



SAINT LUKE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 4, 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

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming John Carter

INTROIT "Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us

*"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us,
the shout of rampart guards surrounds us:
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"
Midnight's peace their cry has broken,
their urgent summons clearly spoken:
"The time has come, O maidens wise!
Rise up, and give us light; the Bridegroom is in sight. Alleluia!
Your lamps prepare and hasten there,
that you the wedding feast may share."*

HYMN *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People* Hymnal 67

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLE
The Barclay 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 O Branch of Jesse's Tree,
free them from Satan's tyranny!
That trust thy mighty power to save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel; shall come to thee O Israel.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

ANTHEM

Thou Shalt Know Him when He Comes Mark Siret

SERMON NOTES

*Thou shalt know him when he comes, not by any din of drums,
Nor his manners, nor his airs, nor by any thing he wears.
Thou shalt know him when he comes, not by a crown nor by a gown,
But his coming known shall be, by the holy harmony
Which his coming makes in thee. Thou shalt know him when he comes.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

ANTHEM

A Spotless Rose Justice Allen, baritone

Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)
Words: Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

*A spotless Rose is blowing, sprung from a tender root,
Of ancient seers' foreshowing, of Jesse promis'd fruit;
Its fairest bud unfolds to light amid the cold, cold winter,
And in the dark midnight.*

*The Rose which I am singing, whereof Isaiah said,
Is from its sweet root springing in Mary, purest Maid;
For through our God's great love and might the Blessed Babe
she bare us in a cold, cold winter's night.*

THE SERMON The Reverend William R. Boyles

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, David Stephenson, and Tommy Tyson.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Sallie Green Cotten Lowe, 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

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence arr. Gustav 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.*

PRESENTATION ACCLAMATION All stand to sing

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow;
praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;
praise him a - bove 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

Proulx

S125

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

Our 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

Savior of the Nations, Come

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

Prepare the Way, O Zion

HYMNAL 65

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

O Thou, Of God, The Father

J.S. Bach

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

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



PLEDGE ONLINE

Announcements

Stewardship Update As of November 29, 2022:

Number of Pledges – 402;
2023 Pledges received - \$3,046,778;
We have reached 78% of our 2023 Goal of \$3.8 million.

Give Something that Means Something: Please join us for the Saint Luke's Episcopal Church Blood Drive, today, Sunday, December 4 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the Founders Room.

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. This Sunday, we are doing a brief run-through during the New Creation hour (10 to 10:45 a.m.) December 11 is mandatory dress rehearsal practice during the New Creation hour (10-10:45 a.m.). December 18 is Pageant Sunday! Please arrive by 9:30am. Beginning this Sunday, the following rooms are designated for each role:

*Youth Commons - Fifth/Sixth graders

*Room 225 - Magi/Shepherds
*Room 224 – Animals (all 4k-K)
*Room 227 - Angels

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-firstserve 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.

Shop the Saint Luke's Christmas Market on Sunday, December 11 in Founders Room. Several gift items will be available for purchase. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

On Sunday, December 11 at Saint Luke's during the 10 o'clock hour, we hope to see your family as we pack Bags of Kindness for Norwood Elementary. Many children in this community rely on school meals as a main source of food. These bags provide shelf stable foods and snacks as children are away on Christmas break. All ages are invited to participate, this is a kid friendly activity! Bags of Kindness will take place in Graham Hall. No registration required.

The 17th annual God and Jazz concert series is Wednesday, December 7 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. 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. Don't miss this cherished Christmas tradition!

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.

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 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.

You are invited to a book signing commemorating the life of Maria Campbell on Sunday, December 11 in the Founders Room.