



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II



Sunday, December 4, 2022
11:15 a.m.

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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Liturgy Guide for this Bulletin
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Assistant Organist

The Adult Choir

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Jeronia Blue

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Kennedy Thedford

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We are delighted you are worshipping with us today. You are welcome here. Our congregation comes from near and far and represents a wide range of histories, traditions, ethnicities, and racial, social, and religious backgrounds. We practice our faith through worship and service to the community. It is our hope and prayer that at St. Luke's you encounter a caring congregation committed to the ministry of Christ.

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THE ENTRANCE RITE

VOLUNTARY

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659
'Savior of the Nations, Come'

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME

A bell tolls. The people stand.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Advent wreath originally emerged as a devotional tool used in the home but eventually migrated into the church. It is a visual symbol that marks the progression of time in Advent. The symbolism is especially powerful in the Northern Hemisphere as the wreath's growing light contrasts with the increasing darkness of winter.

Celebrant Light of the world, in grace and beauty,
Mirror of God's eternal face,
Transparent flame of love's free duty,
You bring salvation to our human race.

People Sacred mystery, we light the second candle of Advent for peace.

Once the candles are lit, the Celebrant continues:

We kindle it with your peace. We await the coming of Christ who gives us a pattern for peace and beloved community through his example of righteousness and justice.

People Saving God, look upon your world, heal your land and your people.
Prepare us to be changed. Teach us to be righteous and just, as you are.
Amen.

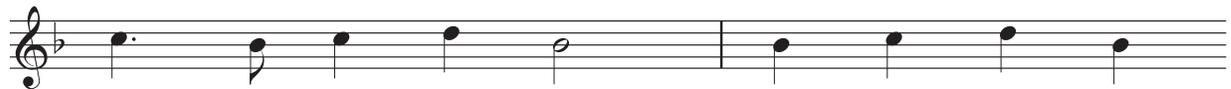
IN PROCESSION • Hymn 54

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Savior of the nations, come!



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's
2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the
3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing
4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both
Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and
his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and
sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.
king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation:
People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

The Celebrant continues

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. —*Hebrews 4:14*

Stand or kneel as able.

THE CONFESSION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

Celebrant and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

The Celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

The musical notation consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is labeled 'Cantor' and 'All'. The second staff is also labeled 'Cantor' and 'All'. The third staff is labeled 'Cantor' and 'All'. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

All stand.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 235

Celebrant God 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 WORD OF GOD

All are seated.

THE FIRST READING

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.

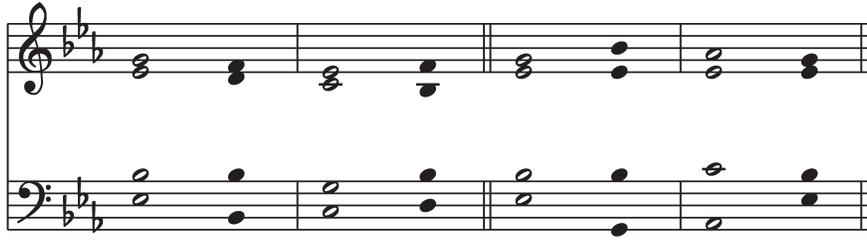
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

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.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.



- ¹ Give the King your justice, O / God, *
and your righteousness to the King's / Son;
- ² That he may rule your people / righteously *
and the poor with / justice;
- ³ That the mountains may bring prosperity to the / people, *
and the little hills bring / righteousness.
- ⁴ He shall defend the needy among the / people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the op- / pressor.
- ⁵ He shall live as long as the sun and moon en- / dure, *
from one generation to an- / other.
- ⁶ He shall come down like rain upon the / mown field, *
like showers that water the / earth.
- ⁷ In his time shall the righteous / flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no / more.
- ¹⁸ Blessed be the Lord God, the God of / Israel, *
who alone does wondrous / deeds!
- second-half* †¹⁹ And blessed be his glorious Name for / ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. A- / men.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand.

AT THE SEQUENCE • Hymn 75

Ascension

There's a voice in the wilderness crying



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a____
2 O____ Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee
3 but the word of our God____ en - du - reth, the____



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst____ of



high - way, a high - way for our God! The____
peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the
na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
flowers of the field they____ per - ish, like
feed his____ flock like a shep - herd, the



lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of
lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



pla - ces where the Lord our____ God____ may go!
na - tions shall____ pass like a dream____ a - way;
lead them, and____ bring them____ safe to his fold.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Horace L. Griffin

Following the sermon, a period of silence is kept.

All stand.

THE NICENE CREED

EOW 53

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

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,
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*BCP 387

- Intercessor God of the watching, God of the waiting: Be present with us.
 Gracious God, we watch with hope as the candles on the Advent wreath are lit.
 Help us to set our minds on things eternal.
 God of the watching, God of the waiting,
People Be present with us.
- Intercessor We pray for all in authority, especially Joseph, our President, Brian, our
 Governor, and Andre, our mayor. We look forward to the day when your peace is
 experienced by all. God of the watching, God of the waiting,
People Be present with us.
- Intercessor We pray for the city of Atlanta that we may be a community of hope and justice
 in this world. God of the watching, God of the waiting,
People Be present with us.
- Intercessor We rejoice in new life all around us, for the birth of; we give thanks for the CYF
 transformation process, and for our friends at San Pablo Parish in
 Camaguay, Cuba, God of the watching, God of the waiting,
People Be present with us.
- Intercessor We pray for those who are sick, lonely, those experiencing homelessness, those
 who are hungry, and all who have asked for our prayers: Martha, and Van; grant
 that they may know the healing power of your love.
 God of the watching, God of the waiting,
People Be present with us.
- Intercessor We pray for those who have died, including Wendy Barringer, and the ones
 for whom the altar greenery is given Jane Ward Girardeau; grant that we may
 share with all the saints in your eternal kingdom.
 God of the watching, God of the waiting,
People Be present with us.

The People may add their own petitions silently or aloud.

THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

The Celebrant says

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify us with the light of his blessing and set us free from all sin. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

EOW 56

Celebrant The Peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Cain-Oscar Bergeron, *tenor soloist*

This is the record of John,
when the Jews sent priests and Levites
from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?
And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly,
I am not the Christ. And they asked him,
What art thou then? Art thou Elias?
And he said, I am not. Art thou the prophet?
And he answered, No. Then said they unto him,
What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us.
What sayest thou of thyself? And he said, I am the voice of him
that crieth in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord.

—*John 1: 19-23*

All stand.

AT THE PRESENTATION • Hymn 65

Bereden väg för Herran

Prepare the way, O Zion



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
 His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
 All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.

Refrain



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

*BCP 361

Celebrant God 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 our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs of everlasting life; that when Christ shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord • S-129

Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a 3/4 time signature. It consists of four lines of music. The first line begins with a whole rest followed by a half note G4, then a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The second line features a triplet of quarter notes (G4, A4, B4) followed by a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4. The third line starts with a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, and a quarter note E4, followed by a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, and a quarter note B3. The fourth line begins with a triplet of quarter notes (G4, A4, B4), followed by a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4, ending with a quarter note G4. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the blessed Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly

country where, with blessed Luke, Mary, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

People AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 FRACTION ANTHEM • S-161

David Hurd (b. 1950)

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

THE INVITATION

BCP 364

Celebrant 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.

All are seated.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you need communion brought to you, please let an usher know.
Gluten-free wafers are available at the communion station by the pulpit.

Prayer ministers are available in the back of the church, if you would like personal prayer.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Hymn 53 • Once he came in blessing

Gottes Sohn ist kommen



1 Once he came in bless - ing, all our ills re - dress - ing;
2 Still he comes with - in us, still his voice would win us
3 Thus, if thou canst name him, not a - shamed to claim him,
4 One who thus en - dur - eth bright re - ward se - cur - eth.



came in like-ness low - ly, Son of God most ho - ly;
from the sins that hurt us, would to Truth con - vert us:
but wilt trust him bold - ly nor dost love him cold - ly,
Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, from our sins re - lease us;



bore the cross to save us, hope and free - dom gave us.
not in tor - ment hold us, but in love en - fold us.
he will then re - ceive thee, heal thee, and for - give thee.
let us here con - fess thee till in heaven we bless thee.

Hymn 70 • Herald, sound the note of judgment

Herald, Sound



1 Her - ald, sound the note of judg - ment, warn - ing us of right and
 2 Her - ald, sound the note of glad - ness; tell the news that Christ is
 3 Her - ald, sound the note of par - don— those re - pent - ing are for -
 4 Her - ald, sound the note of tri - umph; Christ has come to share our



wrong, turn - ing us from sin and sad - ness
 here; make a path - way through the des - ert
 given; God re - ceives his way - ward child - ren,
 life, bring - ing God's own love and pow - er,



till once more we sing the song.
 for the one who brings God near. Sound the trum - pet!
 and to them new life is given.
 grant - ing vic - tory in our strife.



Tell the mes - sage! Christ, the Sa - vior King, has come!

All stand.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*BCP 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Eternal Majesty,

We praise you for your love in coming to us.

**Give us grace to accept the Christ who comes in your name,
 and the courage to be Christ for others.**

**We praise and thank you, God of Creation,
 for you have not left us alone.**

**Each year you come to us, Emmanuel,
 God with us in a manger.**

**Each time you come to us
 in the broken bread and the cup we share.
 In time or out of time you will be revealed
 and we shall see you face to face.**

**Give us courage, God our strength,
 to see your Christ in all who suffer,
 to be hands to the helpless,
 food for the hungry,
 and rescue for the oppressed. Amen.**

COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

When communion is taken to home-bound parishioners, we send forth our Eucharistic Visitors with these words:

Celebrant On behalf of this congregation, I give you these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We send you forth with the body and blood of Christ.**

THE BLESSING

IN PROCESSION • Hymn 76

Winchester New

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

THE DISMISSAL

*BCP 366

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

VOLUNTARY

'Sortie' from *Dix Pièces*

Eugène Gigout (1844-1925)

— ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES —

DEC. 4: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8 a.m. Worship Service with Communion

Holy Eucharist Rite I, spoken.

8:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Childcare in Nursery

9 a.m. Family Worship Service with Communion

Holy Eucharist for children and families with music, fewer readings and a brief reflection. All are welcome.

10:15 a.m. Forum in Budd Hall

Details below.

11:15 a.m. Worship Service with Communion

Holy Eucharist Rite II, with full choir and sermon.

7 p.m. Messiah Sing-Along

Details below.

Today—Forum: Parenting for a Better World with Dr. Ellen Ott Marshall

At 10:15 a.m. this morning, in Budd Hall, Dr. Ellen Ott Marshall will join us for a conversation about the book, “Parenting for a Better World,” which she co-edited. Ellen is a professor of Christian Ethics and Conflict Transformation for the Candler School of Theology. She is director of the school’s Graduate Division of Religion.

Dec. 11—Forum: Meet The Rev. Dr. Gabrielle Thomas

At 10:15 a.m. next Sunday, Dec. 11, in Budd Hall, The Rev. Dr. Gabrielle Thomas, who is St. Luke’s Theologian in Community will lead our Forum conversation. She serves as assistant professor of Early Christianity and Anglican Studies for the Candler School of Theology.

Dec. 18—Forum: The Rev. Dr. Danielle Hansen

Join us for a conversation with The Rev. Dr. Danielle Hansen, who is assistant professor of Practical Theology and Spiritual Care for the Candler School of Theology. She is also the school’s director of the Chaplaincy Concentration.

Fridays in Advent: Lunchtime Live! Concert Series

Please join us on Fridays during Advent for a short concert and lunch. Fridays, Dec. 9 and 16, we will host musicians for a 30-minute concert at noon, followed by a boxed lunch, catered by Henri’s Bakery, in Budd Hall. Our Dec. 9, concert will feature Daniel Cherrix, former associate organist for St. Luke’s. A \$15 recommended contribution supports lunch and the Lunchtime Live! series. Please register on **Realm**.

Dec. 11: Engaging our Faith—Worship and Sacraments

Please join The Rev. Elizabeth Shows Caffey from 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 11. This class will focus on Holy Eucharist. We’ll discuss the practice of worship, our sacraments and how these connect to our experience of faith. All are invited to participate.

Welcome The Rev. Nicole Lambelet

On behalf of the Children, Youth and Families (CYF) Search Committee, we are excited to welcome The Rev. Nicole Lambelet as St. Luke’s Associate Rector for Children, Youth and Families. Nicole’s vocation centers on the tasks of discipleship, evangelism and mission, as she attempts to follow Jesus by creating spaces for healing, resiliency and hope, especially among the church’s youngest members. Nicole is married to Kyle and together they attempt to keep up with their two children, the great outdoors and the best tacos in town.

Today: Messiah Sing-Along

Please join us for St. Luke’s 47th Annual Messiah Sing-Along, this evening, at 7 p.m. The cost of admission to this performance is a plastic jar of peanut butter, which will benefit the Atlanta Community Food Bank. The performance will feature members of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Clinton Smith. Soloists include Holly Flack, soprano, Sarah Larsen, mezzo-soprano, Carlos Enrique Santelli, tenor, and Kevin Burdette, bass. A reception will follow the performance in Budd Hall.

Today: Join the Sojourners at the Messiah Sing-Along

Join St. Luke’s Sojourners group at the Messiah Singalong on Dec. 4. The group will gather at 6:35 p.m. in the bell tower. We will split up for the program and those who wish to sing can join their sections and non-singing spectators can go to the balcony to enjoy the music. There will be a reception for this group following the performance.

Christmas Flower Dedications

If you would like to honor a loved one by contributing to the flowers and greenery for St. Luke’s Christmas Eve services, please use the QR code (below). Paper copies of the dedication form are available at the reception area desk. There is a suggested contribution of \$25 per name or family unit.



Advent Outreach Tree Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed each Sunday in Advent to help sell fundraising ornaments for the St. Luke’s Advent Giving Tree. There are three shifts. You may volunteer for any or all of them. The shifts are 7:30 a.m. until 9:15 a.m., 10 a.m. until 11:15 a.m., and noon until 1p.m. If you’d like to help, please contact David Clifton-Strawn by email: strawn.david@gmail.com.

We Gather Together—Stewardship 2023

Our 2023 Stewardship Campaign theme—We Gather Together—highlights the importance of community. Your pledge of financial support helps us plan St. Luke's programs and ministries for the year ahead. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the work we do together at St. Luke's! You can use the QR code below to make your pledge online.



Pledge Online

Today: Youth Group White Elephant Christmas Party

All youth are welcome to celebrate the Christmas season by participating in a white elephant party! Please join us from 6:45 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. in Room 203. The spending limit for gifts is \$15. Homemade gifts are encouraged.

Dec. 11: Choral Evensong with the St. Luke's Adult Choir and Canterbury Court Choristers

Please join us beginning at 3:15 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11. Käthe Wright Kauffman will give a pre-evensong organ recital. Kauffman is the organist for Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church in Atlanta. At 4 p.m., the Choristers of Canterbury Court will join the St. Luke's Adult Choir in leading the music for a service of Choral Evensong. There will be a reception in Budd Hall following the service.

Dec. 14: Food, Friendship and Faith—A Time for Moms

This is a monthly gathering for moms to come together to support one another, get to know one another, and have their spiritual cup filled with food and friendship. Join us as we share a meal with fellowship around tables. If you need childcare, please let The Rev. Nicole Lambelet—nicole@stlukesatlanta.org—know the Monday before the lunch.

Dec. 11: St. Nicholas Event for Children and Families

Children and families are invited to join St. Nicholas for storytelling following the Evensong service on Dec. 11, at 5 p.m. in Budd Hall. We'll enjoy Christmas treats and learn about the story of St. Nicholas.

December Fill the Baskets

For the month of December we will collect items for Foreverfamily, an organization that focuses on providing services to children with incarcerated parents and their families.

Foreverfamily works to ensure that, no matter what the circumstances are, all children have the opportunity to be surrounded by the love of family. Foreverfamily serves 34 families that on average have three kids in their family.

Needs include: Walmart or Kroger gift cards ideally in denominations of \$50, \$75 or \$100.

Donation baskets are located at the reception desk and in the Narthex on Sundays and weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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An Invitation to Advent at St. Luke's

**indicates nursery care | **indicates incense at service*

12.4

ADVENT II

8, 9* & 11:15*** a.m. | Worship Services
7 p.m. | Messiah Sing Along

12.11

ADVENT III

8, 9* & 11:15*** a.m. | Worship Services
3:15** p.m. | Organ Recital & Choral Evensong
5 p.m. | CYF St. Nicholas Event

12.18

ADVENT IV

8, 9* & 11:15*** a.m. | Worship Services

12.24

CHRISTMAS EVE

2, 4***, 8*** and 11** p.m. | Worship Services
*Carols and seasonal anthems 30 minutes prior to the
8 and 11 p.m. services.*

12.25

CHRISTMAS DAY

10 a.m. | Worship Service

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