For those of us who remember a time before cell phones and personal computers, it is nothing short of amazing that we can do practically anything from a handheld device. As a child, we used to pretend that we could talk on a phone from the car. We used to dream of having a television in the car or some kind of robot that could talk and give directions. All of that was simply fantasy forty years ago, but look at the world today! Not only do we have televisions and phones in our cars, our cars can give us directions, tell us the weather, even drive on their own. From our cell phones we can order show tickets, book a flight, watch a movie, and even read millions of books. It is unbelievable really.

For some, the idea of a God who is available twenty four hours a day is also unbelievable. How could there be an invisible being somewhere out there who is ready to listen in an instant, give us direction, help us with a problem, and know our every need before we even ask it? That seems like fantasy for sure! The best way to come to belief in this amazing God is to give Him the opportunity to show Himself. It is ok to question God, it is even ok to question His existence, as long as we give Him the opportunity to answer our questions. My father gave me sound advice when I was entering seminary. He said, “Son, it is ok to doubt, but learn to doubt your doubts.”

Hebrews 11:1-2 tells us, “Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.” God is in the business of doing the unbelievable. If we can dream it, He can do it! If you have doubts and questions, speak them aloud to God and give Him the chance to answer. The more I put this into practice the more God amazes me. Submit yourself to Him. Submit ALL of yourself to Him, even your questions and doubts. He who is faithful will answer and you will be amazed!
February 6, 2022  
5th Sunday after the Epiphany

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

*Prelude (piano/organ duet).............. “Lift High the Cross” ....................arr. Mark Hayes  
Welcome and Opening Prayer.........................................................Rev. Thad Haygood  
*Hymn.............................................. “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty” ....................Number 64  

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)........... “Come To Me” ....................Dan Forrest  
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.............................................. “Amazing Grace” ....................Number 378  

Offertory Prayer............................................................Rev. Maddocks  
Offertory (piano/organ duet)........... “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”  ..........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..........................................................1 Kings 8:27-30 (p. 298, OT in pew Bible)  
The Spoken Word.............. “THE BIBLE - GOD’S HOLY TEMPLE” ....................Rev. Haygood  

The Invitation and Confession  
Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another:  
Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving..........................................................Page 23-24; Hymnal  
The Sharing of Bread and Cup
*Hymn.............................................. “Jesus Calls Us” ....................Number 398  

*The Benediction..........................................................Rev. Haygood  
Choral Benediction Response (11:00 a.m.)..... “Sevenfold Amen” ............................Peter Lutkin  
Postlude.........................“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty” ............................Organ Improvisation  

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

Sunday, February 6
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/ Children’s Choir (Choir Room)
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.  Corner/Crosswalk Olympic Games (LD, MIN)
11:30 p.m.  Pre-recorded broadcast of The Nine worship service, WTVM Channel 9

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

Tuesday, February 8
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)
10:00 a.m.  On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
1:30 p.m.  Soul Sisters Bible Study (College House)
7:00 p.m.  Bible Study Fellowship (The Meeting Room)

Wednesday, February 9
7:00 a.m.  College Guys Group (College House)
10:00 a.m.  On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
3:30 p.m.  Middle School Bible Study (After School)
5:30 p.m.  Wednesday Night Supper (MIN)
Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Handbell Room, Main)
6:30 p.m.  Girls' High School Bible Study (The Corner, MIN)
Boys' High School Bible Study (The Amos' House)
7:00 p.m.  Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room, Main)
7:30 p.m.  College House Fellowship and Bible Study (College House)

Thursday, February 10
10:00 a.m.  On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
12 Noon  Free College Lunch (College House)

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, chicken alfredo pasta, mixed vegetables, roasted potatoes, salad, rolls, and assorted desserts.

Name: ____________________________________________________________
Adults ($7.00)  _______ Children ($3.00) __________Daytime Phone: ________________________________
Email: ____________________________________________________________

OUR PHONE NUMBERS
Church Office, 706-327-4343
Preschool, 706-327-4343
St. Luke School, 706-256-1301
Early Learning Center, 706-322-2703
Ministry Center, 706-256-1017

ST. LUKE FREE SPIRITS
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

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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 Mr. and Mrs. William B. Hart by Mr. and Mrs. Steve Butler and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hart.

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

OUR KNOWN SICK: Piedmont Midtown: Larry Gaither, 608.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: To Mrs. Sherry Carr in the death of her father, Vernon Alfred Dwire, on January 23, and her mother, Shirley Dwire, on January 28, in Columbus, GA. To Mr. and Mrs. Dean (Beth) Miller in the death of his father in Birmingham.

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 7:00 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: “Come to me, all you who labor. Come to me, and I will give you rest. Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and you will find rest for your souls. Come, my child, learn my heart, for I am gentle and lowly. See how great my love for you, that I have called you my child.”

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

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 this Sunday, February 6th during the Sunday School hour.

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.

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

**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.

**UMW Circle One:**
Monday, February 7th, 11:00 a.m.,
Meeting Room (Ministry Center).

**New Beginnings Women’s Group:**
Tuesday, February 8, 10:30 a.m. (Room 110). Speaker: Sylvia Powell. Lunch to follow.
ALL ladies invited

**Date Night**
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.

**Respite Care is Open!**
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
For more information or to volunteer please contact Kathryn Fussell at 706-256-3117

**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
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 honor of Mrs. Ingrid Griffin by Mrs. Annette Pollock.

Samaritan Fund: In honor of Norris and Linda Randall by Mrs. Annette Pollock.

Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of Mr. Bill Whatley by Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Jolly.

College House

Contact: Kami Davidson
kdavidson@stlukeum.com

7AM
TUESDAY MORNING GUYS GROUP
Accountability, Community, and Breakfast

Every Thursday FREE LUNCH FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS
12:00-1:30 stay and eat or take a to go box
AT THE COLLEGE HOUSE
1030 2nd Ave
Columbus, Ga

Monday 7 pm NT Overview
Wednesday 7 pm Outdated Small Group Bible Study

THE CORNER

MS BIBLE STUDY IMMEDIATELY AFTER SCHOOL.

HS GIRLS BIBLE STUDY IS 6:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY AT THE CORNER.

HS BOYS BIBLE STUDY IS 6:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY AT TRIP AND JENIFER AMOS' HOUSE.

Valentine’s Day

February 14th 7 PM
NO ROMANCE HERE BUT LOTS OF LOVE AND FOOD, GAMES, & PRIZES

Corner - Crosswalk
OLYMPIC GAMES
February 6, 13, & 20
Large Dining Room
5-7 PM

Wear Red, White & Blue
Crazy Olympic Games
Food, Snacks, Soft Drinks