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## John Wesley's Advice on Voting

In the midst of this COVID-19 pandemic, our national election is only a couple of weeks away. Of course there are state and local offices as well as two state constitutional amendments and a statewide referendum at stake on Election Day, November 3rd. Let me strongly encourage you to vote. Your voice and vote matter and you still have options. Early voting has begun at multiple locations throughout the community. Absentee ballots are still a possibility but you must act quickly. And of course, you can exercise all the safety precautions we have used for in person worship and safely vote at your assigned polling place on November 3rd.

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, offers some timely voting advice as a voice from the past. Even though the political climate of America is quite different than England of 1774, I still believe his words are helpful to people of faith. Wesley said:

*"I met those in our societies who had votes in the ensuing election and advised them to:*

- 1. Vote without fee or reward for the person they judged most worthy,*
- 2. Speak no evil of the person they voted against,*
- 3. Take care their spirits were not sharpened against those who voted on the other side."*

Wesley considered voting not only an important civic privilege, but also a responsible act of Christian discipleship. When it came to voting, Wesley believed our witness for Christ to be of much greater importance than winning. We have heard enough political demagoguery. We have seen more than enough acts of violence and hatred leading up to this election. The world needs to hear and see a different witness, your witness and my witness for Christ in these turbulent days. Hopefully, we can combine witnessing with winning on November 3rd. If not, our witness is infinitely more important!

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

October 25, 2020  
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude (*Ken Bailey*)..... “Toccata and Fugue in D minor” .....J.S. Bach

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

Hymn..... “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” .....Dr. Marc Boensel

Psalm 100

The Affirmation of Faith..... “The Apostles’ Creed”

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick\*\*\* and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\*\*\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*\*Anthem (*Chancel Choir*)..... “How Firm A Foundation” .....Emma Lou Diemer

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer.....Rev. 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..... “Danish Amen” .....anon.

The Children’s Sermon.....Mrs. Michelle Hubbard

Hymn..... “The Gift of Love” .....Dr. Boensel

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that, as the Scriptures are read  
and your Word proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

The Written Word.....Deuteronomy 6:1-6, Leviticus 19: 1-2 & 15-18, Matthew 22:34-40

The Spoken Word..... “Loving God With All We’ve Got” .....Rev. Beckum

Invitation to Discipleship - Prayer of Congregation

**Lord Jesus, we have withdrawn from our daily activities in order to worship you. And now we offer ourselves to you anew in love out of gratitude for your mercy and grace. By your Spirit connect our worship of you to our relationships with one another. Help us, Lord, to love you with everything that we’ve got, and to share the love for you that we experience in worship by loving our neighbors in the world. AMEN.**

Hymn..... “O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee” .....Dr. Boensel

The Benediction.....Rev. Beckum

Choral Benediction Response (*11:00 a.m.*)..... “Sevenfold Amen” .....Peter Lutkin

Postlude (*Ken Bailey*)..... “How Firm a Foundation” .....Improvisation

\*\* Music Box  
\*\*\* quick means “living”; catholic means “universal”

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## **SING PRAISE TO GOD WHO REIGNS ABOVE**

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled:  
To God all praise and glory.

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,  
an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.  
As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:  
To God all praise and glory.

Thus, all my toilsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises,  
that earth may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part:  
To God all praise and glory.

Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory;  
let all who own his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!  
Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:  
To God all praise and glory.

## **THE GIFT OF LOVE**

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

## **O MASTER, LET ME WALK WITH THEE**

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;  
tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong;

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way,  
in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

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## Music Box

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

**Chancel Choir** rehearsals are at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the Sanctuary. Rehearsals will be limited to 30 minutes, socially distanced and masked at all times. Temperature checks will be taken between 6:45 p.m. and 6:55 p.m. at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue entrance to the Music Suite.

**Handbell Choir** rehearsals are at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the Sanctuary. Rehearsals will be limited to 30 minutes, socially distanced and masked at all times. Temperature checks will be taken between 5:30 p.m. and 5:40 p.m. at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue entrance to the Music Suite.

Please consider a gift to the **Music Ministry**. You may mark your donation to the Music Fund, Music Scholarship Fund, Orchestra Fund, or Organ Fund.

**Today's anthem:** "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word! What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled? Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid. I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand. When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow. For I will be with thee thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress. When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply. The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine. The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes. That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"

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**CONTEMPORARY SERVICE (THE NINE):** 9:00 a.m., Ministry Center, The 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. Jim Lockwood on their 50th Wedding Anniversary by Mrs. Susan Lockwood.

**OUR KNOWN SICK: Piedmont, Atlanta:** Bob Thomas, 8-B. **Orchard View:** Ann Ward, 127.

**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** To Mr. Howell Cone and Mrs. Janice Cone Loper in the death of their mother, Mrs. Virginia Whisnant, on October 14, 2020, in Columbus, GA

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### S.A.W. MINISTRY NEEDS

The S.A.W. Ministry is in need of mattresses and beds (twin, double, queen), chairs, tables, etc. If you can help please contact Lee Myers at [leemyers.co@gmail.com](mailto:leemyers.co@gmail.com) or call the church office at 706-327-4343.

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### HOW DO I JOIN THE CHURCH?

You may become a part of the St. Luke family of God in one of the following ways:

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!
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# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

mhubbard@stlukeum.com www.cornerkidz.com

**Save the Date!** Children's Ministry is hosting a **Trunk or Treat Drive-In** on Friday, **October 30th** from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. The evening will begin with a drive-thru Trunk or Treat and conclude with a showing of "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown". So bring the kids in costume and enjoy a classic from the comfort of your car. Registration is **required** and **space** is limited. Link to register can be found on [www.cornerkidz.com](http://www.cornerkidz.com). You don't want to miss it!

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## "Ministerio Hispano la Cosecha"

**Palabra Escrita:** I Tesalonicenses 2:1-8

**Palabra Hablada:** "Predicamos para agradecer a Dios, no a los hombres"

Una de nuestra responsabilidad como cristiano es predicar este Evangelio a toda criatura, especialmente para agradecer a Dios y no a los hombres. En el libro de los Hechos en su primer capítulo y su versículo ocho (Hechos 1:8) Jesús nos habla que recibiremos poder para ser testigo en Jerusalén en Judea y los confines de la tierra. Nuestro deber es predicar a Cristo como nuestro salvador personal y haciendo así agradamos a Dios. Nuestro deber es agradecer a Dios, no a los hombres, pues ningún hombre ha hecho nada por nosotros solo Dios envió a su Hijo Unigénito para que seamos salvos. Juan 3:16 nos dice la verdad de Dios y su amor, "Porque de tal manera amó Dios al mundo, que ha dado a su Hijo unigénito, para que todo aquel que en él cree, no se pierda, más tenga vida eterna. Solo Dios ha dado lo mejor para de El para darnos salvación, por lo cual debemos predicar a Cristo pues esto es agradecer a Dios.

Nuestro deber es seguir a Dios agradando a Dios pues El prueba nuestros corazones. Amen

Rev. Dr. José Resto/ Pastor

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## MILITARY MINISTRY

TONY AND NICOLE MAYNE

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We will be honoring our veterans on Sunday November 8. If you would like to share a picture of yourself in uniform or honor a loved one who has served or is currently serving in the military, please send a photo with name, rank, and branch of service to Nicole Mayne at [nmayne@stlukeum.com](mailto:nmayne@stlukeum.com).

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## Tithes and Offerings

Offering plates/boxes are placed at entrances and exits at all of our in-person worship services. Of course, you can continue to support St. Luke Church with your tithes and offerings by mail, bank draft, or by going to the St. Luke website, <https://saintlukecolumbus.org/give/>, and clicking on "SecureGive" and then clicking on the "Church" button. If you need help with this option, please contact Renee Wilkinson at [renee@stlukeum.com](mailto:renee@stlukeum.com) or Brett Maddocks at [bmaddocks@stlukeum.com](mailto:bmaddocks@stlukeum.com).

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## CHURCH MAILING ADDRESS

Please do not use the physical address of the church for mailing. The church mailing address is P.O. Box 867, Columbus, GA 31902. The Post Office will no longer deliver items that are addressed to our physical address. Thank you!

*As always, thank you for your continued support of the mission and ministry of St. Luke Church.*

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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).

**Memorial Maintenance Fund:** In memory of Mr. George Adams by Judge and Mrs. Warner L. Kennon and Mr. Walter Miller. In memory of Mr. George Trussell by Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Norris. In memory of Mrs. Frances McCluskey by Dr. and Mrs. Jack D. Sherrer, Jr. and Dr. and Mrs. H. George Jarrell, Jr.

**Respite Care:** In memory of Mrs. Betsey Hewitt and Mr. George Adams by Mr. and Mrs. Houser Pugh. In memory of Mrs. Frances McCluskey by Mr. and Mrs. William C. Huff.

**Music Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Mrs. Agnes Pedersen by Ms. Nancy Pedersen.

**Naomi's Village:** In memory of Mrs. Frances McCluskey by Mr. and Mrs. Donovan Graham and Mr. and Mrs. Powell Brewton. In honor of Dr. and Mrs. Lee McCluskey by Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Christopher.

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### BEFORE ENTRY PLEASE FOLLOW THESE PROCEDURES

1. **SANITIZE** YOUR HANDS USING THE PROVIDED SANITIZING SOLUTION.
  2. PUT ON A PROVIDED **FACE MASK** (IF YOU ARE ALREADY WEARING A PERSONAL FACE MASK THAT WILL SUFFICE).
  3. HAVE YOUR **TEMPERATURE TAKEN** BY THE RECEPTIONIST WITH A "TOUCHLESS" THERMOMETER.
    - A **TEMPERATURE OF 100.3 OR LOWER** IS REQUIRED FOR ENTRY INTO THE BUILDING.
  4. MAINTAIN A **PHYSICAL DISTANCE** OF AT LEAST 6 FEET OF ALL PERSONS NOT LIVING IN YOUR IMMEDIATE HOUSEHOLD.
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### *Prayer Calendars*

If you would like a prayer calendar mailed to you please call the church office @ 706-327-4343.

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**THE CORNER**

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



**5:00 PM - 6:30 PM**

Meet in Large Dining Room  
Move to the gym for small groups



**6:00 PM - 7:30 PM**

Meet in Large Dining Room

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