The greenery is hung, the tree is decorated in the sanctuary, the advent wreath is in place, and now begins the season of waiting. For what are we waiting? We are waiting for a new direction. We are waiting for a fresh start. We are waiting for guidance. We are waiting for restored hope. We are waiting for something great! Just like the people of Israel waited for the birth of a king, we too wait for the birth of a new leader. As modern day Christians, we know that we are waiting for Christ to be born anew in our hearts.

Each year, we are given the gift of a waiting period. This period is known as Advent on the Christian Calendar. Advent literally means, “Preparation,” and the four weeks leading up to Christmas make up the season of Advent…..preparation……..waiting.

Waiting is something that is extremely hard for us today. We have grown more and more accustomed to having instant results in almost anything we choose. Instant movies on demand, instant answers through Google, instant coffee, instant money transfers, everything in an instant. The good news, is that we can also have salvation in an instant. All it takes is for us to humble ourselves, acknowledge our sins, call on the name of Jesus and salvation is ours instantly! Once we receive salvation, we are then called to “wait upon the Lord.” We no longer do as we please. Instead, we pause to reflect and follow the guidance of the Lord Jesus Christ.

During Advent we wait. We wait for the birth of the Messiah. If we can do the hard work of waiting patiently, we will be given Joy, Hope, Peace, Love. Great things come to those who wait. Let us wait upon the Lord.
December 5, 2021  
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

2nd Sunday of Advent

*Prelude (St. Luke Orchestra).......... “A Celtic Christmas” .........................James Hosay

Welcome and Opening Prayer......................................................(8:30 a.m.) Rev. Brett Maddocks  
(11:00 a.m.) Rev. Thad Haygood

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*Hymn....................................................... “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” ........................................Number 240

***The Affirmation of Faith............ “The Apostles’ Creed” ............................Rev. 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 (The Chancel Choir)........ “Et In Terra Pax” .................................John Purifoy

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

*Hymn.................................................. “What Child Is This” ......................................Number 219

Offertory Prayer.................................................................Rev. Maddocks

Offertory (St. Luke Orchestra)...... “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” ............arr. David Shaffer

*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 1:26-38 (p. 53, NT in pew Bible)

The Spoken Word..................... “PREPARE HIM ROOM: FAITH” ....................Rev. Haygood

*Hymn.............................................. “Angels From The Realms Of Glory” .......................Number 220

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

Choral Benediction Response (11:00 a.m.).... “Love Came Down At Christmas” ......John Purifoy

Postlude (8:30 a.m.)..........................“Angels from the Realms of Glory” .....................Improvisation

(11:00 a.m., St. Luke Orchestra)...... "The Dargason (with Greensleeves)” ...............Gustav Holst

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

**Sunday, December 5**

8:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)
9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service (MIN) Live streamed at [www.saintlukecolumbus.org](http://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](http://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)
5:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Youth (The Corner, MIN)
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, December 6**

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, December 7**

7:00 a.m. College House Men’s Small Group (College House)
9:30 a.m. Women in the Word (Youth Room)
11:30 a.m. Free Spirits Christmas Music Extravaganza and Luncheon (MIN)
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 8**

3:30 p.m. Middle School Bible Study (After School)
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper (MIN)
6:00 p.m. St. Luke Orchestra Christmas Concert (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 9**

12 Noon Free College Lunch (College House)

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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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### WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP 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.

**Menu:** Fried chicken, honey baked ham, green beans, butter beans, macaroni and cheese, salad, cobbler with ice cream.

**Name:**

**Adults ($7.00)_________ Children ($3.00)_________ Daytime Phone:**

**Email:**

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

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Music Box
Marc F. Boensel, Director of Music Ministries, mboensel@stlukeum.com

Children, Youth, and Adults are invited to find their place in the Music Ministry. New members are welcome throughout the year:

Chancel Choir rehearsals are at 7:00pm on Wednesday evenings in the Choir Room.
Handbell Choir rehearsals are at 5:30pm on Wednesday evenings in the Handbell Room.
St. Luke Orchestra rehearses for specific events throughout the year.

Please consider a gift to the Music Ministry. You may mark your donation to the Music Fund, Music Scholarship Fund, Orchestra Fund, Choir Robe Fund, or Organ Fund.

Today’s anthem: “And on earth, peace. Glory to God in the highest. Then suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, glory to God in the highest and peace on earth.”

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St. Luke Cookbooks on Sale this Sunday!
Just in time for Christmas!

Cookbooks will be available this Sunday, December 5, and next Sunday, December 12, in the church parlor.
Cost is $15. Proceeds benefit the Choir Robe Fund.
Cookbooks also available at the church office.

December Events

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)
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.

**Save the Date! ALL ABOARD!** On Sunday, December 12th at 2:30 pm, St. Luke Children’s and Military ministries, together with Gallant Few Rangers, is pleased to bring you The Polar Express. Space is limited so be sure to register at www.cornerkidz.com to reserve your spot today! Hope you’ll join us!

On Friday, December 24th from 5:30-7:30 PM, St. Luke Children’s Ministry will bring the nativity to life. If your child (K -5th grade) is interested in participating, please email me at mhubbard@stlukeum.com.

**ST. LUKE FREE SPIRITS**

Christmas Music Extravaganza and Luncheon

Tuesday, December 7, 2021
11:30 a.m. (Ministry Center)
Cost: $10
Reservations: Kym at 706-327-4343 or email kym@stlukeum.com

**FOR ALL LADIES!!**

New Beginnings Christmas Luncheon

Tuesday, December 14th
10:30 a.m., Small Dining Room, $10
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by Thursday, December 9th
Share the Christmas Spirit with Laura and Thad Haygood.

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June 11 – 22, 2022
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Ft Benning Post Cemetery Wreath Laying Ceremony

December 18th, 2021 • 12pm
Those interested in volunteering or donating to the local Wreaths Across America event at Fort Benning, please contact Nicole nmayne@stlukeum.com or visit www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/GA0103P for more information.

**WE HAVE Big Plans!**

‘JUPITER’ from ‘THE PLANETS’

ST. LUKE ORCHESTRA

Christmas Concert

Wednesday, December 8 – 6:00 P.M.
Ministry Center

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Mary Reed Garden Fund: In memory of Mrs. Mary Reed by Dr. and Mrs. Champ Baker.
Christie Garden Fund: In memory of Mr. Bill Whatley by Dr. and Mrs. Champ Baker.
Meals on Wheels Fund: In memory of Mrs. Mary Reed and Mr. Bill Whatley by Mr. and Mrs. Brad Turner.
Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of Mr. Bill Whatley by Mr. and Mrs. Billy Phelps, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Jordan, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Brown. In memory of Mrs. Mary Reed by Mrs. Erwin D. Key and Mr. and Mrs. Larry King.
December First Saturday Fund: In memory of Mrs. Mary Reed by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hutchens. In memory of Mrs. Mary Reed and Mr. Bill Whatley by Mrs. Mary Hudson.
Older Adult Fund: In memory of Mrs. Mary Reed by Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Newman.
Music Fund: In memory of Mrs. Pat Chitwood by Mr. and Mrs. Brian McCluskey.
Music Scholarship Fund: In memory of Mrs. Joan Yoe by Mrs. Jeanne P. Robinson. In memory of Mr. Bill Whatley by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Howell and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Swinney. In memory of Mr. Bennie Phillips by Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Register. In memory of Mrs. Mary Reed by Mrs. Jeanne P. Robinson.
Organ Fund: In honor of Ken Crew’s 75th birthday by Mrs. Glenda Crew.
Bereavement Ministry Fund: In honor of the Bereavement Ministry Volunteers by Dr. and Mrs. Gabe Denes.
Food Pantry: In memory of Mr. Barschall Andrews by Mrs. Judith B. Hubbard. In memory of Mrs. Mary Reed by Mrs. Glenda Merrill and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hall.
Samaritan Fund: In memory of Mr. Bill Whatley by Mrs. Susan Lockwood. In memory of Mrs. Mary Reed and Mr. Bill Whatley by Mr. and Mrs. Norris Randall. In memory of Mrs. Mary Reed by Mrs. Susan Lockwood.
Samaritan Fund: In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Larry King, Ms. Meredith King, Ms. Julie King, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Fay, Mr. and Mrs. John Brantley, and Mrs. Leianne Brubaker by Mrs. Carolyn Cartledge.

College House

ugly Sweater Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 8th
7:00 p.m. at the College House
Join us for food, games, & prizes!
Be sure to bring a white elephant gift ($10 limit)

Guys Group: Thursday at 7:00 a.m.
Bible Study: Monday at 7:30 p.m.
Free College Lunch: Thursday at 12:00-1:30 p.m.

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Sign Up Now!
www.collegehouseministries.com
for more information
contact kdavidson@stlukeum.com

THE CORNER

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

ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!
Join us for our Corner Crosswalk
CHRISTMAS PARTY on
December 12th, 5pm-7pm!
Ugly Christmas sweater contest, Christmas PJ contest, Christmas cookie decorating, great food, HUGE $10 GIFT EXCHANGE led by Hailey Hinson!
Make sure to bring a $10 gift!
WE CAN’T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!