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Volume 55

O Come, Emmanuel

THE WORD THROUGH MUSIC

The Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, and Orchestra

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

St Luke Sanctuary



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The 11:00 a.m. service is streamed at www.stlukeum.com and broadcast at WLTC 103.7 Lite FM
Pre-recorded broadcast of worship service on WTVM Channel 9.

December 15, 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

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

Color: Purple

Invitation to Worship.....Rev. Dr. Adriane Burgess
Prelude (*Handbell Choir*)..... “Comfort, Comfort”arr. Cathy Moklebust
Call to Worship “Come, Messiah!”Lloyd Larson
*Hymn “Angels From the Realms of Glory”Number 220
Lighting of the Advent Wreath.....Rev. Brett Maddocks

“There was a man sent from God, whose name was John...” He came to witness to the Light and we are called to do the same. Christ is coming! We gain confidence from that assurance. And look! Our hope grows even stronger for three lights are burning where there was darkness!

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere...

Lighting of the third Advent candles

Anthem (*Chancel Choir*).....“Who But the Lord”Craig Courtney
Anthem (*Chancel Choir*)..... “O Come, Emmanuel”Don Besig
The Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer. (8:30 a.m.)Rev. Burgess
(11:00 a.m.)..... Rev. Maddocks

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.

Anthem (*Chancel Choir*) “Blessed are the Ones Who Wait for You”.....David Foley

The Children’s SermonRev. Burgess

After the Children’s Sermon at 11:00 a.m., children who are in Kindergarten-5th grade are invited to go to Corner Kidz for a time of extended worship. Parents pick them up in Stockwell Hall when this service is completed.

Anthem (*Chancel Choir*) “Et In Terra Pax”.....John Purifoy

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

The Offertory Prayer.....Rev. Burgess

Offertory (*Handbell Choir*)..... “All is Well”arr. Joel Raney

Anthem (*Chancel Choir*) “Immanuel”.....Benjamin Knoedler

Anthem (*Chancel Choir*) “All on a Starry Night”.....Joseph Graham

Scripture Reading John 1:1-16 (p. 86 NT in pew Bible)Rev. Robert Beckum

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

*The Benediction.....Rev. Beckum

Choral Benediction Response “Love Came Down at Christmas”John Purifoy

Postlude (*String Ensemble*)..... “For Unto Us a Child is Born”G.F. Handel

* Standing as able

Acolytes (11:00 a.m.): Kate Deal and Weezie Turner

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. Thank you for blessing us with your presence.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, December 15

- 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 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 (Meeting Room, MIN)
Youth Christmas Party (LD, MIN)
- 11:30 p.m. Pre-recorded broadcast of The Nine Worship Service, WTVM Channel 9

Monday, December 16

- 12 noon SLS Faculty/Staff Christmas Party (LD, MIN)
- 3:15 p.m. SLS Wrestling Match (Wrestling Room)

Tuesday, December 17

- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 7:00 p.m. Hispanic Bible Study (Room 110, Main)/Bible Study Fellowship (MIN)

Wednesday, December 18

- 9:00 a.m. Combined Chapel (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 10:30 a.m. Preschool/ELC Chapel (Sanctuary, Main)
- 4:30 p.m. College House Wednesday Small Groups (College House)
- 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 19

- 10:00 a.m. Respite Christmas Brunch (LD, MIN)
- 7:00 p.m. Hispanic Praise Team Rehearsal (Chapel)

Friday, December 20

- 5:00 p.m. Hispanic Ministry Christmas Dinner (LD, MIN)

Sunday, December 22

- 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)
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- 4:30 p.m. The Longest Night Service and Reception (Turner Chapel)

Monday, December 23 - ELC closed

Tuesday, December 24 - Church offices close at noon, ELC & Respite closed all day

- 3:00 p.m. St. Luke Christmas Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary, Main)
- 5:00 p.m. St. Luke Christmas Pageant (LD, MIN)
- 8:00 p.m. St. Luke Christmas - A Service of Candle Lighting and Holy Communion (Sanct.)
- 11:00 p.m. St. Luke Christmas Eve pre-recorded Broadcast, www.stlukeum.com,
WTVM Channel 9

Wednesday, December 25 - Church office, Ministry Center, ELC and Respite closed

Thursday, December 26 - Church office, Ministry Center, ELC and Respite closed

Friday, December 27 - ELC closed

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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Music Box

Dr. Marc F. Boensel, Director of Music Ministries, 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.'

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.

Announcing the new **Masterwork Chorale!** Members of the Masterwork Chorale will rehearse for six weeks on the special music that the Chancel Choir will present on Good Friday, and will join the choir for this event. Rehearsals will take place after church on Sunday afternoons at 12:30 p.m. beginning in late February. For more information, contact Marc Boensel, mboensel@stlukeum.com.

Today's Chamber Orchestra for Sunday: Passacaglia Mason (violin 1), Maria Chirinos (violin 2), Carol Underwood (viola), Camille Johnson (violoncello) Christian Harvey (bass).

WORSHIP IN SPANISH: 12:20 p.m. worship in chapel, Rev. Dr. José Resto, 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, The Presence of Peace (Isaiah 7:10-16; 9:2-7)

ALTAR FLOWERS: The beautiful flowers in the chancel area are given to the glory of God and in honor of the 30th wedding anniversary Colin and Beth Martin.

OUR KNOWN SICK: Piedmont Northside (Hughston): Steve Ellis, 228. **St Francis:** Bill Montgomery, PCN 37.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Susan Carroll Martin
December 11, 2019

CRADLE ROLL: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas (Amanda) Fisher announce the birth of a son, Jude Thomas Fisher, on November 14, 2019, Columbus, GA. A rose has been placed in the chancel area in his honor.

NEW MEMBERS: Rod and Andrea Cameron come by transfer of membership. Their daughter **Taren** also comes by transfer of membership and their daughter **Nicole** joins by profession of faith.



Christmas Eve Schedule



- 3:00 p.m.** Christmas Eve Service of Holy Communion, Word, and 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, *WTVM Channel 9*
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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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.

-Respite Care-

"Caring for loved ones and caregivers"

Respite Ministry - (706) 256-3117



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at St. Luke Respite Care! Give us a call; we would like to show you around our building.

Merry Christmas!

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

With Glad and Generous Hearts **St. Luke 2020 Budget**

To date we have 240 pledges totaling \$2,399,711 for ministry and mission in 2020. This is 74.5% of last year's pledge total; so, we are almost three-fourths of the way home in this year's stewardship campaign. If you have not yet returned your pledge for 2020, 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.

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 at 706-327-4343 if you have items that may be of service to this ministry.



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

Total cost is \$220

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

OUR CLERGY STAFF

Rev. Robert Beckum
Senior Minister

Rev. Brett Maddocks
Associate Pastor

Rev. Dr. Adriane Burgess
Associate Pastor

Rev. Dick Reese
Minister of Pastoral Care

Rev. Dr. José Resto
Hispanic Ministries

Bishop James King
Bishop in Residence

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.

Food Pantry: In memory of Mr. Gordon "Butch" Estes and Doris and Walton Parham by Mrs. Ann Parham and Mr. Gary Olejniczak. In memory of Mrs. Jean Amos and Mrs. Martha Cunningham by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Blackmar.

Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of Mr. Larry Neal by Mr. John CW Walker and Mrs. Mary Bass. In memory of Mrs. Jean Amos by Mr. and Mrs. Madden Hatcher, Synovus, and Ms. Patty Branch. In memory of Mr. David Cartledge and Mr. Larry Neal by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Foley and Mr. and Mrs. John Shinkle. In memory of Mrs. Jean Amos and Mr. Larry Neal by Mr. and Mrs. Otis Scarborough. In memory of Mr. Elden Elzworth by Ms. Hariot Lippmann, Mary Harlan and Linda Harlan Trotter.

Music Fund: In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bradley by Mr. and Mrs. William Montgomery.

Music Scholarship Fund: In memory of Mrs. Jane Loflin and Mrs. Jean Amos by Mrs. Mary Bass. In memory of Mrs. Martha Cunningham, Mr. William Meeks, Mr. Gordon "Butch" Estes, Mr. Elden Elzworth, and Mrs. Jean Amos by Mr. and Mrs. James Sigmund.

Fountain Area Restoration Fund: In memory of Mrs. Martha Cunningham by Mrs. Sylvia Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Mitchell, and Mr. and Mrs. Wright R. Waddell. In honor of Ms. Nancy Pedersen by Mr. and Mrs. Rick Anthony.

Organ Fund: In memory of Mrs. Jean Amos by Mrs. Sylvia Powell.

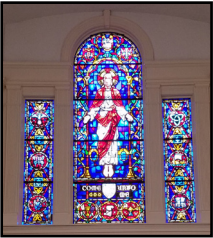
Christie Garden Fund: In memory of Mrs. Jean Amos by Dr. and Mrs. Champ Baker.

Respite Care: In memory of Mrs. Sarah Lou Yarbrough, Mr. Larry Neal, Mrs. Jean Amos, and Mr. Gordon "Butch" Estes and in honor of Mrs. Diane Hett by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Huff. In honor of Mrs. Diane Hett by Mrs. Warene Taylor. In memory of Mr. Larry Neal by Mr. and Mrs. Houser Pugh.

Naomi's Village: In memory of Mrs. Martha Cunningham by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Foley. In honor of Essence Tate by Rev. and Mrs. Tom Scott.

Altar Guild: In memory of Mr. Charles E. Hall, Sr. by Mrs. Sally Hall.

S.A.W. Ministry: In honor of Mr. Mike Corradino by the Now Class.



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.



THE CORNER

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

DECEMBER 15 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. you are invited to **THE BIGGEST CHRISTMAS PARTY** in the city! Tons of games, prizes, Christmas music, cookie decorating, a Daisy Red Ryder, and about 200 of your closest friends celebrating Christmas together! Bring a \$10 or under gift for the Annual Hailey Hinson Gift Exchange too!

DECEMBER 22 we have NO SCHEDULED STUDENT MINISTRY. Spend time with family and enjoy the season!

DECEMBER 24 at 5 P.M. in the Large Dining Room bring your entire family for the St. Luke Christmas Eve Service!

DECEMBER 29 TBA!!! We will all meet somewhere off campus and have some fun and community!

JANUARY 5 Winter Kick-off for Sunday Morning Small Groups at 10:00 a.m. and we begin a brand new series on Sunday Nights as well!

THIS HAS BEEN THE BIGGEST YEAR EVER AT THE CORNER...PRAISE GOD AND LET'S MAKE 2020 EVEN BIGGER!!!
