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## Women's Day at St. Luke

Speaker: *Susan Alexander Yates*

*"Finding Peace in Times of Uncertainty"*

**Saturday, February 20, 2021**

**9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**Worship Leaders: Jonathan and Lisa Moore**

**ST. LUKE MINISTRY CENTER**

**LIVE STREAMING OPTION AVAILABLE**

There is no charge to participate in this event, but you do need to register in advance (by Feb. 17th). You can register to attend in-person in the Ministry Center (maximum 50 people, with all safety protocols in place). Or you can register to participate by Live Streaming. You can register on the church's website ([saintlukecolumbus.org](http://saintlukecolumbus.org)) or by calling the church office (706-327-4343).

### **SAFETY PRACTICES FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE:**

Temperature Checks

Face Masks

Social Distancing

No Childcare provided

Midday Lunch Break (on your own)



Susan is a mom to five children (including a set of twins) and grandmother to 21 (including a set of quadruplets). She and husband John have been married for 50 years. She lives in Virginia, where her husband is a retired Anglican pastor. She has written 16 books and speaks on the subjects of marriage, parenting, and faith issues. Visit her website, [susanalexanderyates.com](http://susanalexanderyates.com).

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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 24, 2021

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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

Prelude (*Ken Bailey*)..... “Festal Flourish” .....by Gordon Jacob

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

Hymn..... “God of Grace and God of Glory” .....Mr. Marc Boensel

The Affirmation of Faith..... “A Creed in the Words of John’s Gospel”

*Minister: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true Church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:*

*Minister and People:*

**We believe that God is Spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.**

**We believe that God is Light, and that if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another.**

**We believe that God is Love, and that everyone that loves is born of God and knows God.**

**We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that God has given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.**

**We believe that he is the Resurrection and the Life, and that whosoever believes in him, though he were dead, yet he will live.**

**We believe that we are children of God, and that he has given us of his Spirit.**

**We believe that if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**We believe that the world and everything in it will pass away, but he that does the will of God abides forever. 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..... “Nearer, Still Nearer” .....Lloyd Larson

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

**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..... “O Jesus, I Have Promised” .....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 5:1-18

The Spoken Word..... **“A HEALING AT THE POOL OF BETHESDA”** .....Rev. Beckum

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Hymn..... “Jesus Calls Us” .....Mr. Boensel

The Benediction.....Rev. Beckum

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

Postlude (*Ken Bailey*)..... “God of Grace and God of Glory” .....Improvisation

\*\* Music Box

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## **GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY**

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil 'round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;  
free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

## **O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED**

O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;  
be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend.  
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking, in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.  
O speak to reassure me, to hasten, or control;  
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee  
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.  
And Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

## **JESUS CALLS US**

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless, sea;  
day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow Me!"

As of old the apostles heard it by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more!"

In our joys and in our sorrows, Days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these!"

Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,  
give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

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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:** *"Nearer, still nearer, close to my heart, draw me, my Savior, so precious Thou art. Fold me, O fold me close to Thy breast, shelter me safe in the 'Haven of Rest.' Nearer, still nearer, nothing I bring, naught as an offering to Jesus my King. Only my sinful, now contrite heart, grant me the cleansing Thy blood doth impart. Nearer, still nearer, while life shall last, till safe in glory my anchor is cast. Through endless ages, ever to be nearer, still nearer my Savior, still nearer to Thee"*

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**WORSHIP IN SPANISH:** 12:20 p.m. worship in Ministry Center, Rev. Dr. Jose D. Resto/ Pastor, Palabra Escrita: I Tes. Palabra Hablada: "

**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 by the Discovery Class.

**OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES:** January 31, February 28, March 7, March 21, April 11, April 18, April 25. For more open flower dates in 2021 please contact Maggie Roberson at 706-327-4343 or [maggie@stlukeum.com](mailto:maggie@stlukeum.com).

**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY** to Jerry and Ruth Brown at the death of Jerry's mother, Lois Brown, on January 15, 2021.

**NEW MEMBER:** Welcome Lt. Zach Brown, who is in Infantry Officer Training School at Fort Benning. Zach is transferring his church membership from St. Mark UMC in Carmel, Indiana. We want Zach to feel very much welcomed and a part of our St. Luke family during the time he is stationed here.



## 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

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

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**JOIN THE PATRIOT CHALLENGE Saint Luke Columbus team.** Our Saint Luke Patriots are recruiting team members for this February's event and raising funds for active-duty tuition assistance to St Luke School and participation costs for military families to attend annual events such as Harvest Fest, Family Camp, and The Polar Express and sponsor military kids to attend St Luke summer camps.

Enlist in the team at <https://give.gallantfew.org/stlukecolumbus>.

Contact Tony or Nicole Mayne for more information

## FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETINGS

**January 27:** Finance Committee Meeting - 12 Noon (Zoom Meeting)  
Administrative Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (Zoom Meeting)

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

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)

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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).

**Food Pantry:** In memory of Mr. Roy T. Hutto by Mr. and Mrs. Brad Woodall. In honor of Mr. Jerry Brown by Mr. and Mrs. Duke Walsh.

**Samaritan Fund:** In memory of Mrs. Joan Holder by Dr. and Mrs. Lee McCluskey.

**Memorial Maintenance Fund:** In memory of Mrs. Joan Holder by Mr. and Mrs. Kin Kinney, Mr. and Mrs. John Dedwylder, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Mize, her loving sons and their families. In memory of Rev. Mike McAfee by Mr. and Mrs. Art Tanner, Mr. Kevin Harcourt, and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Sample.

**Naomi's Village:** In memory of Rev. Mike McAfee by Dr. and Mrs. Lee McCluskey, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chancy, Ms. Frances Veal, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Corradino, Ms. Emily Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hutchens, Mrs. Barbara Willis, Ms. Jeanne Roughton, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Register, Mr. Billy Cunningham, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Horne.

**Music Fund:** In memory of Rev. Mike McAfee by Mr. and Mrs. Ken Crew.

**Open Door:** In memory of Mr. Bill Montgomery by Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Newman.

**Free Spirits:** In honor of Mrs. Nancy Powell by Mrs. Sylvia Powell.

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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)

### SAVE THE DATE!

Both middle school and high school students will meet 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. on February 14th for a special Valentine's Day service.

High School Synthesis Leadership Team **SAVE THE DATE** for our next leadership meeting! See you on January 31st at 4:30 p.m!



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 school girls join us on Tuesday nights with Mallory or Wednesday nights with Lisa.

High school boys meet Wednesday nights with JMO!

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