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Confirmation Sunday 2020

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic's impact among us in March, we have awaited Confirmation Sunday. After thirty-four weeks, the wait ended last Sunday. On November 8th at three o'clock in the Ministry Center, St. Luke received forty-one members of the 2020 Confirmation Class into the "faith and fellowship of all true disciples of Jesus Christ." What a day! It was a day filled with thoughts and prayers of how we will surround, celebrate and support these newest members of the household of faith. Let me encourage you to use the names below as a prayer list for these confirmands---surround them in love, lift them up in prayer and encourage them in their journey of faith.

2020 Confirmation Class

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| William Whitfield Athey Jr | Sean Michael Knox Jr |
| Charles Wadsworth Athey | Olivia Gray Lunsford |
| Harrison Adam Baker | Elizabeth Culpepper Marks |
| William Norwood Brown | Reagan Abigail Grace Markwood |
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| Kathryn Lanier Deal | Sophia Augusta Persons |
| Macon Flournoy Dickerson II | Lilly Cameron Phillips |
| James McRae Dickinson | Addison Mae Renner |
| Henry Kerns Flournoy | Finley Hall Richard |
| Elena Corradino Flournoy | William Crawford Seals |
| Clara Elizabeth Fuller | David Jason Shehane Jr |
| Mason Stephen Griffin | Sophie Dianna Shellman |
| Joseph Wheeler Griffin | Frances Louise Turner |
| Alfred Jackson Hayes IV | William Walker Veale |
| Eliza Grace Hill | John Wilson Walker |
| Virginia Marie Hollingsworth | Thomas Oliver Williams |
| Homer Haygood Keadle IV | |

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

November 15, 2020
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude (*Handbell Choir*)..... “Let There Be Joy”Brenda Austin
Welcome and Opening Prayer.....Rev. Robert Beckum
Hymn..... “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”Dr. Marc Boensel
Psalm 148:1-13.....Rev. Brett Maddocks

The Affirmation of Faith..... “The Apostles’ Creed”Number 881
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.**

The Gloria Patri (Glory Be to the Father)
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end, Amen, Amen.**

**Anthem (*Chancel Choir*)..... “In Everything Give Thanks”Joseph Martin

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. Mary Pat Beckum

Hymn..... “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”Dr. Boensel

Special Music (*Handbell Choir*)..... “The Power of the Cross”Peggy Bettcher

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.....Matthew 25:14-30

The Spoken Word..... “**STEWARD**”Rev. Beckum

The Invitation to Discipleship - Prayer of the Congregation
O God, may your will be done as the least of your children are led to behold the hope of the gospel. Take our lives and let them be consecrated to obeying what Christ commands. Take our gifts and use them as means of hope to those who hunger and thirst after righteousness. Take our time and fill it with a sense of your abiding Spirit, that others may learn of your redeeming grace.

Hymn..... “Take My Life, and Let It Be”Dr. Boensel

The Benediction.....Rev. Beckum

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

Postlude (Ken Bailey)..... “Joyful, Joyful”Improvisation

** Music Box

*** quick means “living”; catholic means “universal”

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all with-in its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unceasing, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let me be filled with messages for thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

MUSIC BOX

Dr. Marc F. Boensel, Director of Music Ministries, 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 3rd 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 3rd 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: "In Everything give thanks to God. God hears you when you pray. So, walk by faith and not by sight, His love will show the way. For every gift comes from His love; each tear a garden grows. In everything give thanks to God from whom all blessings flow. In everything give thanks to God; for sunshine and for rain. The Lord is working good in you. His mercy will sustain. The valleys have a purpose; the struggles and the strife. In everything give thanks to God. Give thanks for all of life! In everything give thanks to God, each mountain that you climb. For all things are beautiful, made perfect in His time. Each cross you bear, each scar you wear, are testaments of praise. For everything works out for good when covered by God's grace."

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 honor of Mary Pat Beckum for her birthday by Ryleigh Ann Beckum.

BULLETIN COMING LATE?

We have heard from many of you that the weekly bulletin is coming late. Unfortunately we are unable to control when the post office delivers the mailed bulletin. We know this is frustrating but please know we are doing all we can on our end to avoid these delays. If you have access to email or internet, we encourage you to sign up for the emailed bulletin. Or you can view it on our website each week. It is posted to the website and emailed on Thursday afternoons. If you do not receive the bulletin by email already, please contact Maggie at 706-327-4343 or maggie@stlukeum.com to make sure we have your correct email address.

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

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Lighting the candles of Advent is a chance to reflect on the significance of the season and to countdown to the birth of our Savior. Be sure to swing by the church portico **today, Sunday, November 15th** between 10-11 am and 4-5 pm to receive a Christmas Countdown Guide, Advent calendar, and a few supplies to get you started. The hope is that as a family, you can create your own advent tradition. Advent begins on Sunday, November 29th.

This year, Children's Ministry is partnering with the St. Luke Food Pantry to provide not only food but a few wishlist items for the children in its families. If you are interested in adopting a child or an entire family of children this Christmas, please visit www.cornerkidz.com to register. Deadline to sign up is November 29th.

All aboard!!! On Saturday December 5th, St. Luke Children's Ministry, together with The Darby Project, is pleased to bring you **The Polar Express!** There will be two free showings of this holiday classic, one at 5:30 pm and the second at 8:00 pm. Space is limited and registration is required so be sure to visit www.cornerkidz.com to reserve your spot today!

Ministerio Hispano 'La Cosecha'

Palabra Escrita: I Tesalonicenses 5:1-11

Palabra Hablada: "Por tanto, no durmamos como los demás, sino velemos y seamos sobrios."

Un llamado para estar despiertos y alertas a la luz de la venida de Cristo, nos encontramos en tiempos difíciles y mucha confusión se manifiesta entre los creyentes. Por tal razón debemos de estar en continua alerta. Al día de hoy nos enfrentamos con muchas doctrinas erróneas las cuales niegan la Segunda venida de Cristo. Aunque muchos niegan la Segunda Venida de Cristo, nosotros como creyentes en las Escrituras, nos referimos a lo que el Libro de los Hechos nos declara en Capitulo 1: 10-11 "10 Y estando ellos con los ojos puestos en el cielo, entre tanto que él se iba, he aquí se pusieron junto a ellos dos varones con vestiduras blancas, 11 los cuales también les dijeron: Varones galileos, ¿por qué estáis mirando al cielo? Este mismo Jesús, que ha sido tomado de vosotros al cielo, así vendrá como le habéis visto ir al cielo. (Reina Valera 1960). Como creyentes en la Biblia este acontecimiento no se ha manifestado, pero se manifestara, en el tiempo de Dios. El creyente en Cristo ha de estar despierto y alerta ante la venida de Cristo, porque el creyente no entrará en esa noche terrible del período de la gran tribulación, conocido bajo el nombre de El Día del Señor.

Amen

Rev. Dr. Jose Resto/ Pastor

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 or Brett Maddocks at bmaddocks@stlukeum.com.

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.

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.

Samaritan Fund: In memory of Ms. Carol Leach by Mr. and Mrs. Doug Harvey.

Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of Mrs. Franke Adams by Mr. Kevin Harcourt, Mr. and Mrs. George Mize, and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kenimer. In memory of George and Franke Adams by Mrs. Melinda Hunter. In memory of Mrs. Frances McCluskey and George and Franke Adams by Mrs. Corinne B. Jarrell.

S.A.W. Ministry: In honor of Mr. Lee Myers and Mr. Richard Jarboe by Mr. and Mrs. Duke Walsh. In memory of Mr. Jens Sturup and Mrs. Virginia Whisnant by the Discovery Class.

Food Pantry: In memory of Mrs. Franke Adams by Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hall and Col. Michael Davis and SGM. Cynthia L. Helmick-Davis. In memory of Fred and Judy Mitchell and Mr. John D. Cartledge by Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Fay. In memory of Ms. Carol Leach by Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Sumrall. In memory of George and Franke Adams by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Warren.

S.A.W. Ministry: In memory of Ms. Carol Leach and Mr. Phil Register by Mr. and Mrs. Norris Randall.

Meals on Wheels: In memory of Ms. Carol Leach by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boers.

Music Fund: In memory of Mr. Jens Sturup by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Warren.



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.

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 or call the church office at 706-327-4343.



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



THE CORNER

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

CORNER AND CROSSWALK UPCOMING DATES!

November 15-



5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Meet in Large Dining Room



6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Meet in The Corner!

November 22- **NO YOUTH.** Happy Thanksgiving!

November 29- **BONFIRE!** More info to come.

December 11-12- **Leadership Retreat!**

December 13- **Corner and Crosswalk Christmas parties!**