



SAINT LUKE'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**  
**January 23, 2022 ✕ 11:00 AM Morning Prayer With Communion**

*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

INTROIT

*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* Henry Purcell

*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one;  
holy Zion's help forever and our confidence alone.*

HYMN *Christ for the World We Sing* Hymnal 537

OPENING SENTENCES BCP 77

CONFESSION of SIN BCP 79

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

***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 INVITATORY and PSALTER BCP 80

*All stand*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* ***And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.***

*Officiant and People*

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.***

VENITE BCP 82

***Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.***

***For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.***

***Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!***

*The people are seated.*

THE FIRST LESSON Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

**A**ll the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra

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opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

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

ANTHEM

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* Maurice Bevan

*There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.  
There's a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.  
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgement given.*

*For the love of God is broader than the measures of man's mind,  
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.  
But we make his love too narrow by false limits of our own,  
And we magnify his strictness with a zeal God will not own.*

*There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;  
There is joy for all of the members in the sorrows of the Head.  
There is grace enough for thousands or new worlds as great as this;  
There is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.*

*If our love were but more simple, we should take him at his word;  
And our lives would be all gladness in the joy of Christ our Lord.*

THE SECOND LESSON Luke 4:14-21

**J**esus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

ANTHEM

*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* Dale Wood

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chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;  
holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.*

SERMON The Reverend Corey Jones

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* J.S. Bach

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring holy wisdom, love most bright  
Drawn by Thee our souls aspiring soar to uncreated light*

*Word of God, our flesh that fashioned.  
With the fire of life impassioned.  
Striving still to truth unknown soaring, dying round Thy throne.*

THE APOSTLES' CREED BCP 96

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living 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 PRAYERS BCP 97

*The People stand or kneel*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*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.*

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. And grant us your salvation.  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. Let your people sing with joy.  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. For only in you can we live in safety.  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. Your saving health among all nations.  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

#### MORNING COLLECTS BCP 98

We pray this day for all those in any need of you, for any who are alone or sick or sad. We pray for those living in fear, or frustration. We pray for healing and peace. We pray for those on our published prayer list, especially Alonso de Idiaquez, Jessie Key, Scott Parker, and Fred Tyson. We also pray for those who have died, especially Marilyn Conway Drennen, Frank Kitchell Bynum, Mark Steven Dowd, Elise Faircloth Blackwell, and Virginia Dixon.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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

HYMN *Come Risen Lord* Hymnal 306

#### THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*Officiant and People*

**A**lmighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you

*in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

#### THE BLESSING

HYMN *O Christ, the Word Incarnate* Hymnal 632

THE DISMISSAL BCP 102

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

#### POSTLUDE

*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.*

**CLERGY AND STAFF:** The Rt. Rev. Dr. Glenda Curry, *Bishop of Alabama*; The Rt. Rev. Brian N. Prior, *Assisting Bishop*; The Rev. Richmond R. Webster, *Rector*; The Rev. William R. Boyles, *Associate 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 2022

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

#### Class of 2023

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

#### Class of 2024

Kevin Collins  
Sara Ford  
Gerald Gillespy  
Anna Manasco  
George Wilbanks

#### Appointed Members

Derick Belden - Clerk  
William Nicrosi - Treasurer

## Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and  
and in thanksgiving for the marriage of

**Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Benjamin McLarty**

and in loving memory of  
Charlotte Edwards Thorogood and Lee Lefkovits Dawkins.

## Announcements

**Thank you for your support and understanding as we prayerfully prioritize in-person worship during this sharp rise in COVID cases.** We are grateful for you. We will postpone our return to full Sunday programming and indoor worship until Sunday, February 6. This includes New Creation and Fellowship Groups. Some exceptions to this may apply, and you will receive communication accordingly. We will offer Children's Sunday school during worship services beginning Sunday, January 23. Until February 6, we will continue to worship outdoors for our larger services at 9 am and 11 am. This is intended to be a joyful opportunity to worship, dress casually (and warmly) and bring your dogs if you like! As always, if you have any questions about worship options during this time, do not hesitate to contact us.

**We are delighted to invite all women to the first ECW meeting of the new year.** We welcome the Neillie Butler of Mariee Ami as our speaker! Join us on Friday, January 28 at 11:30 a.m. in Graham Hall. We are sorry that we are unable to provide childcare during ECW. Cost of lunch is \$10. Bring a friend!

**Outreach Opportunity: We will shower the residents of St. Martin's in the Pines and Episcopal Place with Valentine cards again this year.** We need close to 400 cards this time, we will keep it simple by leaving the outside of the envelope blank (Feel free to sign your first name if you wish) Due FEB 6, 2022. There is a bin outside of the Claypool Commons entrance to drop off!

**Registration for Saint Luke's Day School is underway.** Find more information on the Saint Luke's website under Ministries/Day school. We will begin summer camp registration in February. Forms can be found on the Saint Luke's website. Questions? Kmurphree@saint-lukes.com.



### Stewardship Update as of January 18, 2022:

Number of Pledges: 462

2022 Pledges received - \$3,174,941

We have reached 85% of our 2022 Goal of \$3.7 million.

PLEDGE ONLINE

**Now 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!

**Our next Newcomer's Gathering is Sunday, March 6 at 10am during the Fellowship hour.** Join us, hear from clergy and staff, and learn more about what we believe makes Saint Luke's special! Please RSVP to Kate Clinton, kclinton@saint-lukes.com.

**Volunteers are needed in the Saint Luke's Kitchen!** For more information, contact Julie Carmichael, jcarmichael6458@gmail.com.

**Mark Your Calendars for the following events coming up in Saint Luke's Children's Ministry:**

- 1/26: Mid-week Bible club returns for 3rd - 6th graders from 3 to 4:30 pm.
- 2/6: Parent Meeting for Sacramental Retreat (3rd graders

will participate), in Founders Room following the 11 am worship service.

- 2/11: Mother Son Bowling Event at Vestavia Bowl from 6 to 7:30 pm.
- Save the date for VBS: June 6 through June 9

**Join us as we study God's word together in one of the upcoming Bible studies, listed below.** There are several options, including different days and times to accommodate all schedules. More information is available on the Saint Luke's website.

**Pondering Scripture – A Study of Exodus; Mondays, 9:30am, Tilson Room.** We gather to gain a deeper understanding of scripture with teaching, discussion, and prayer. Currently, we are studying Matthew's Gospel. Open to all ages, and newcomers are welcome at any time. Led by Sandy Porter. Begins Monday, January 10. Questions? Contact Sandy Porter at sporter@saint-lukes.com.

**Pondering Scripture – Encouraging Words in Discouraging Times; A Look at the Book of Isaiah. Wednesdays, 1:30pm, Tilson Room.** We gather to gain a deeper understanding of scripture with teaching, discussion, and prayer. This year we will take a look at some of the words of Isaiah the prophet. Open to all ages, and newcomers are welcome at any time. Led by Sandy Porter. Begins Wednesday, January 5. Questions? Contact Sandy Porter at sporter@saint-lukes.com.

**The Rector's Men's and Women's Bible Studies: This semester in the Rev. Richmond R. Webster's lecture-based Bible study, we will explore the teachings of Jesus through the eyes of Mark's Gospel.** Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. (Men's Bible Study & Breakfast) Resumes January 12. Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. (Women's Bible Study- Youth Commons) Resumes January 13.

**Coffee with David Hall:** Men! Do you have thoughts, opinions, ideas, and wisdom that the world does not yet appreciate? Are you now or someday hope to be a curmudgeon? Then you will want to join David for coffee on Monday mornings at 8:00 am in the Founders Room. There will be coffee, fellowship, and the opportunity to solve the problems of the world. Resumes January 24. For more information, email the Rev. David Hall at dhall@saint-lukes.com.

**Abide: An adult formation where we study scripture, liturgy, and cultivate our spiritual practices with Life in The Vine.** For those who seek to take seriously Jesus' challenge "to change and become like children" (Matthew 18:3), this book serves as an invitation to the same joyful journey. Beginning Sunday, January 9. Open to all ages at 6:00pm in Rm 214. We will meet the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month, and you can drop in any week- nothing to prepare ahead of time. Please contact Leah Rice to sign up or for more information, leah.rice@icloud.com.

**The Faithful; Heroes of the Old Testament.** This book study is open to all women on Monday evenings from 5:30-7:00 pm in the Tilson Room. Patty Gilbert is the leader. Contact Patty for more information! 205-821-4424 Pattygilbert@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

**Authentically, Uniquely You.** Join us on Wednesday mornings, 9-10:30am, in the Tilson Room for our next ladies bible study using Joyce Meyer's book: Authentically, Uniquely You. Women of all ages are encouraged to join, as each season of life gives perspective, encouragement and comfort. Psalm 139: 16-19 "One of the best gifts you can give yourself is to accept yourself and believe that God created you with His own hand in your mother's womb. All His works are wonderful – and that includes you." We look forward to learning alongside you! The study will begin January 19th. Please contact Jennifer Coltharp or Stacie Tubb to sign up or for more information jbf-franklin26@gmail.com.