



# SAINT LUKE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

3736 Montrose Road  
Birmingham, Alabama 35213

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2022 ✠ 8:00 AM Rite I

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

*Welcome! Our service begins in the BCP on page 323. 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.*

### HYMN

*Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken* Hymnal 522

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

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

**A**lmighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

### THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 2:1-5

**T**he 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!

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 Matthew

*People Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Matthew 24:36-44

**J**esus 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 be to thee, O Christ.*

THE SERMON

The Reverend David Hall

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 HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive the consecrated bread and wine of the Eucharist. The bread is received in the open palm. The wine may be taken from the common cup by drinking (placing your hand gently on the base of the cup to guide it), or by dipping the wafer of bread. If you are not receiving the wine, you may fold your hands across your chest. For those choosing to receive neither the bread nor the wine, you are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. Please place your arms across your chest in reception of the blessing. Gluten-free bread is available upon request.*

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 Glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*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, 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.*

*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: \* Lauren Tinsley

#### POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

**A**lmighty 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

"Sleepers Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us Hymnal 62

#### THE DISMISSAL

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

#### Soloist: Lauren Tinsley

Lauren Tinsley recently graduated from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where she earned Bachelor of Arts in Music. During her time at UAB, Lauren was an active participant in the university's opera program, sang in two of the university choirs, and served as president of the Student Chapter of the National Association of Teachers Singing. Lauren has a great passion for opera and enjoys participating in the local opera community. Outside of singing, She also loves camping, baking, and spending time with her family.

**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

#### 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- 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



PLEDGE ONLINE

**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.

#### Announcements

**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. We will dine on fish and more from Chef Jimmy! 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! Nursery will be provided for infants -3K. Register at [www.saint-lukes.com/parentsnight-out](http://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.



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

**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 hundreds of 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. To participate, 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.

**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](mailto: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](http://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.