautiful purple paraments will adorn the pulpit, lectern and altar. All these symbols point us to the meaning of God's taking on flesh and blood in Jesus and coming into this world as our Savior.

**Seldom do we include our annual pledge card among these beautiful Advent symbols**, but we should. Beyond dollars promised for ministry, our pledge card is one of the most powerful symbols of discipleship we have. Our pledge card is an outer, visible symbol of the inner, spiritual grace of God at work in our heart and grounded in:

1. Our covenant relationship with God
2. Our gratitude for the grace of God we have encountered
3. Our acknowledgment of the Lordship of Christ in our life and lifestyle
4. Our care for and commitment to the continuing ministry of Christ in our time

To date, 208 St. Luke families have returned pledge cards totaling \$2,124,411 for ministry and mission in 2020. This is 66% of our pledge total for this year; meaning, we are two-thirds of the way to completing the goal in our "With Glad and Generous Hearts Campaign." **If you have not yet returned your pledge for the upcoming year, let me encourage you to add your commitment to these that have been made.** These are uncertain times in the world, and we need the support of one another now more than ever. The world needs St. Luke's witness of Christ's redeeming love now more than ever.

Let your financial commitment card be one of the beautiful symbols which will point to the coming of God's presence to redeem this world. Let it be a symbol of Christ's presence in your life and of your willingness to equip your church to bear the presence of Christ for others in the year ahead.

Robert Beckum, Senior Pastor

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

December 8, 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

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

Color: Purple

Prelude (*Jim Evans, Conductor*)..... "In Dulci Jubilo" .....arr. Sean O'Laughlin

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

\*Hymn..... "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" .....Number 203

Lighting of the Advent Wreath.....Rev. Dr. Adriane Burgess

*We have heard the promise. God's chosen One will soon be among us. We must be ready.*

**Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.**

*The wilderness places of our lives may threaten to overwhelm us. We easily lose our way. But a second candle adds its light. The candle of wisdom and preparation joins the candle of watchful waiting.*

**Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord.**

*Light the Two Advent Candles*

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer.....Rev. Burgess

**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. Amen.**

Choral Prayer Response (11:00 a.m.)..... "Danish Amen" .....anon.

\*\*Anthem (11:00 a.m., Chancel Choir) ..... "All On a Starry Night" .....Joseph Graham

The Children's Sermon.....Rev. Burgess

*After the Children's Sermon, children who are in Kindergarten-5th grade are invited to Corner Kidz for a time of extended worship. Parents pick up their children in Stockwell Hall when this service is completed.*

\*Hymn..... "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" .....Number 213

Offertory Prayer.....Rev. Beckum

Offertory (SLO)..... "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear".....arr. David Shaffer

\*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..... Romans 15:4-13 (p. 153, NT in pew Bible)

The Spoken Word..... **"MAKING ROOM FOR HOPE"** .....Rev. Beckum

\*Hymn..... "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" .....Number 211

\*The Benediction.....Rev. Beckum

Choral Benediction Response (11:00 a.m.)... "Love Came Down At Christmas" ...arr. John Purifoy

Postlude (8:30 a.m.)..... "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" .....Improvisation

(11:30 a.m., SLO) ..... "March of the Kings from Farandole Bizet" .....arr. Jay Bocook

\*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 Brett Maddocks or any of the pastors at 706-327-4343 or [bmaddocks@stlukeum.com](mailto:bmaddocks@stlukeum.com). Thank you for blessing us with your presence.

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## OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

### Sunday, December 8

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)
- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service (LD, 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)  
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](http://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 and Fellowship (Stockwell Hall, Main)
- 5:00 p.m. St. Luke Academy (LD, MIN)  
Crosswalk (Stockwell Hall)/High School (the Corner)
- 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 9

- 10:30 a.m. JIL/Fellowship Class Brunch (SD, MIN)
- 12 Noon SLPA Leadership Meeting (Meeting Room)
- 1:00 p.m. Church Staff Christmas Party (LD, MIN)
- 4:00 p.m. SLS Basketball plays Wynnbrook (Gym)
- 6:30 p.m. Monday Night Women's Bible Study (SD, MIN)  
FANN Dinner (LD, MIN)
- 7:30 p.m. College Small Groups (College House)

### Tuesday, December 10

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (SD, MIN)
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 4:00 p.m. SLS Finance Committee (Conference Room)
- 5:30 p.m. Food Bank Volunteer Dinner (LD, MIN)
- 7:00 p.m. Hispanic Bible Study (Room 110, Main)  
Bible Study Fellowship (MIN)

### Wednesday, December 11

- 8:35 a.m. 4th-8th Grade Chapel (Sanctuary, Main)
- 9:10 a.m. K-3rd Grade 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. Preschool Christmas Program (LD, MIN)
- 4:30 p.m. College House Wednesday Small Groups (College House)
- 5:30 p.m. WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER (Stockwell Hall, Main)
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (Stockwell Hall, Main)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary, Main)
- 8:00 p.m. College House (College House)

### Thursday, December 12

- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 7:00 p.m. Hispanic Praise Team Rehearsal (Chapel)

### Friday, December 13

- 4:00 p.m. SLS Basketball plays Trinity Presbyterian (Gym)
- 5:30 p.m. ELC Christmas Program (LD, MIN)
- 7:00 p.m. SLS Middle School Dance (Gym)

**Main (Church Building/Sanctuary), MIN (Ministry Center). Contact the Ministry Center for information about renting or reserving rooms, 706-256-1017.**

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### WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER - December 11

#### PROGRAM: Orchestra Concert

Doors open at **5:30 p.m.** The serving line is open until **6:30 p.m.** Please make or cancel reservations using the form below, by e-mailing [jwidener@stlukeum.com](mailto:jwidener@stlukeum.com), or by calling 706-256-1017 before noon on Monday.

**Menu:** Fried chicken, baked chicken, rice, green beans, salad, rolls and assorted desserts.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Music Box

Dr. Marc F. Boensel, Director of Music Ministries, [mboensel@stlukeum.com](mailto:mboensel@stlukeum.com)

**The Music Scholarship Fund** assists six students from the Schwob School of Music with expenses related to their study of music. All of these students sing in our Chancel Choir at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. and are a vital part of the Music Ministry. Please consider supporting the Music Scholarship Fund so that St. Luke can continue to assist these students with their music education. Donations can be placed in the offering and marked 'Music Scholarship.'

**Looking Ahead:** The Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, and string ensemble will present the Word Through Music on December 15<sup>th</sup> at both 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

**The Music Ministry** welcomes new vocal and instrumental members throughout the year. No auditions are required. Please contact Marc Boensel at the e-mail address above or at 706-256-2682 if interested.

**Today's Anthem:** "Long ago on a starry night, love came down to touch the earth, blessing all with holy light at the Savior's birth. Underneath a cloudless sky, angels sang a lullaby, words of peace to humankind all on a starry night. Glory be to God in the highest, peace and joy to all. Come and worship, wondrous is the call. Shepherds heard the music sounding from above, falling like a gentle snow, filling all the earth with songs of love."

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**WORSHIP IN SPANISH:** 12:20 p.m. worship in chapel, Rev. Dr. José Resto. La Palabra Hablada: "Si no produces te cortaran." Palabra Escrita: Mateo 3:1-12.

**CONTEMPORARY SERVICE (THE NINE):** 9:00 a.m., Ministry Center, Rev. Brett Maddocks preaching, Isaiah 1:1-10, "The Presence of Hope."

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The beautiful flowers in the chancel area are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Martha King Cunningham, Martha and Ralph King and Mary King Smalley by Billy Cunningham and Brooks Cunningham Dykes.

**OUR KNOWN SICK: Piedmont Northside (Hughston):** Steve Ellis, 228.

**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** To Mr. and Mrs. Len (Glenda) Sexton in the death of his mother and Mr. and Mrs. Jack (Ashley) Turner in the death of her grandmother Mrs. Thelma D. Sexton, December 2, 2019, Columbus, GA.

**CRADLE ROLL:** Capt. & Mrs. Michael (Ivey) Brooks announce the birth of a daughter, Catherine Marie Brooks on November 17, 2019 in Amberg, Germany. Grandparents: Mr. & Mrs. Anton (Melissa) Fish. Great Grandmother: Mrs. Judy Terry. A rose has been placed in the chancel area in her honor.

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**The S.A.W. (Servants At Work) Ministry** is looking for twin and double beds, chests of drawers and household furniture you may want to donate. Generally, these items will be used in apartments and rental units for families who, many times, have been without beds, chairs and other household items. Please contact Lee Myers, Richard Jarboe or the church office @706-327-4343 if you have items that may be of service to this ministry.



## PARENT EDUCATION PANEL

### *Dealing with Teen Grief, Depression, and Suicide*

Sunday, December 8, 2019

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

St. Luke Ministry Center - Large Dining Room

Parents are invited to join the St. Luke School Parent Association for a panel discussion with local counselors, physicians and clergy. Panelists, will share insights and take questions on each topic. Middle and High School students in grades 6-12 are invited to attend the St. Luke Church Corner and Crosswalk Youth meeting at the Ministry Center during the event. Care for children under age 12 will be available by reservation only at <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/TwEJr2ZF>

***Due to the sensitive nature of this panel, parents are asked not to bring children to the event.***

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# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

[www.cornerkidz.com](http://www.cornerkidz.com)

**CORNER KIDZ (9:00 a.m.)** welcomes K-5th grade students! Children will be escorted upstairs to the Corner Kidz Room (beside the gymnasium) after the welcome.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is held in the main church building. Our greeters will help you and your child find their Sunday School class. Parents may drop off their child at 10:00 a.m. and pick up their child promptly by 10:50 a.m., as many of our teachers attend the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

**CORNER KIDZ (11:00 a.m.)** welcomes K-5th grade students! Children will be escorted to Stockwell Hall after the children's sermon. Please pick up your child in Stockwell Hall after the service.



## Christmas Eve Schedule

- 3:00 p.m.** Christmas Eve Service of Holy Communion, Word & Music (Sanctuary)  
The Rev. Robert Beckum, preaching
- 5:00 p.m.** Family Service of Holy Communion,  
Children's Christmas Pageant (Ministry Center)
- 8:00 p.m.** Candlelight Christmas Eve Service of  
Holy Communion, Word, and Music, (Sanctuary)  
The Rev. Robert Beckum, preaching
- 11:00 p.m.** *St. Luke Christmas Eve Service pre-recorded Broadcast,*  
*[www.stlukeum.com](http://www.stlukeum.com), WTVM Channel 9*



### *New Beginnings* *Christmas Luncheon*

**GUEST SPEAKER**

*Nikki Collins*

*(daughter of Charles and Barbara Collins)*

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17**

11:00 a.m. • Cost \$10

Brief meeting with  
fellowship luncheon to follow  
RSVP to Julie

[jwidener@stlukeum.com](mailto:jwidener@stlukeum.com)

by Noon on Wednesday, December 11

**ST. LUKE ORCHESTRA**  
*Christmas Concert*  
**DECEMBER 11TH**  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER  
**6:00 P.M.**  
MINISTRY CENTER  
*Featuring Finale from the*  
*"New World" Mitch Watts*  
*and other celebrities*

### *-Respite Care-*

**"Caring for loved ones and caregivers"**

Respite Ministry - (706) 256-3117

*"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Psalm 100:2*  
St. Luke Respite Care is blessed with a family of volunteers who serve on our flexible schedule weekly, monthly or as needed. Won't you join us? Please call Norma or Geraldine to schedule a visit.



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## 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 acknowledgment sent and mail or bring to the church office. Contact [maggie@stlukeum.com](mailto:maggie@stlukeum.com).

**Samaritan Fund:** In memory of Mrs. Jean Amos by Mr. and Mrs. Norris Randall.

**Fountain Restoration Fund:** In memory of Mrs. Martha Cunningham by Mrs. Judith Huff Hubbard, Mrs. R. Eugene Dickson, Mrs. Peggy Gindville, Mrs. Barbara Haneman, Mrs. Louie Crawford and Mr. and Mrs. Mat Swift, and Mr. and Mrs. John Laska.

**Memorial Maintenance Fund:** In memory of Col. (Ret.) Elden Elzworth by Mrs. R. Eugene Dickson. In memory of Mr. Larry Neal by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Long and Mrs. Audrey Mehlhorn. In memory of Mrs. Jean Amos by Ms. Helen Wood Landing, Mr. Walter Miller, Ms. Betty W. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Brad Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Al Ramsay, First United Methodist Church of Milton, FL, and Judge and Mrs. J. Carlisle Overstreet. In memory of Mr. Gordon "Butch" Estes, Mr. Larry Neal, Mrs. Jean Amos, and Mr. David Cartledge by Mr. and Mrs. John Laska. In memory of Mr. Gordon "Butch" Estes by Mr. and Mrs. Keith Wood. In memory of Mr. Larry Neal and Mrs. Jean Amos by Mr. and Mrs. Randy Jones.

**Music Fund:** In memory of Mrs. Jean Amos by Mrs. R. Eugene Dickson. In memory of Mrs. Jane Loflin by Mr. and Mrs. John Laska.

**Music Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Mrs. Jean Amos by the Jesus is Lord/Fellowship Class and Mrs. Lee Harrell. In honor of the Music Ministry Participants by Ms. Nancy Pedersen.

**Respite Care Fund:** In honor of Mrs. Diane Hett by Mrs. Peggy Gindville. In memory of Mrs. Jean Amos and Mrs. Martha Cunningham by Mrs. Kathy Riley. In memory of Mr. Larry Neal by Mr. and Mrs. Skip Williams.

**Music Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Mrs. Jean Amos by Mrs. Peggy Gindville. In memory of Mrs. Jane Loflin by Mrs. Jean H. Robinson.

**Naomi's Village:** In memory of Mrs. Jean Amos by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kilpatrick, Jr. In memory of Mrs. Martha Cunningham by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wood. In memory of Mr. Joe Robertson by Mr. and Mrs. Skip Williams.

**Literature Fund:** In honor of the Jesus is Lord/Fellowship Class teachers and leaders by the Jesus is Lord/Fellowship Class.

**Methodist Children's Home:** In memory of Johnson Wade Yarbrough by Mrs. Lee Harrell.

**December First Saturday:** In memory of Mr. Barry R. Davis by Mrs. Annette Pollock.

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### THE LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

Turner Chapel

4:30 p.m. • Sunday, December 22

This service of peace, hope and consolation will be followed by a reception and is sponsored by the Bereavement Ministry.

*All are welcome.*

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### Passion 2020

with St. Luke's College House Ministry  
December 31-January 2

Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta, GA

Sign up online at

[www.collegehouseministries.com](http://www.collegehouseministries.com)

Total cost is \$220

(Includes ticket, hotel, transportation,  
t-shirt and most meals)

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### THE CORNER

Jonathan and Lisa Moore, Directors of Student Ministries,  
[jmoore@stlukeum.com](mailto:jmoore@stlukeum.com)

**WOW!** Thank you, St. Luke, for supporting this vital ministry in our church! The weekend before Thanksgiving we had 230 students and well over 300 people involved in our Dnow 2019! God showed up in a big way! We were in 17 homes across the city studying God's Word and enjoying an incredible weekend centered around Jesus, our Champion! Dnow is the same weekend every year. If you would like to host a group of students next year please contact Peggy Stanley or anyone on our staff. If you are a student and missed it this year, go ahead and plan on being with us for this awesome weekend in 2020!

**See you on:** December 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 p.m. for the biggest Christmas party you will attend all year! Bring a gift (\$10 or under) for the big exchange led by Hailey Hinson, and wear your favorite pajamas or Christmas sweater! Tons of music, food, amazing door prizes, and so much more! **Save the date:** the Corner/Crosswalk Winter Retreat in Black Mountain North Carolina is February 14<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup>! Sign-ups will begin December 15<sup>th</sup>!

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