“I need to buy some time.” Have you ever said those words? Of course you have, we all have at some point or another. Many of us utter those words while we are students in college, needing a few extra days to complete a term paper. Perhaps you have said those words at work to a co-worker, wanting the co-worker to help you stall the boss. More than likely we have all said those words when running late on a deadline. “Can’t you give me just a little more time?”

The reality that we all must face is that we can never “buy” any time. There is no amount of money in this world that can “buy” time. Sure, we can use money to slow things down or to put someone off for a little while, but only God is in control of time. For example, Christmas flew by like the blink of an eye, and we all want to go back and slow it down a little. However, we can’t do that. Time marches on.

Our time on this earth is limited. I am keenly aware of this fact now that I have reached the age of 50. The years are flying by! Therefore, all that we can do is make the most of the time that we have been given. As this new year begins, let us be reminded to take some time to spend with our Lord. Use some of this precious time to reflect on God’s word. Go for a walk and simply look around at God’s creation. Allow God to speak to you through His majesty. Time is very precious, and we often take it for granted. Use your time wisely, it is the only time you have got!

Thad Haygood, Senior Pastor
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January 23, 2022

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

*Prelude (Handbell Choir).................. “A Joyful Ring”.........................Barbara Kinyon

Welcome and Opening Prayer.................................................................Rev. Thad Haygood

*Hymn.................................”In Christ There Is No East or West”...............Number 548

***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 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)..........."The Heavens Are Telling"........Ludwig van Beethoven

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

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

*Hymn................................"How Great Thou Art”.............................Number 77

Offertory Prayer.................................................................Rev. Haygood

Offertory (Handbell Choir)........"For the Beauty of the Earth"..........Conrad Kocher

*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.................................................................Genesis 12:1-3 (p. 9, OT in pew Bible)

The Spoken Word............ “THE BIBLE: GOD’S CALL” ..................Rev. Haygood

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

*The Benediction.................................................................Rev. Haygood

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

Postlude......................”O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”............Organ Improvisation

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

Sunday, January 23
8:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)
9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service (MIN) Live streamed at www.saintlukecolumbus.org
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)
11:30 p.m. Pre-recorded broadcast of The Nine worship service, WTVM Channel 9

Monday, January 24
6:00 p.m. College House Worship (College House)
7:30 p.m. New Testament Study (College House)

Tuesday, January 25
7:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast (SD, MIN)
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 (College House)
7:00 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship (The Meeting Room)

Wednesday, January 26
7:00 a.m. College Guys Group (College House)
3:30 p.m. Middle School Bible Study (After School)
5:00 p.m. Staff Parish Meeting (Conference Room, Main)
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper (MIN) Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Handbell Room, Main)
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room, Main)
Administrative Board Meeting (LD, MIN)
7:30 p.m. College House Fellowship and Bible Study (College House)

Thursday, January 27
12 Noon Free College Lunch (College House)

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

Please join the St. Luke Free Spirits for a
Share the Love Luncheon
Monday, Feb. 14th, 2022
11:30 a.m. Cost $10
For reservations, contact Kym at 706-327-4343 or email kym@stlukeum.com

SAVE THE DATE
St. Luke Women’s Conference
January 29, 2022
St. Luke Ministry Center
Look for more information coming soon!

POSTPONED
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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, salisbury steak, mixed vegetables, mashed potatoes, salad, rolls and assorted desserts.

Name: _____________________________________________________________
Adults ($7.00) _______ Children ($3.00) __________ Daytime Phone: ___________________________
Email: ___________________________________________________________________________

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CONTEMPORARY SERVICE (THE NINE): 9:00 a.m., Ministry Center, 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 Larry Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Heidt Neal, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Heidt Neal, III by Helen, Larry and Carter Neal, Lee Neal Bush, and Margie Neal Norman.

OPEN FLOWER DATES: January 30, February 20 and 27, March 20 and 27, April 3, May 1 and 29. For more information on other open dates contact Maggie Roberson at 706-327-4343 or maggie@stlukeum.com.

OUR KNOWN SICK: Jack Hughston Memorial (Phenix City): Beth Parsons, 402.

Music Box
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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 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the Choir Room.

**Handbell Choir** rehearsals are at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the Handbell Room.

**Children's Choir** rehearsals are during Sunday School in the Choir 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: “The heavens are telling the Lord's endless glory, through all the earth His praise is found. The seas re-echo the marvelous story: O man, repeat that glorious sound! The starry hosts He doth order and number, He fills the morning's golden springs. He wakes the sun from his night-curtained slumber. O man adore the King of Kings! The heavens are His and the earth knows His favor, His power in all things thou dost see. The Lord of hosts who forever and ever thy God and Father still shall be. He is thy maker whose love shall not waver, a God of wisdom, ever kind. Praise Him and love Him with all thy endeavor. In Him salvation shalt thou find!”

**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.

Do you love working with children?

**Join Our Ministry!**

We Are Hiring @ St. Luke Early Learning Center!

Part-time and Full-time Positions Available

Call 706-322-2703. Send resume to jparker@stlukeum.com

**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 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.

Children’s choir begins Sunday, February 6th during the Sunday School hour. Registration opens Sunday January 23rd on www.cornerkidz.com. Hope your child will decide to join us!

The Talk for current 5th and 6th graders will be held in February. The girls session will be on Sunday, February 6th and the boys on Sunday, February 13th. Space is limited so be sure to visit www.cornerkidz.com to register today!

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.

Military Ministry
For information about volunteering with St Luke’s CRU Military team to serve basic trainees on post or to volunteer with the military ministry, please contact Nicole Mayne nmayne@stlukeum.com.

12 Day Eastern Europe & Oberammergau
Passion Play 2022
June 11 – 22, 2022
Material is now available- if you haven’t received yours, please contact Kym, 706-327-4343 or kym@stlukeum.com

Proverbs 24:27
Prepare your work outside; get everything ready for yourself in the field, and after that build your house.


**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 Mrs. Mary Anna Howard Walker by Ms. Suzanne Moody. In memory of Mrs. Louie Crawford by Judge and Mrs. Warner L. Kennon, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Foley, Glee Triplett and Bill Hartman, and Mrs. Susan Buck. In memory of Mrs. Louie Crawford and Mrs. Mary Anna Howard Walker by Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Hand.

**Save the date!**

**FAMILY AND LEISURE MINISTRIES**

Date Night: Saturday March 19th
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Stumpy's Hatchet House.
Childcare provided at the church.
Sign up information coming soon.

**Preschool Enrollment**

St. Luke Preschool has begun enrollment for the School Year 2022 - 2023. 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.

**The Corner**

Mike Davidson speaking on Jan 23.
MS Bible study immediately after school.
HS Girls Bible study is 6:30 Wednesday at the Corner.
HS Boys Bible study is 6:30 Wednesday at Trip and Jenifer Amos’ house.

Join us Monday Nights at 7 pm for our New Testament Overview

Outdated Small Group Bible Study
Wednesday Nights at 7
Starting January 10th