

## Members

December 23, 2018

8:30 a.m.    11:00 a.m.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**We are currently updating our Guidebook and Church Directory for 2019. If your address or phone has changed, please check this box and include new information.**

I would like more information about serving in the following areas:

### Ministry

Children    Youth  
 Young Adult    Recreation  
 Music    Older Adults

### Service

Food Ministries    Hospitality  
 Congregational Care  
 Transportation

### Spiritual Growth

Sunday School    Bible Study  
 Small Groups    Activity Groups

### Worship

Usher    Choir  
 Communion    Greeter

### Other

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## All are Welcome at St. Luke's!

**Worship on Sundays**  
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

### Sunday School Classes

9:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Time - 10:30 a.m.  
Join us in the Hospitality Hall for coffee, donuts, and fellowship!  
(Between Sunday School and worship.)

### Ministry Staff

Jim McKinney, *Pastor*  
Harry Colter, *Pastoral Assistant*  
Terri Theil, *Music Ministry/  
Children's Ministry*  
Wes Kirkpatrick, *Organist*  
David Day Sr., *Christian Life Center  
and Senior Adults*  
Vickey Hobbs, *Business Manager*  
Ashley Scott, *Challengers*  
Beth Ryan, *Youth/Young Adult  
Ministry*  
Tim Taylor, *Facilities Manager*  
Donna Thurmond,  
*Communications/Event Coordinator*  
Amy Turman, *Day School*

To contact staff by email:  
[first name].[last name]  
@stlukesumc.org

Send announcements for the Sunday bulletin or monthly newsletter to donna.thurmond@stlukesumc.org.

#### GIVING APP

"GivePlus Church" is a mobile giving app that enables you to make one-time or recurring gifts from your smartphone. Download the GivePlus Church app from the App Store or Google Play. Thank you for supporting St. Luke's.

## This Week at St. Luke's

### Sunday, December 23

Community Breakfast: 8:00-8:30 a.m., FH  
Worship Services: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

### Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve Communion Service: 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary

*Offices Closed December 24-28*

### Saturday, December 29

Magnolia Meditation Group: 3:00-5:00 p.m., MB 213  
Saturday Supper: 4:30-5:30 p.m., FH

### Sunday, December 30

Community Breakfast: 8:00-8:30 a.m., FH

*Offices Closed December 31-January 1*

**SMB: Main Building      FH: Fellowship Hall**  
**CB: Children's Building    CLC: Christian Life Center**



December 23, 2018

*Fourth Sunday in Advent*



#### *Our Mission Statement*

We are becoming a faithful community of disciples striving to share the heart, mind and hands of Jesus Christ with ALL people.

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# Order of Worship

December 23, 2018

## Chiming of the Hour

## Welcome and Announcements

Harry Colter

## Liturgist

Phyllis Gay

## Prelude

*O Little Town of Bethlehem* ARR. KENNETH VARNER  
Wes Kirkpatrick, organist

## \*Call to Worship

**Leader:** God has done great things for us!

**People:** God's love is heralded in the promise of Christ.

**Leader:** Holy is God's name!

**People:** God's promises are fulfilled in the coming of Christ.

**Leader:** God's mercy extends from generation to generation.

**People:** God's salvation is offered in the gift of Christ.

## \*Opening Hymn

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

UMH 229

## Lighting of the Advent Candle

*For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth!*

## Word and Wonder (11:00 a.m.) *Jesus Loves Me* (verse 1) UMH 191

*Children come down for children's sermon during Jesus Loves Me.*

*Afterwards, children ages 3 years-3rd graders may leave for Children's Church.*

## Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

## Giving of Tithes & Offerings

(Use our giving app: "Give Plus Church.")

## Unison Offertory Prayer

Dear God, you blessed Mary by making her the mother of your only Son, Jesus Christ. You have blessed us, as well, with the gift of your Son, and indeed, with the gift of life itself. Out of all these blessings, we give you back these offerings this day. Knowing that your promises will be fulfilled, we pledge our lives to you in anticipation of the coming of the One who brings us peace. Amen.

## Offertory

*Mary Did You Know* MARK LOWRY/  
Linda Hensley, solo BUDDY GREENE

## \*Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 94

## \*Hymn of Preparation

*Away in a Manger*

UMH 217

## \*Scripture

Luke 1:39-45

## Anthem

8:30 a.m. *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* ARR. CAROLYNE TAYLOR

11:00 a.m. *Do you Hear What I Hear* REGNEY/SIMEONE  
Chancel Choir

## Message

Pastor Jim McKinney

## \*Affirmation of Faith

UMH 885

**We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth.**

## \*Gloria Patri

UMH 70

## \*Closing Hymn

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

UMH 238

## \*Benediction

*Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

## Postlude

*Larghetto*

CHARLES RINCK

\*Stand as able

UMH: Blue Hymnal TFWS: Black Hymnal W&S: Green Hymnal CCLI 11116308

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

*Monday, December 24 • 5:00 p.m.*

## Announcements

**Silver Sneakers Starts January 7.** It's now easier than ever to live a healthy, active lifestyle at any age. The SilverSneakers FLEX® program is bringing fitness, fun and friends right to St. Luke's. And it's FREE for SilverSneakers members, \$2 per person for non Silver Sneakers Members. Group fitness classes will include Sit & Be Fit on Monday and Thursdays, SS Chair Yoga on Tuesdays, and SS Circuit on Wednesdays. All classes are 9-10 a.m. in the Christian Life Center. Contact April Carpenter at 378-0504 for more information.

**Babygarten Resumes January 9-February 13.** This free program designed for babies 0-18 months provides exposure to language through rhymes, songs, and books. Each session, which begins Wednesday, January 9 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lounge, will also include free play time and crafts such as toys or baby book items. Attend one or as many classes as you wish. No fees, just come prepared to play and sing with your baby! Contact Marcy Mittelstadt at marciam1126@gmail.com.

## Prayers of the People

Frank Marion, Vickey Hobbs, Barbara Johnson, Hunter Parham, Bob Hendrix, Lourenda McKinney, Alex Wofford, Dorothy Ham, Betty Fly, Carol Smith, Wayne Bengston, Mary Lou Theil, Jim Burch, Jr., Danny Hobbs, Lucinda Biller, Gil Herren

## *Friends coping with cancer:*

Charlie Palmer, Oliver Strickland, Susan Lowry, Jennifer Cottam, Brenda Blackwell, Don Day, Thomas Day, Lynn Manley, Oma Strickland, Lisa Manning, Melanie Semore, Michelle Heck, Mrs. Vick, Eugene Callaway, Edna Poletti

## *Homebound friends this week:*

Evelyn Brady, Kaye Cocke, Nancy Davis, Doris Eavenson

To submit or update a prayer request please fill out the yellow prayer card in the pew pocket and place it in the offering plate or send an email to Janie Hendrix at prayer.request@stlukesumc.org.

**Assistive listening devices are available to those needing hearing assistance. Please ask a church usher for one.**

*We are glad you are here to worship with us today.*

Everyone is a child of God, and at St. Luke's we believe we are here to share Christ, serve all people in our community and love as Jesus loved.

If you are visiting today, please register your attendance by completing the information below.

## Visitors

December 23, 2018

8:30 a.m.  11:00 a.m.

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Age group (*circle one*)

18-26 27-40 41-55 56-65 66-up

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have children or youth?  Y  N

*Please check all that apply:*

First time visitor  Returning visitor

Regular attendee

I would like to know more about becoming a member of St. Luke's.

I would like to speak with a pastor.

I would like to know more about Jesus Christ and the Christian faith.

How do you prefer to be contacted?

Phone  Email  Text

Meet for Coffee  Home Visit

How did you hear about St. Luke's?

I would like to receive the following e-newsletters:

\_\_\_ *The Epistle* (monthly news)

\_\_\_ Children's Ministry

\_\_\_ Youth Ministry