Thad’s Thoughts

The Braves are in the World Series, people are talking about The Georgia Bulldogs possibly being in the National Championship, and even the Atlanta Falcons won last Sunday. What is this world coming to? Of course I ask that in jest, but it does bring up the bigger question. What IS this world coming to?

When we look at this question from a worldly perspective we don’t get a very positive answer. From a worldly perspective, the world is “going to pot.” We are in a season of political nastiness. The divide in our country seems to be wider than ever. The pandemic has everyone wondering when things will ever get back to normal, and the longer this drags on the answer doesn’t seem very affirmative. “Normal” may be a thing of the past. Praise God, however, that we are not called to be, “of this world.” We are called to keep our focus on, “things above” and to be, “transformed by the renewing of our minds.” The bad news is that Jesus himself tells us that this world IS going to pot. Matthew 24:6-13 says, “There will be wars and rumors of wars.” Jesus goes on to say that there will be persecution and people turning away from the faith. Things are not supposed to get any easier in this world. But let us not forget the profound message of hope and salvation. Jesus finishes out that passage of scripture by saying, “the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.”

The only way for us to survive the craziness of this world and to make it through to the end is to keep our focus on things above. Eternal salvation, freedom from pain and suffering, reunion with the saints in glory, these are all things that are promised to us if we stand firm and remain faithful to Jesus Christ. He alone can lead us through and He alone can save us.

I was feeling down and a little sad several years ago, and a wise lady said to me, “You are focusing too much on the valleys. Lift your head up and stay focused on the mountain tops.” While we are in this world, we will spend most of our time in the valleys. However, there is a mountaintop waiting for us through Jesus Christ that is truly out of this world! Stand firm, stay focused on him, and let’s press on together.

Thad Haygood, Senior Pastor
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October 31, 2021  

23rd Sunday after Pentecost  

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

Prelude *(Members of the Albany Symphony)*...... “Amazing Grace” ..........arr. Sean O’Loughlin  

Welcome and Opening Prayer............................................................Rev. Brett Maddocks  

*Hymn........................................ “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” ..........Number 57  

***The Affirmation of Faith............. “The Apostles’ Creed” .........................Rev. Dick Reese  

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 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 *(The Chancel Choir)*..................... “I Believe” ...........................................Mark Miller  

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer .......................................................Rev. Reese  

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................... “Dresden Amen” .............................Johann Naumann  

The Children’s Sermon.......................................................Rev. Maddocks  

*Hymn........................................... “My Hope Is Built” ..................................Number 368  

Offertory Prayer.................................................................................Rev. Reese  

Offertory *(Chancel Choir)*...... “Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You” .............Jay Althouse  

*The Dedication of Offerings.................. “The Doxology”.....................................Number 95  

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  

The Written Word..................................................Colossians 1:15-20 (p. 188, NT in pew Bible)  

The Spoken Word............ “FROM HOLDING TO BEING HELD” ..........Rev. Maddocks  

*Hymn........................ “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” ..................Number 110  

*The Benediction......................................(8:30 a.m.) Rev. Reese (11:00 a.m.) Rev. Maddocks  

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

Postlude *(Members of the Albany Symphony)*... “It Is Well With My Soul” ...arr. Carrie Gruselle  

*Standing as able.  
**See Music Box  
*** quick means “living”; catholic means “universal”
OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, October 31
8:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)
9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service (MIN) Live streamed at www.saintlukecolumbus.org
9:00 a.m. CornerKidz K-3rd grade
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School (The Corner, MIN)
College House Worship Service (College House)
Pre-recorded broadcast of worship service on WTVM Channel 9
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)/Broadcast over WLTC 103.7 Lite FM
and at www.saintlukecolumbus.org beginning at 11:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. CornerKidz K-3rd grade
12:30 p.m. Worship in Spanish (Turner Chapel, Main)
5-7:00 p.m. Middle and High Schoolers Halloween Party (LD, MIN)
Sunday Night Study “A Journey thru Scripture” with Brett Maddocks
11:30 p.m. Pre-recorded broadcast of The Nine worship service, WTVM Channel 9

Monday, November 1
11:00 a.m. Circle One (Meeting Room, MIN)
6:00 p.m. College House Worship (College House)
7:30 p.m. New Testament Study (College House)

Tuesday, November 2
7:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast (SD, MIN)/College House Men’s Small Group
9:30 a.m. Women in the Word (Youth Room)
10:30 p.m. New Beginnings Meeting (Room 110, Main)
1:30 p.m. Suzanne McCluskey’s Bible Study (Respite Care)
7:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship (Evening Women/Ministry Center Youth Room)

Wednesday, November 3
3:30 p.m. Middle School Bible Study (After School)
4:45 p.m. Children’s Choir (Choir Room)
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper (MIN)
Handbell Choir (Handbell Room)
6:30 p.m. High School Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
7:30 p.m. Bible Study (College House)

Thursday, November 4
12 Noon Free College Lunch (College House)

Main (main building, where Sanctuary is), MIN (Ministry Center). Contact the Ministry Center for information about renting or reserving rooms, 706-256-1017.

Wednesday Night Supper

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The serving line is open until 6:30 p.m. Please make or cancel reservations using the form below, by e-mailing jwidener@stlukeum.com, or by calling 706-256-1017 before noon on Monday.

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Adults ($7.00) _______ Children ($3.00) __________Daytime Phone: _____________________________
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DECEMBER FIRST SATURDAY
DECEMBER 4
We will be hosting our annual December First Saturday event this year!

Here's how you can help!
Donate: Toys, Shoes, Socks, Monetary Donations
Volunteer: Details available soon

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!
Children's Ministry
mhubbard@stlukeum.com  www.cornerkidz.com

Children in Kindergarten through 3rd grade will be dismissed from the Nine and 11 o’clock services for Corner Kidz. Also, Kindergarten Sunday School meets in room 108, 1st and 2nd grade in room 106, 3rd grade upstairs in the Commons area, and 4th and 5th grade in Stockwell Hall.

A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped to make this year’s Fall Carnival a success! Couldn’t have done it without you! So incredibly grateful for your support!

Our nursery is hiring! We are prayerfully seeking compassionate and reliable caregivers 16 years and older to provide childcare for our church families on Sunday mornings. Interested applicants should contact Michelle Hubbard at mhubbard@stlukeum.com for both an application and details.

CALLING ALL ST. LUKE VETERANS

Please send us a picture for the Salute to Service slideshow that will be used to honor veterans. Include your years of service and last rank please. Send to nmayne@stlukeum.com. Pictures from the 2020 show will be included.

WORSHIP LEADERS:
Lisa Moore and Mallory Wood

Going Beyond SIMULCAST PRISCILLA SHIRER

Sunday, November 7th 4:00-7:30 p.m. (St. Luke Ministry Center)
Cost: $15 (includes dinner)
Register NOW online at saintlukecolumbus.org or call the church office, 706-327-4343 Deadline to register is November 2nd. Limited childcare space available. Reservations required.

WOMEN JOIN US FOR THE
**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.

**Respite Care:** In memory of Dr. Luther Smith by Mr. Otto Chitwood.

**Samaritan Fund:** In memory of Mr. Claude T. Bass, Jr., Mrs. Crista Reese, Dr. Luther Smith, Mrs. Pat Chitwood, and Gabriel and Patricia Denes by Mr. and Mrs. Joel Wooten.

**Memorial Maintenance Fund:** In memory of Mrs. Pat Chitwood by Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Newman.

**S.A.W. Ministry Fund:** In memory of Mrs. Crista Reese by Mrs. Ingrid Griffin. In honor of the S.A.W. Ministry Volunteers by Ms. Nancy Pedersen.

**Naomi's Village:** In honor of Lauren Nickerson by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Scott.

**Bill Turner Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Mrs. Pat Chitwood by Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Fay.

**Food Pantry:** In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Wynn by Mrs. Clair Wynn Thayer.

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**College House**

**Tuesday Morning Guys Group** 7 a.m. (there's always breakfast)

Join us for Monday and Wednesday services at 7:30 p.m. IG @collegehouse_

**FREE LUNCH THURSDAY’S** for College Students at 12:00-1:30 p.m.

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**PASSION**

Twenty Twenty-Two

Mercedes-Benz Stadium

01.02.22 - 01.03.2022

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Sign up for Passion Now at our website www.collegehouseministries.com

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**DNOW SIGN-UPS ARE LIVE!!!! BEST WEEKEND OF THE YEAR!!!! ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!!!**

Register NOW on www.thecornerstudents.com. You don’t want to miss it!!

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**ALL MIDDLE SCHOOLERS AND HIGH SCHOOLERS:**

Join us for our HALLOWEEN PARTY! THIS SUNDAY NIGHT, October 31st 5:00 -7:00 p.m. (Large Dining Room) A HUGE Costume Contest, Prizes, Zaxbys, and more! We can’t wait to see you there!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY:** Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. **HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY:** Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. ** GIRLS:** 9th graders through 11th graders – contact Lisa Moore! 12th graders: contact Mallory Wood! **BOYS:** Contact JMO!