Thad’s Thoughts

Christmas decorations have been out since the day after Halloween. Entire radio stations have been converted to nothing but Christmas music 24 hours a day starting November 1st. We haven’t even picked out the Thanksgiving Turkey yet. Don’t get me wrong, I am still a kid at heart and I love the Christmas season. Starting on Thanksgiving night I will listen to nothing BUT Christmas music for an entire month. However, there is something to be said for patience and waiting. We are in such a hurry to get to Christmas morning and open the presents that we often miss the meaningful parts of the Christmas season. We are simply too quick to skip directly to Christmas.

Thanksgiving has almost gotten completely lost behind Black Friday, which has now become Black Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. The great thing about Thanksgiving is that there are no presents to open nor decorations to be hung. There is no candy to be given out and no real fuss is made. Thanksgiving is all about being together with family and friends. It is about spending time together and creating memories. It’s about giving thanks for our many blessings.

Before we get into the craziness of December, let’s take a little time to give thanks for this season. As the song says, “Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because He has given Jesus Christ, His son.” As the older hymn says, “Count your many blessings name them one by one, count your many blessings see what God has done.”

Even in the Christian year we are not allowed to jump directly into Christmas. We must first walk through the season of Advent, preparing for the birth of the Christ child. So, let’s not jump too soon, and let’s take time to count our blessings. Give thanks this week for all the ways that God has blessed you. Take time to slow down, breathe deep, and allow God’s Holy Spirit to show you all that you have to be thankful for. Happy Thanksgiving!

Thad Haygood, Senior Pastor
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November 28, 2021 1st Sunday of Advent

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

*Prelude.............................. “Westminster Carrillon” ..................Louis Vierne
Welcome and Opening Prayer...............................................................Rev. Thad Haygood
*Hymn.................................... “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” .....................Number 211
***The Affirmation of Faith............ “The Apostles’ Creed” ..............Rev. Haygood (8:30 a.m.) Rev. Brett Maddocks (11:00 a.m.)
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 (The Chancel Choir)............ “O Come, Emmanuel” .........................Don Besig
Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer......(8:30 a.m.) Rev. Haygood (11:00 a.m.) Rev. Maddocks
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....................(8:30 a.m.) Rev. Haygood (11:00 a.m.) Rev. Maddocks
*Hymn.................................... “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” ................Number 196

Offertory Prayer....................................(8:30 a.m.) Rev. Haygood (11:00 a.m.) Rev. Maddocks
Offertory (Karen Lewis, piano).... “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” ..........arr. Mark Hayes

*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.........................................................Luke 1:5-17 (p. 53, NT in pew Bible)
The Spoken Word.............. “PREPARE HIM ROOM: HOPE” .......................Rev. Haygood
*Hymn.................................... “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” ................Number 213

*The Benediction..............................................................Rev. Haygood
Choral Benediction Response (11:00 a.m)..... “Love Came Down at Christmas” ......John Purifoy
Postlude........................................“O Come, Emmanuel” ...............................Improvisation

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

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

Sunday, November 28
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)
4:30 p.m. MS & HS Bonfire (Neal Farm)
6:00 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal (Room 110, Main)
11:30 p.m. Pre-recorded broadcast of The Nine worship service, WTVM Channel 9

Monday, November 29
6:00 p.m. College House Worship (College House)
7:30 p.m. New Testament Study (College House)

Tuesday, November 30
7:00 a.m. College House Men’s Small Group (College House)
9:30 a.m. Women in the Word (Youth Room)
1:30 p.m. Soul Sisters Bible Study (Respite Care)
7:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship (Evening Women/Ministry Center Youth Room)

Wednesday, December 1
3:30 p.m. Middle School Bible Study (After School)
5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir (Handbell Room)
          December First Saturday Training (MIN)
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, December 2
12 Noon Free College Lunch (College House)

Saturday, December 4
7:30 - 11:30 a.m. December First Saturday (St. Luke Campus)
Main (main building, where Sanctuary is), MIN (Ministry Center). Contact the Ministry Center for information about renting or reserving rooms, 706-256-1017.

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: Sign up sheets available

Wednesday Night Suppers will resume December 8!
CONTEMPORARY SERVICE (THE NINE): 9:00 a.m., Ministry Center, Rev. Brett Maddocks, preaching.

WORSHIP IN SPANISH: 12:30 p.m. worship in Turner Chapel.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The beautiful flowers in the chancel area are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Andrew Taylor Mason by Marsha Mason, Ansley Forsberg, Eliza Morrill, and Patrick Winecoff.

OUR KNOWN SICK: Piedmont Northside: Judy Thomas, 316.

Today’s anthem: “Wandering aimlessly on through the night, walking in darkness seeking the light, we search for the truth our doubts to dispel. Oh come, oh come Emmanuel. Long we have waited for you to appear, bringing us hope and calming our fears. Descend now from heaven, among us to dwell, oh come, oh come Emmanuel. Come thou long-expected Jesus, come redeemer, Lord, and king. Precious Savior, come to lead us, fill us with the peace you bring. Soon we’ll see a new day dawning, send a sign for all to see. End our darkness, doubt, and longing. Come and set our spirits free. Faithful believers, we watch and we pray. Soon you will come to show us the way. Then all of the world your story will tell, oh come, oh come Emmanuel.”

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IN MEMORIAM
Mrs. Mary Kirkpatrick Reed
November 18, 2021

December Events

December 4  December First Saturday
December 5  Orchestra plays at 8:30 & 11:00
December 7  Free Spirits Music Luncheon (11:30, LD)
December 8  Orchestra Concert at Wednesday Night Supper
December 12  Polar Express Movie at National Infantry Museum (2:30 pm) Hosted by St. Luke
December 19  Chancel Choir Christmas Music (8:30 & 11:00)
December 19  Longest Night Service & Reception (4 pm, Chapel, Reception in Rm 110)
December 24  Christmas Eve Services
11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary w/ communion) This service will practice covid protocols (Registration required, mandatory masks, social distancing, limited attendance)
3:00 p.m. (Sanctuary w/communion)
5:00 p.m. (Ministry Center w/candlelight communion)
5:30-7:30 p.m. (Live Nativity, front of Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary w/candlelight communion)
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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.

Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of Mr. Bill Whatley by Ms. Cynthia Conner, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Nabers, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Farmer, Ms. Connie Stephenson, and Ms. Martha Tubb. In memory of Mrs. Pat Chitwood by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ciuba.

December First Saturday: In memory of Zach Miller and Bess Dedwylder by Mr. and Mrs. John Martin. In memory of Mr. Bill Whatley by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hutchens.

Music Scholarship Fund: In memory of Mr. Bill Whatley and Mr. Bennie Phillips by the Bereavement Committee.

General Fund: In memory of Mr. Bill Whatley by Mrs. Martha Bishop.

Music Fund: In memory of Mr. Bill Whatley by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kirkpatrick.