



SAINT LUKE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2022

11:00 am ✦ Rite II

Please enter quietly as we prepare our hearts for worship.

Welcome! Our service begins in the BCP on page 355. The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and The Hymnal 1982 are found in the pew racks. The congregation's responses are in bold. Children of every age are welcome in all services. A nursery is available for children ages 4K years and younger. Hearing aids are available. See an usher for assistance.

THE GREAT PROCESSION

PRELUDE

Wake, Awake for Night is Flying J.S. Bach

INTROIT *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* arr. Covey-Crump
*Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing early minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.*

HYMN *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken* Hymnal 522

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLE
The Landers Family

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

The Celebrant says

Almighty 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 Congregation Sings

**O come, O come Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here; until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel; shall come to thee O Israel.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty 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

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plough shares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

ANTHEM

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus Daniel 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 HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

ANTHEM

I Wanna Be Ready arr. James Miller

I wanna be ready Ready to put on my long, white robe.

*I would not be a sinner, I'll tell you the reason why,
Cause if my Lord would call on me, Lord, I wouldn't be ready to die.*

*I would not be a gambler, I'll tell you the reason why,
Cause if my Lord would call on me, Lord, I wouldn't be ready to die.*

I wanna be ready ready to put on my long, white robe.

THE SERMON The Reverend David Hall

THE NICENE CREED *All stand.* BCP 358

We 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 Tina Darnall, Margaret Newton, Betsy Pringle, Sheila Shugerman, and Tommy 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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Silence

CONFESSION BCP 360

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 ABSOLUTION

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

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY HYMN

As the Dark Awaits the Dawn Carl F. Schalk

*As the dark awaits the dawn so we await your light.
O Star of promise, scatter night, loving bright, loving bright,
till shades of fear are gone.*

*As the blue expectant hour before the silvering skies,
we long to see your day arise, whole and wise, whole and wise,
O lucent Morning Star.*

*As the moon reflects the sun until the night's decrease,
may we your healing light release, living peace, living peace,
unto your holy dawn.*

*Shine your future on this place, enlighten every guest,
that through us stream our holiness, bright and blest, bright and blest;
come dawn, O Sun of grace.*

PRESENTATION ACCLAMATION *All stand to sing*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heav'n - ly 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

Schubert

S130

The Celebrant continues

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

*We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.*

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

Be Known to Us

Frank Boles

*Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.
The bread which we break, alleluia.
Is the communion of the body of Christ.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

Ave Verum Corpus

W.A. Mozart

*Ave, verum corpus
natum de Maria Virgine,
Vere passum immolatum
in Cruce pro homine,
Cujus latus perforatum
unda fluxit (et) sanguine,
Esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine*

*Hail, true body
born of the Virgin Mary,
Who truly suffered, sacrificed
on the Cross for man,
Whose pierced side overflowed
with water* and blood,
Be for us a foretaste**
In the test of death.*

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 "Sleepers Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us HYMNAL 62

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Wake, Awake For Night Is Flying

Michael Burkhardt

If you have a prayer request, you may contact clergy at clergy@saint-lukes.com or Sandy Porter 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*; Dr. Jordan Rippey, *Associate Pastor*; 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

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Class of 2022

Reed Avant - Children & Family Ministry
Ann Johnson - Outreach, MACÉ, & 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- SLDS and Founders Place
Sara Ford- Finance
Gerald Gillespy-Worship and Facility Management
Anna Manasco- Youth
George Wilbanks- Finance

Appointed Members

Derick Belden - Clerk
William Nicrosi - Treasurer
John Rutherford- Jr. Vestryperson

Give via Text (205) 576-4100

1. Text the amount you would like to give to (205) 576-4100.



PLEDGE ONLINE

Announcements

Stewardship Update As of November 22, 2022:
Number of Pledges – 388;
2023 Pledges received - \$2,958,488;
We have reached 77% of our 2023 Goal of \$3.8 million.

Your annual pledge allows us to properly plan for the upcoming year, making it one of the most important things you can do for our church. Pledge online at any time. Our finance office is always available and willing to answer any questions or provide help in making your pledge online or in person.

The clergy and staff of Saint Luke's invite the senior adult men of Saint Luke's to lunch on November 28 at 11 a.m. in Graham Hall. To RSVP, call Stephanie Sierke at 205.871.3583.

Calling all Parents of infants through 6th grade! Sign up for Parents Night Out on Friday, December 2nd from 6:00pm - 9:00pm in Graham Hall. Nursery is available! We will provide Pizza for dinner, Christmas cookie decorating, and a movie! Come in your PJs! Register www.saint-lukes.com/parentsnight-out.

On Friday, December 2 at 11:30 am, Saint Luke's Episcopal Church Women (ECW) invite you to a fellowship event that is sure to put you in the Christmas spirit! We are excited to welcome Melisa Tyson, of Blossoms 205, who will teach us to make a beautiful fluffed wreath for your front door. The church will provide wreaths, we ask that you bring cuttings from your front yard, ribbon, and floral shears or scissors. This event takes place in Graham Hall. Lunch is provided. The more the merrier, bring a friend! To register, visit our website under updates.

With the Christmas season quickly approaching, there are many opportunities for parishioners of all ages to come together in service for our community and beyond.

1. Samaritan Place Market: A Christmas Village is collecting toys for invited guests to shop at greatly reduced prices. Toy donations are due to Canterbury United Methodist Church by December 4. More information is available on our website under updates.
2. On Sunday, December 11 at Saint Luke's during the 10 o'clock hour, we will pack Bags of Kindness for Norwood Elementary. All ages are invited to participate! This will take place in Graham Hall. No registration required.
3. Sawyerville Christmas Project provides gifts of food, clothes and household items to economically disadvantaged adults in Hale County, Alabama, an area of our diocese that is consistently rated one of the poorest in the nation. Adopt a star from the Sawyerville tree in Claypool Commons.
4. Community Furniture Bank is collecting towels during the month of November. Please deliver to Community Furniture Bank, 219 Distribution Drive Birmingham, AL 35209.
5. American Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday, December 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The gift of Christmas Eve flowers in honor of our loved ones is a long standing tradition of Saint Luke's. The Nave will be filled with poinsettias on Christmas Eve given in memory or in thanksgiving for loved ones of the Parish. Names of your gifts will be included in the Christmas Memorials Bulletin. Please complete the form found in the Communication Stations throughout the church or to pay by check make your check payable to Saint Luke's Church.



Give Something that Means Something: Please join us for the Saint Luke's Episcopal Church Blood Drive, Sunday, December 4 from 9am – 2pm in the Founders Room. For appointments, please follow the QR code, visit redcrossblood.org, or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

News from Saint Luke's Kitchen! Shop frozen casseroles and other supper items in our new freezer located in the Maloof Entrance near the Day School double doors. The freezer is first-come-first-serve and will operate by the Honor System. Payment is by QR code cash or check. Items are \$10 each. We will continue to update you as we "live into" this new system. Check social media for updates! Questions? Contact kitchen@saint-lukes.com.

The Saint Luke's Christmas Pageant is Sunday, December 18 at 10 a.m. in the Nave for children ages 4k - 6th grade! Register your child at www.saint-lukes.com/childrens-christmas-pageant. A mandatory dress rehearsal will take place Sunday, December 11 at 10 a.m.

Celebrate Christmas Eve at the following times: 2 p.m. Family Eucharist; 5:00 p.m. Family Eucharist with Contemporary Choir and Musicians (prelude music begins at 4:30 p.m.); 7:00 p.m. Festival Eucharist & Carols with brass; 9:00 p.m. Festival Eucharist & Carols with brass. We will worship with one service at 10 a.m. on Christmas Day, December 25.