



SAINT LUKE'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 28, 2021

11:00 am ✠ Rite II

*Please enter quietly as we prepare our hearts for worship.*

*Welcome! The congregation's responses are in bold. Children of every age are welcome. Please see an usher for assistance.*

THE GREAT PROCESSION

PRELUDE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Michael Bedford

INTROIT Wait for the Lord Berthier

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near  
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

HYMN Prepare the way, O Zion Hymnal 65

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE  
The Whitt Family

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**People:** *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

*The Celebrant says*

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

*The Celebrant says*

Lord, have mercy  
**Christ, have mercy**  
Lord, have mercy

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And also with you.*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**A**lmighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

*Children 3K – 3rd Grade are invited to follow the Crucifer to Sunday School.*

THE FIRST LESSON 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

**H**ow can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** *Thanks be to God.*

ANTHEM

*E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come* Paul Manz

*Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins,  
Who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.*

*Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,  
Who was, and is, and is to come; sing Holy, Holy Lord!*

*Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,  
For Christ is coming, is coming soon, For Christ is coming soon.*

*E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come and night shall be no more;  
They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!*

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**People:** *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord

*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

ANTHEM

*Come thou long expected Jesus* Gawthrop

*Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free,  
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.*

*Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth, thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.*

*Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,  
Born, to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring:*

*By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.*

THE SERMON The Reverend Corey Jones

THE NICENE CREED *All stand.* BCP 358

**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.*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation, especially Alonzo de Idiaquez, Marilyn Drennen, Barbara Eisenhart, Lucia Hasty, Charles Machemehl, Scott Parker, Patrick Roy, Rogenia Troupe, and Fred Tyson.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom, especially Fredda Hanson Benefield.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer*

*Silence*

CONFESSION

Minister and People

*Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

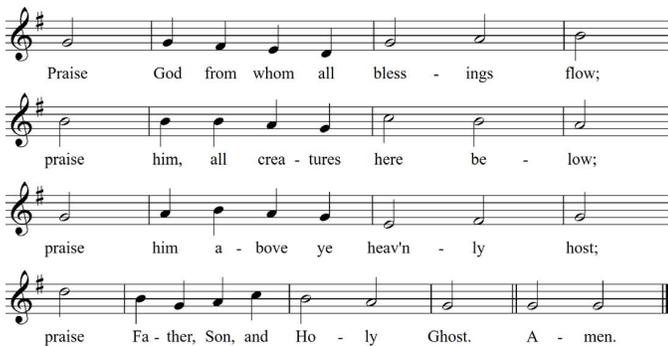
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People** *And also with you.*

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY HYMN

Lord, enthroned in heavenly HYMNAL 307

PRESENTATION ACCLAMATION *All stand to sing*



Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above ye heav'nly host;  
praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING  
Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.  
**People** *And also with you.*  
**Celebrant** Lift up your hearts.  
**People** *We lift them to the Lord.*  
**Celebrant** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People** *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

SANCTUS et BENEDICTUS Richard Proulx S125

*The Celebrant continues*

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

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

*Officiant and People*

**O**ur 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, for  
ever and ever. Amen.

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

FRACTION ANTHEM O Sacred Feast Willan

The Gifts of God for the people of God  
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and  
feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Let all mortal flesh keep silence Holst

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence and with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our Lord to earth descendeth our full homage to demand.*

*King of Kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of Lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood  
He will give to all the faithful his own self for heav'nly food.*

*Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads his vanguard on the way,  
As the light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,  
That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.*

*At his feet the six wing'd seraph; cherubim with sleepless eye  
Veil their faces to the presence as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord most high. Amen.*

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Officiant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

HYMN O Come Emmanuel Hymnal 56

THE DISMISSAL BCP 366

*Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE *Praise to the Lord* Paul Manz

*Please feel free to share your joys or concerns with a member of the  
Prayer Team. If you have a prayer request please contact Sandy Porter  
at 205-802-6207 or sporter@saint-lukes.com. Copies of the prayer list  
are on the table in the Communication Stations and in the weekly  
church emails.*

### Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God  
and in celebration for the baptism of  
*Temple Ruth Emmet* and *Beatrice LeRoy Emmet*.

**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 Jetmundsen- 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

### Give via Text (205) 576-4100

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 22, 2021:** Number of Pledges – 378; 2022 Pledges received - \$2,773,618; we have reached 74% of our 2022 Goal of \$3,745,000.

**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 to make a Christmas wreath. Sign up on the Saint Luke's website under Updates!

**Beginning now, and through February, we are collecting coats and jackets for the families who use the Grace/Wood-lawn 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/).

**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 [beth-wilder@mac.com](mailto:beth-wilder@mac.com).

**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 ([rebecaceubanks@yahoo.com](mailto:rebecaceubanks@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!

### **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.