



# SAINT LUKE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

3736 Montrose Road  
Birmingham, Alabama 35213

## CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 21, 2021 ✠ 8:00 AM Rite I

*Enter quietly in prayer as we prepare our hearts for worship.*

*Welcome! The congregation's responses are in bold. The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and The Hymnal 1982 are found in the pew racks. Children of every age are welcome in all worship services. A nursery is available for children ages 3 years and younger. Hearing aids are available. See an usher for assistance.*

### HYMN

*Come thou Almighty King* Hymnal 365

BCP 323

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

*The Celebrant says*

**A**lmighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

*The Celebrant then says*

**H**ear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

People Lord, have mercy upon us.  
People ***Christ, have mercy upon us.***  
Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People The Lord be with you.  
People ***And with thy spirit.***  
Celebrant Let us pray.

**A**lmighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

### THE FIRST LESSON

Revelation 1:4b-8

**G**race to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.  
People ***Thanks be to God.***

*The people stand for the Gospel.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People ***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

#### THE SERMON

The Reverend Richmond R. Webster

#### THE NICENE CREED BCP 326

**W**e believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS of the PEOPLE BCP 328

THE CONFESSION BCP 331

*All stand. The Celebrant says:*

The peace of the Lord be always  
with you.

*People And with thy spirit.*

*We greet one another in the name of Christ.*

#### GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

All things come of thee, O Lord.  
*People And of thine own have we given thee.*

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING BCP 340

The Lord be with you.  
*People And with thy spirit.*  
*Celebrant Lift up your hearts.*  
*People We lift them up unto the Lord.*  
*Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord*  
*our God.*  
*People It is meet and right so to do.*

*The Celebrant continues*  
 ... evermore praising thee, and  
 saying,

*Celebrant and People*

**H**oly, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
 Heaven and earth are full of thy Glo-  
 ry. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

*The Celebrant continues*

...And now, as our Savior Christ hath  
 taught us, we are bold to say

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**O**ur Father, who art in heaven, hal-  
 lowed 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,  
 for ever and ever. Amen.

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*  
*A period of silence is kept.*

*We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Soloist: \* Melanie Williams

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these Holy Mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.*

## THE BLESSING

### HYMN

*Rejoice the Lord is King* Hymnal 481

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ!  
People: Thanks be to God!*

*Are you receiving our emails? If not and would like to, please email [kclinton@saint-lukes.com](mailto:kclinton@saint-lukes.com) and sign up for our weekly news.*

*Prayer Team. If you have a prayer request please contact Sandy Porter at 205-802-6207 or [sporter@saint-lukes.com](mailto:sporter@saint-lukes.com). The prayer list is available in the weekly church emails.*

### Soloist: Melanie Williams

\* Melanie Williams has her doctorate in vocal performance and serves as professor of voice at the University of Montevallo where she teaches classes in vocal pedagogy and private voice. She has sung with the St. Luke's choir for the past four years. She and husband, Mark, have two children, Anna Katherine and John Mark.

### Guest Choir Director: Charles F. Henry

Charles F. Henry is the Choral Director at Thompson High School in Alabaster and previously taught at Mountain Brook and Spain Park High School. Charles is also the Founder and Director of the Iron City Singers, a community choir based in Birmingham. In May of 2021, Charles earned the Master of Music in Choral Conducting from the University of Georgia where he studied with Dr. Daniel Bara and Dr. JD Burnett.

**CLERGY AND STAFF:** Rt. Rev. Dr. Glenda Curry, *Bishop of Alabama*; The Rev. Richmond R. Webster, *Rector*; The Rev. David Hall, *Associate Rector*; The Rev. Corey Jones, *Associate Rector*; The Rev. Rebecca Debow, *Priest Affiliate*; The Rev. Dr. Maurice L. Goldsmith, *Priest Affiliate*; The Rev. Dr. Stephen McWhorter, *Priest Affiliate*; The Rev. Dr. Mark LaGory, *Deacon*; The Rev. Katy Smith, *Deacon*; Mr. Shaun Pezant, *Artist in Residence*; Dr. Philip Copeland, *Choral Director*; Mr. Jamie McLemore, *Organist*.

### **THE VESTRY**

Vestry meetings are held the last Monday of each month from 6:00-7:00pm. Vestry meetings are open to members of Saint Luke's unless in Executive Session.

Rector- The Rev. Richmond R. Webster

### Class of 2021

Rebecca Eubanks- Communications & SLDS  
Trippe Gray- Facility Management  
Norman Jftmundsen- Sr. Warden  
Scarlett Simmons- Jr. Warden & Youth Ministry  
Norman Tynes- Adult Education & Stewardship

### Class of 2022

Reed Avant- Children & Family Ministry  
Ann Johnson- Outreach, MACE, & Founders Place  
Bill Pitts- Finance  
Krislin Smith- Pastoral Care & Communication  
Wayne Trucks- Jr. Warden, Worship & Facility Management

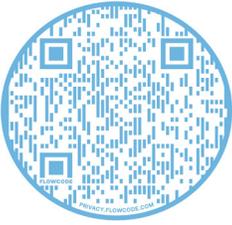
### Class of 2023

David Kimberlin- COVID-19  
Allyson Mouron- Worship & Events  
Susan Silverstein- New Members & Adult Education  
Beth Wilder- Outreach & Communication  
Turner Williams- Finance & SOAR

### Appointed Members

Kevin Collins- Clerk  
William Nicrosi- Treasurer

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1. Text the amount you would like to give to (205) 576-4100.
2. If you are a first time, text-giving donor you will be prompted to visit a secure link. The message should appear like below:  
"You're almost done! Finish your gift to Saint Luke's Episcopal Church with this link."

3. Once you click the registration link, you can enter your credit card information.
4. At this point, your donation will process. Please note that Msg & Data rates may apply with your phone carrier.
5. You will see a confirmation text showing your donation and registration were successful. The following message should appear: "Your giving was successful. Thank you!"

**Interested in receiving our weekly E-News Dialogue?** Email [kclinton@saint-lukes.com](mailto:kclinton@saint-lukes.com).

## Announcements

**Stewardship Update As of November 17, 2021:** Number of Pledges – 366; 2022 Pledges received - \$2,732,038; we have reached 73% of our 2022 Goal of \$3,745,000.

**Unwrapped gifts for The Samaritan Place Christmas Village are due before November 28.** For more information about how to participate in this outreach opportunity, visit the Updates page of our website. Thank you for helping us serve these families and children during the Christmas season!

**Saint Luke's Kitchen is on Thanksgiving Break!** We will return with a Wednesday night curb-side meal on Wednesday, December 1. This will be our only meal during the month of December.

**Do not miss our Christmas Floral Workshop on Friday, December 3 for the ECW monthly meeting!** We are excited to welcome Melisa Tyson, who will teach us how to arrange a floral centerpiece or mailbox flowers. Be on the lookout for more information, and in the meantime, please mark your calendars!

**Beginning now, and through February, we are collecting coats and jackets for the families who use the Grace/Woodlawn food pantry.** Please bring any used (clean and in good condition) coats and jackets to the closet in Graham Hall. As you enter Graham Hall from the Commons, the closet is located on the left side of the entrance. Please place coats in the designated boxes. All sizes of coats will be appreciated, both children's and adults. Thank you!

**Mark your calendars for Parents Night Out on Friday, December 3 from 6 to 9 pm.** Children 6 months through 6th grade are welcome to attend. All proceeds benefit Saint Luke's Youth. Sign up on the website: [saint-lukes.com/parents-night-out/](http://saint-lukes.com/parents-night-out/).

**The 15th annual God and Jazz concert series is Wednesday, December 8 from 6:30 to 8 pm.** The concert will cover a wide repertoire, spanning traditional jazz, contemporary, and holiday favorites. Tickets are available for purchase on Eventbrite. Students and children under 12 receive free admission. More information on the website at [saint-lukes.com/god-jazz-2021/](http://saint-lukes.com/god-jazz-2021/).

**New here? Whether you are a brand-new visitor or have been attending for a while, come find your place at Saint Luke's by attending the Discovery Class!** This 4-week course meets Sundays at 3:30pm. In this class, learn more about who we are at Saint Luke's, our mission, our beliefs and practices of the Episcopal Church, and how you can become more involved. This is a great opportunity to interact with the clergy and staff in a casual environment. We will also discuss the membership and confirmation process. Questions? Contact Johnailla Wright, [jwright@saint-lukes.com](mailto:jwright@saint-lukes.com).

**Saint Luke's Claypool Scholarship Board and Selection committee is requesting applications for the 2022- 2023 school year.** Visit our website for more information- [saint-lukes.com/claypool-scholarship-board-now-accepting-applications/](http://saint-lukes.com/claypool-scholarship-board-now-accepting-applications/).

**The Children's pageant is around the corner and we would love for your child to participate!** On Sunday, December 19 at 10am in the Nave, 'A Saint Luke's Christmas' will embody the true meaning of Christmas through scripture readings, Christmas singing, and of course, our recreating of the manger scene. For more information, contact Betsy Owenby, [bowenby@saint-lukes.com](mailto:bowenby@saint-lukes.com).

**Saint Luke's is partnering with All Saints Homewood this Christmas season to serve disadvantaged residents in Hale County as part of the annual Sawyerville Christmas Project.** Adopt an adult and purchase non-perishable food, paper goods, and items on their wish lists. This is a great holiday project for families, Cursillo reunion groups, Bible studies, and church members who want to brighten the holiday season for elderly people in need. Visit our website for more information. Questions? Email Beth Wilder at [bethwilder@mac.com](mailto:bethwilder@mac.com).

**Come make a Joyful Noise with our Parish Choir!** The choir is now open to parishioners who would like to sing our beautiful Advent and Christmas music. Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:30. For more information contact Philip Copeland, Choral Director ([pcopeland@saint-lukes.com](mailto:pcopeland@saint-lukes.com)) or Jamie McLemore, Parish Organist ([jmclmore@saint-lukes.com](mailto:jmclmore@saint-lukes.com)) for more info.

**Our next Newcomer's Lunch is Sunday, December 12 at Noon.** Join us, hear from clergy and staff, learn more about what we believe makes Saint Luke's special! Please RSVP to Kate Clinton, [kclinton@saint-lukes.com](mailto:kclinton@saint-lukes.com). Lunch provided.

**Beautiful cards and stamps supporting Founders Place respite ministry are available for purchase during November.** You can find them at the display table in Claypool Commons (by the front desk) or by contacting Rebecca Eubanks ([rebecca-eubanks@yahoo.com](mailto:rebecca-eubanks@yahoo.com)). Suggested donation is \$10 per Holiday Card and \$5 per blank notecard. Alzheimer's forever stamps (supporting research for prevention, cure, and care) are available: \$15 for 20. Thank you for your support!

## **Christmas Eve Services:**

2 p.m. Family Eucharist\*

4:30 p.m. Prelude // 5:00 p.m. Family Eucharist with contemporary music\*

7:00 p.m. Prelude // 7:30 p.m. Festival Eucharist, Rite II with brass and Saint Luke's Parish Choir\*

9:00 p.m. Prelude // 9:30 p.m. Festival Eucharist, Rite II with brass and Saint Luke's Parish Choir

\*Childcare available for 3k and under

No service on Christmas Day. We will worship with one service on Sunday, December 26 at 11 am.