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No. 2

## **SIGN-POSTS: A SERIES OF THE SIGNS AND WONDERS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN FOR EPIPHANY**

The Gospel writer, John, refers to the miracles of Jesus as “signs.” N. T. Wright says these signs serve as signposts on our journey, naming a reality and pointing us in a certain direction. In these sermons, the reality named is Jesus---who He is and why He has come into the world. The certain, clear direction is a journey of faithful discipleship.

- January 10 - Jesus Turns Water to Wine (John 2:1-11)
- January 17 - Jesus Heals an Official's Son (John 4:46-54)
- January 24 - Jesus Heals Man at Pool of Bethesda (John 5:1-18)
- January 31 - Jesus Feeds 5,000 (John 6:1-15)
- February 7 - Jesus Walks on Water (John 6:16-21)
- February 14 - Jesus Heals Man Born Blind (John 9)
- February 17 - (Ash Wednesday)
- Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead (John 11)

I look forward to exploring these sign posts with you in the weeks ahead as we continue on our journey of discipleship together.

### **FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS 2021**

I sincerely hope that you will be able to continue your financial support in 2021. So far 183 families/individuals have made commitments totaling \$2,727,258. This is a great start but represents about 84.7% of the amount pledged for 2020. In meeting the challenge of this new year, your faithful support is crucial. If you have not yet made your financial commitment for 2021, I urge you to do so in the week ahead. Our Finance Committee will be meeting January 27 to finalize the church budget for the year, and every pledge is important for equipping our congregation for faithful and fruitful ministry. You may make your pledge by returning your card by mail (P.O. Box 867 Columbus 31902), or by contacting our Financial Secretary, Renee Wilkinson, by email at [renee@stlukeum.com](mailto:renee@stlukeum.com) or by phone at 706-327-4343.

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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.

January 10, 2021

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

Prelude (*Ken Bailey*)..... “Go Tell It on the Mountain” .....arr. Fred Bock  
(*Ken Bailey, organ and Karen Lewis, piano*)

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

Hymn..... “I Sing the Almighty Power of God” .....Mr. Marc Boensel

The Affirmation of Faith..... “The Apostles’ Creed” .....Rev. Brett Maddocks  
**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..... “Lord of the Small” .....Dan Forrest

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..... “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” .....Mr. 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 ..... John 2:1-11

The Spoken Word..... “**THE FIRST OF HIS SIGNS**” .....Rev. Beckum

Invitation to Christian Discipleship and Congregational Prayer

**God of the harvest, we are privileged to be counted among those whom you have called, graced to have been given work to do, blessed to have received more than we will ever earn. Accept, we pray, our offering of our lives and resources and do what You choose with what already belongs to You. In Christ’s name we pray, AMEN.**

Hymn..... “How Great Thou Art” .....Mr. Boensel

The Benediction.....Rev. Beckum

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

Postlude (*Ken Bailey*)..... “How Great Thou Art” .....Improvisation

\*\* Music Box

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

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## I SING THE ALMIGHTY POWER OF GOD

I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
the moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,  
who formed the creatures thru the Word, and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye;  
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known,  
and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;  
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care;  
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

## BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,  
till all this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

## HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider  
all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power  
throughout the universe displayed.

### Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
how great thou art, how great thou art!  
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When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds  
sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; **Refrain**

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die,  
I scarce can take it in; that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin; **Refrain**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home,  
what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! **Refrain**

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# MUSIC BOX

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 45 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 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the Sanctuary. Rehearsals will be limited to 45 minutes, socially distanced and masked at all times. Temperature checks will be taken between 5:15 p.m. and 5:25 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:** "Praise to the Lord of the small, broken things, who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing. Who loves the lame child, and the wretch in the street, who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet. Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid, who girds them with courage and lends them His aid. He pours out His Spirit on vessels so weak that the timid can serve and the silent can speak. Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill, who heals their afflictions, or carries them till they leave this tired frame and to paradise fly, to never be sick, and never to die. Praise Him, O praise Him, all ye who yet live, who've been given so much and can so little give. Our frail, lisping praise God will never despise. He sees His dear children through mercy-filled eyes."

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**WORSHIP IN SPANISH:** 12:20 p.m. worship in Turner Chapel, Rev. Dr. Jose D. Resto/ Pastor, Palabra Escrita: Mateo 2:11-17. Palabra Hablada: "El Bautismo de Jesús."

**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 Dr. Clarence Butler by Mr. and Mrs. Steve Butler and Mr. and Mrs. Al Ramsay.

**OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES:** January 17, 24, 31, February 21 and 28. For more open flower dates in 2021 please contact Maggie Roberson at 706-327-4343 or [maggie@stlukeum.com](mailto:maggie@stlukeum.com).

**CRADLE ROLL:** Mr. and Mrs. Ryan (Cady) Chitwood announce the birth of a son, Reid Worley Chitwood, on December 29, 2020, in Columbus, GA. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bob (Pat) Chitwood and great-grandfather, Mr. Worley Chitwood. A rose has been placed in the chancel area in his honor.

**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** To Bishop and Mrs. Rose King in the death of her sister, Sandra Hayden, on January 3, 2021, in Nashville, TN. To Mrs. Helen Neal in the death of her brother-in-law, Mr. Sam King, on December 28, 2020, in Lake Burton, GA.

**IN MEMORIAM**

Rev. Michael Alva McAfee, Sr.  
December 29, 2020

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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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## OUR PHONE NUMBERS

Church Office, 706-327-4343 • Preschool, 706-327-4343  
St. Luke School, 706-256-1301 • Early Learning Center, 706-322-2703  
Ministry Center, 706-256-1017 • Respite Care Ministry, 706-256-3117

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# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

mhubbard@stlukeum.com www.cornerkidz.com

Zoom today at 1pm to discuss our Bible lesson. Link is in this week's email from Ms. Michelle. Hope you'll join us!

**Our nursery is hiring!** We are prayerfully seeking compassionate and reliable caregivers to provide childcare for our church families on Sunday mornings. Interested applicants should contact Nicole Mayne at [nmayne@stlukeum.com](mailto:nmayne@stlukeum.com) for both an application and details.

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**ST. LUKE PRESCHOOL** is excited to begin enrollment on January 11th for School Year 2021 - 2022. Our half-day program operates from 9:00-1:00 each day, on a school calendar, August through May. We serve children ages 3 months to four years old. Should you need any information or if you would like to schedule a tour, please contact the Preschool at 706-327-4343.

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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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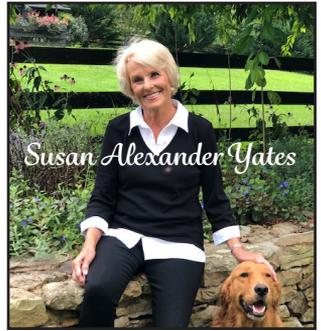
## SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, February 20, 2021**

*Women's Day at St. Luke*  
*Speaker: Susan Alexander Yates*

**ST. LUKE MINISTRY CENTER**

(Live Streaming option available)



## *Finding Peace in Times of Uncertainty*

Registration details will be available soon. Just save the date and plan to join us for this special day. For more information, contact Suzanne McCluskey [sfmcluskey@gmail.com](mailto:sfmcluskey@gmail.com) or 706-536-2439.

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We are forming a "Prayer Team" to pray specifically for this event - we'll meet once in January, and then a few times in February before and after the event. If you'd like to be on this "Prayer Team," please let Suzanne McCluskey know. We're planning to meet on Sunday mornings - after the 9:00 service and before the 11:00 service (from 10:15 to 10:45).

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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).

## 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).

**Music Fund:** In honor of Ms. Nancy Pedersen by Mr. and Mrs. Rick Anthony. In honor of Mrs. Carm Myers by Drs. Clifton and Christine Ruehl.

**Music Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Erling Pedersen by Ms. Nancy Pedersen. In memory of Jane Edwards, Dr. Norman Luton, Mr. Jens Sturup, Mrs. Frances McCluskey, and Mr. Bill Montgomery by Mr. and Mrs. Mark Sigmund.

**F.A.N.N. Ministry:** In honor of Mr. Lee Myers by Drs. Clifton and Christine Ruehl.

**Pastor's Discretionary Fund:** In honor of Charles and Phoebe Ruehl by Drs. Clifton and Christine Ruehl.

**Memorial Maintenance Fund:** In memory of Mrs. Joan Holder by Inger Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Shannon, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sheffield. In memory of Mrs. Joan Holder and Mr. Larry Neal by Mr. and Mrs. George Boyd.

**Food Pantry:** In memory of Mr. Robert A. Tillery, Mr. George M. Adams, Jr., and Mrs. Franke Adams by Claire Honan, Claire Prince, Bobby Tillery and Drew Tillery.

**General Fund:** In honor of our church staff by Mrs. Mary Bass.

**Naomi's Village:** In memory of Rev. Mike McAfee by Mr. and Mrs. Mick Longstreet, Mrs. Cheryl Ivey and Mrs. Peggy Gindville. In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Scott by Mrs. Beth Miller.

**Samaritan Fund:** In memory of Rev. Mike McAfee by Ms. Nancy Pedersen.

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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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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



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

**THIS SUNDAY!** We encourage you to get involved in a weekly Bible study! For middle schoolers, we have Bible study on Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. High schoolers, join us on Tuesday nights with Mallory or Wednesday nights with Lisa. High school boys meet Wednesday nights with JMO!

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