A Year with Jesus

Paul says passionately in Philippians 3:10, "I want to know Christ..." He doesn’t say that he wants to know about Jesus; he states that he wants to know Jesus. This is relational knowledge. It is intimate. It is knowledge that is life changing because of a relationship. Like Paul, I want to know Christ. I want to grow in my relationship with him so as to become more like him.

As a pastor, I also want this for St. Luke. I want us to be a church that knows Christ and makes him known in this city and around the world. This is the focus of this year’s preaching theme at all of our services, A Year With Jesus. In order to get to know Jesus better we are going to spend a year focused on his life, ministry, death, resurrection, and ascension. We are doing this by taking a journey with Jesus through the book of Matthew (with a couple of detours along the way.) As we take this journey together, I invite you to pray that you would encounter Jesus, be transformed by his grace, and be empowered to go out with his good news into this city and around the world.

I will be providing a road-map of this journey from time to time so that you can read and pray at home prior to our worship services. Feel free to use this map as a guide for your devotional life and for sharing with your friends. Let’s come before King Jesus and truly know him.

For the Kingdom

Brett

Preaching Road-map (Thru February)
Theme: Your Kingdom Come

2/2 – Matthew 5:1-12
2/9 – Matthew 5:13-20
2/16 – Matthew 5:21-37
2/23 – Matthew 17:1-9 (Transfiguration Sunday)
February 2, 2020                                  4th Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude................................................ “Rhapsody” .................................Herbert Howells
Welcome and Opening Prayer.......................................................Rev. Dr. Adriane Burgess
*Hymn................................................ “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” ........................Number 213
*The Affirmation of Faith........... “The Apostles’ Creed”.................................Number 881
*The Gloria Patri (Glory Be to the Father)....................................................Number 70

The Sacrament of Baptism (11:00 a.m.)............................................Hudson Douglas Sharp
Son of Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Franklin (Kelsey Watts) Sharp
As Christ’s body, the church, we reaffirm both our rejection of sin and our commitment to Christ. With God’s help, we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Hudson Douglas with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his trust in God and be found faithful in his service to others. We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer........................................................Rev. Robert Beckum
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 (11:00 a.m.)............. “Alleluia, Amen” ..........................Phillip Baker

The Written Word......................................................Matthew 5:1-12 (p. 4, NT in pew Bible)

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

Acolytes (11:00 a.m.): Chase Townsend and Trinity McAfee.
**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK**

**Sunday, February 2**
- 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. Confirmation Class (MIN)
- Youth Sunday School (The Corner, MIN)/College Small Group (College House)
- Pre-recorded broadcast of worship service on WTVM Channel 9

**Monday, February 3**
- 11:00 a.m. Circle 1 (Respite)
- 6:30 p.m. Monday Night Women’s Bible Study (Meeting Room)
- 7:30 p.m. College House Bible Study (College House)

**Tuesday, February 4**
- 7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study (SD, MIN)
- 9:30 a.m. Women in the Word (Meeting Room, MIN)
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- SLS 4th/5th Grade Seussical Performance (LD, MIN)
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship (Ministry Center)
- SLPA Meeting (LD, MIN)
- 7:00 p.m. Hispanic Bible Study (Room 110, Main)

**Wednesday, February 5**
- 7:00 a.m. RFTS All Pro Dads (Youth Room, MIN)
- 8:35 a.m. SLS Chapel 4th-8th Grades (Sanctuary, Main)
- 9:10 a.m. SLS K-3rd Chapel (Sanctuary, Main)
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 10:15 a.m. Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary, Main)
- 4:30 p.m. College House Wednesday Small Groups (College House)
- 3:15 p.m. Middle School Boys Bible Study (The Corner, MIN)
- 5:00 p.m. Hand Bell Rehearsal (Hand Bell Room, Main)
- The Talk/Boys (SD, MIN)
- 5:30 p.m. WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER (MIN)
- 6:15 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, February 6**
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 12:00 p.m. Free College Lunch (College House)
- 3:30 p.m. SLS Faculty and Staff Meeting (Meeting Room, MIN)
- 7:00 p.m. Hispanic Praise Team Rehearsal (Chapel, Main)

**Saturday, February 8**
- 8:30 a.m. Abide Women’s Conference (LD, MIN)

**WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER - February 5**
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, teriyaki glazed salmon, baby carrots, green beans, salad roll and assorted desserts.

Name: ____________________________________________

Adults ($7.00)  _______ Children ($3.00) ____________ Daytime Phone: _____________________________

Email: __________________________________________

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CONTEMPORARY SERVICE (THE NINE): 9:00 a.m., Ministry Center, Rev. Robert Beckum, 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. William B. Hart by Mr. and Mrs. Steve Butler and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hart.

OPEN FLOWER DATES: Please contact Maggie Roberson at maggie@stlukeum.com to reserve available dates, March 1, 8, 22, 29, April 26, May 3, 24, 31, June 7, 28, July 5, 19, August 16, 23, and 30.

OUR KNOWN SICK: Regional Rehabilitation (Phenix City): Dick Jones, 105, Columbus Hospice: Sonny Ward, Room 5.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: To Mr. and Mrs. Brad (Sharon) Woodall in the death of his father, January 20, 2020, Gainesville, GA.

CRADLE ROLL: Ellen Smith and Garrett Henson announce the birth of a son, Watford Lee Henson, born January 24, 2020. Proud grandparents are Judge and Mrs. Art (Sue) Smith. A rose has been placed in the chancel area in his honor.

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.

HOW DO I JOIN THE CHURCH?

1. If you have never joined a church before, you may become a member by profession of faith in Jesus Christ and by being baptized. If you have already been baptized (as a child or as an adult) in a Christian church, your baptism is recognized by St. Luke United Methodist Church. You will be asked to uphold St. Luke Church with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.
2. If you are a member of another United Methodist Church or another Christian denomination, indicate to one of the pastors that this is your desire. St. Luke will then transfer your membership.
3. If you have any questions about faith in Christ, about United Methodism in general or St. Luke in particular, please ask one of the pastors!
**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.

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**Ministry Opportunities at the St. Luke Early Learning Center**

The ELC is seeking individuals eager to serve God by serving others. We currently have both full-time and part-time positions available. If you have experience with children and a love for Christ call me, Sherry Carr, Director of the ELC @ 706-322-2703. I would love to talk with you.

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**With Glad and Generous hearts**

**2020 Budget for Ministry and Mission**

Wednesday, January 29, the Administrative Board voted to approve St. Luke’s 2020 budget for Ministry and Mission in the amount of $4,478,494. Thank you to all who have made your pledge of financial support. St. Luke is a church that practices extravagant generosity. Pledges for 2020 are up by some $53,000 as compared to 2019. Please know that you can still make a pledge to the work of Christ in this year by:

1. Filling out a pledge form online at [www.saintlukecolumbus.com/2020-giving-pledge](http://www.saintlukecolumbus.com/2020-giving-pledge)
2. Contacting Renee Wilkinson at the church (706-327-4343, renee@stlukeum.com)

Thank you for your partnership in ministry here in Columbus and around the world.

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**St. Luke Free Spirits**

**FEBRUARY LUNCHEON**

**THE BRYAN CANONIGO QUARTET**

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

11:30 a.m. (MIN)

Cost: $10

For reservations contact Kym at 706-327-4343 or email kym@stlukeum.com

Come dressed in Mardi Gras attire!

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**New Beginnings Women’s Group**

**Valentine Tea**

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Room 110

Mission Fund: Samaritan Fund

Curriculum for “The Talk” is made by Wonderfully Made.
**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.

**Respite Care:** In memory of Mr. Larry Neal, Mr. David Cartledge, Mr. Samuel Pate, Mrs. Jean Amos, Mr. Gordon “Butch” Estes, Mrs. Martha Cunningham, and Mr. Robert Kemp by the Four G’s Charitable Trust.

**Memorial Maintenance Fund:** In memory of Mrs. Susan Martin by The Susan and Keith Wood Charitable Fund and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Clark. In memory of Mrs. Jean Amos by Ms. Corrin Riley.

**Respite Care**
“Caring for loved ones and caregivers”
Kathryn Fussell, Director (706) 256-3117, kfussell@stlukeum.com
Jonathan and Lisa Moore, Directors of Student Ministries, jmoore@stlukeum.com

Making the home safe is an important consideration for families who have loved ones with cognitive issues. The Alzheimer’s Association has a Home Safety Checklist, a reminder of ways to improve safety in the home. Here are some suggestions. Remove tripping hazards, such as throw rugs, extension cords, and excessive clutter. Ensure that chairs have arm rests to provide support when going from a sitting to a standing position. Apply stickers to glass doors at eye level to ensure doors are visible. Install grab bars for the shower, tub, and toilet to provide support. Avoid dark-colored bathmats and doormats, which might appear as holes to your loved one. Provide seating near the bed to help with dressing. Mark stairs with bright tape and ensure that railings are sturdy and secure.

Our Respite Care program is available to St. Luke members and the community. May we assist you in caring for your loved one?

-**The Corner**

**The Corner Blitz**
It’s Super Bowl Sunday! This Sunday Only We are having THE CORNER BLITZ! This is a 1 Hr. Student Service from 5-6 P.M.! We will have snacks and drinks, worship and a message all packed into 1 HOUR! We are Blitzing into God's Presence and heading home to be with family and friends for the biggest football game of the year. We will get back to normal next week!

**The Corner/Crosswalk Winter Retreat - PURE 2020**
With over 100 of us going to the mountains this is one of our favorite retreats of the year! High Schoolers are skiing, tubing or ice skating and Middle Schoolers are tubing or ice skating! High school students are going to Fun Depot and riding go carts, playing video games and being BIG KIDS on Sunday and Middle Schoolers are doing the same the day before on Saturday! Lee McBride is bringing the message and Jake Hess, Mallory Wood, Sarah Ashton Copelan, JJ Harrison are all leading worship! It’s DNOW IN THE MOUNTAINS...This is a new weekend for us and I know we are going to make some NEW MEMORIES AND TRADITIONS!!! Go God! Sign Ups CLOSE AT MIDNIGHT FEB. 2!!! DON’T MISS THIS AMAZING RETREAT!

**Boston Butt Fundraiser - Student Ministry Foreign Missions Experience**
Plan to purchase a delicious Boston Butt before or after The 9 and before or after the 11 o’clock services! These Boston Butts are succulent and they are fully cooked and ready for your table for only $30! This is a tremendous fundraiser and we desperately need funds to send 30 people to Ensenada, Mexico to build a house for a needy family and share the gospel through VBS in a local church all week! This is a Win/Win and a wonderful way to support our students on mission!

**Synthesis**
FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR IS THIS SUNDAY FROM 3:30 - 5:00 P.M. WE'VE GOT AN AMAZING MEETING PLANNED! CAN'T WAIT!