

the shepherd's

VOICE

wherever you are on your spiritual journey, st. luke's welcomes you

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O God,

by the leading of a star you
manifested your only Son
to the peoples of the earth:
Lead us, who know you now
by faith, to your presence,
where we may see your
glory face to face.



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Discovery



In the last 1990's, when I joined the faculty of Seabury-Western Theological Seminary (an Episcopal seminary in Evanston, Illinois), I was asked to be the faculty advisor to a new lesbian and gay support group being formed. At our first meeting, we spent a considerable amount of time discussing the name of this group. We batted around a number of good suggestions, including the name, The Barrett-Boswell Society, in honor of the first openly gay Episcopal priest, Ellen Marie Barrett (Diocese of New York, 1977) and Dr. John Boswell, the foremost historian on the Church and homosexuality. Finally, we settled on the name Epiphany!

The group wisely thought it fitting to name the group Epiphany. The name both noted the Episcopal Church's recognition of this liturgical season as well as its parallel meaning with gay discovery. Epiphany is January 6, the day designated as the wise Magi discovering the baby Jesus and God's manifestation in Christ to the world. The feast of the Epiphany reminds us that God invites us to seek out Christ in our lives and discover the ways that God makes God's presence known to us. So, Epiphany is about discovery and manifestation. As Christians, we are called not only to discover God with us, but how God is manifested in our lives through the Christ child each year.

In the best of circumstances, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered persons experience a Eureka moment! There is a discovery that they are wonderfully made by God (Psalm 139:14) and—as Genesis informs us--that their creation is a good one. Growing up in the larger Church and world, lgbt persons have often been deprived of this message and must set out on a journey of self-discovery, recognizing how God has been made manifest in their lives through their love, care, and Christian witness. In this seminary community, the group became an embodiment of Epiphany, supporting LGBT persons on their journey and offering a witness to the seminary community.

Years later as a gay Episcopal priest at The (Episcopal) General Theological Seminary, I had a conversation with a gay seminarian who reminded me of the importance of my "coming out." As he went through the ordination process in the Diocese of Atlanta, he said that I became living proof for him that a gay man could get through the process and become ordained a priest. His statement underscores that we are all called to let our light shine for others.

The power and beauty of Epiphany is that we are all invited into a life full of discovery of who we are and how we manifest God in our lives. When Epiphany leads us to the discovery of our worst selves that can lead us to hurt others and grieve the Holy Spirit, prayer for God's help can always lead us back to a place that is life giving and loving. As you find your way on this Epiphany journey of discovery, may you be amazed at how you will find God anew in your life.

Horace +



New Sunday Schedule Begins

Sunday, January 9, 2022

The Baptism of Our Lord

Thank you for your patience during these early days of transitioning back to a full Sunday schedule. I am pleased to announce that we are moving back to three services on Sunday mornings beginning January 9.

We will continue to evaluate attendance and participation as we go forward with the goal of more Sunday programming in 2022. The new Sunday schedule includes a dedicated family service, a service for families with children.

You will notice that the formation schedule is tight in our attempt to give all of our children access to music instruction as well as teaching. Please be patient with us while we work to get those time slots just right.

-Winnie

8 a.m. Worship Service with Communion Holy Eucharist, Rite I spoken

9:15 a.m. Family Worship Service with Communion Holy Eucharist for children and families (all are welcome) with music, fewer readings, brief reflection, and communion.

9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Senior Choristers Rehearsal (Grades 6-12) in Room 201

10:15 a.m. - 11 a.m. Formation (Sunday School) Faith formation classes for adults, children, and youth.

- Middle and High School Sunday School (10:15 -11:00 a.m.)
 - Club 56 (Grades 5-6) Room 205 (when indoors)
 - Rite 13 (Grades 7-9) Room 203
 - J2A (Grades 10-12) Room 202
- Children's Sunday School (10:15-11:15 a.m.) Children's Sunday School includes class time and music rotations where everyone is welcome to learn, no one must perform.

10:15-10:45 a.m.

Grades 3-5 have music instruction (Junior Choristers)
Grades 1-2 have class time

10:45-11:15 a.m.

Grades 1-2 have music instruction (Preparatory Choir)
Grades 3-5 have class time

11:15 a.m. Worship Service with Communion Holy Eucharist, Rite II with full choir and sermon

11:15 a.m. Youth Groups

Club 56 (Grades 5-6) Room 205

Rite 13 (Grades 7-9) Room 203

J2A (Grades 10-12) Room 202

12:30 p.m. Gathering Time: Christian Education, small group meetings, and working meetings.

St. Luke's and Ebenezer Baptist Church to Launch Speaker Series

St. Luke's is teaming up with Ebenezer to create a forum for discussion of matters of faith. The Speaker Series is the fruit of the partnership between two historic Atlanta institutions designed to catalyze people of faith to deepen our spiritual journeys and expand the external impact of our actions, as faith-based people and communities, on each other and our world. Each session will be an interview format led by the Rev. Winnie Varghese and the Rev. Dr. Raphael Warnock or the Rev. Dr. John Vaughn. All members and friends of Ebenezer and St. Luke's are invited, as well as the public.

The Ebenezer-St. Luke's 2022 Speaker Series will include:

February 6 | 1p.m. at St. Luke's

The Rev. Lisa Sharon Harper, founder and executive director of Freedom Road, joins us to speak about the unfinished business of civil rights, human rights.

TBD | 1 p.m. at Ebenezer Baptist Church

Heather McGee, author of "The Sum of Us," joins us to reflect on her book, which is the focus of this year's St. Luke's-Ebenezer Lenten Book Study.

June 5 | 1 p.m. at St. Luke's

The Rev. Brian McLaren, author and public theologian, on Church and Society: Engaging climate change and the future of our Earth.

September 25 | 1 p.m. at Ebenezer Baptist Church

Dr. Willie Jennings, professor at Yale Divinity School, on how we can be "the village" in raising children.

November 13 | 1 p.m. at St. Luke's

Rev. Dr. Wil Gaffney, Biblical scholar at Brite Divinity School, on "New Wineskins" to study, interpret, and teach our faith.



LENTEN BOOK STUDY

SAVE THE DATE for the second annual Lenten book study with Ebenezer Baptist Church! Last year's study of *Caste* was so successful that we decided to continue this shared ministry for another year. This time, we'll be reading *The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together* by Heather McGhee. The book critiques the zero-sum economic paradigm that asserts that progress for some inevitably comes at the expense of others and offers a vision of solidarity across race that benefits everyone.

Our gatherings will be held via Zoom on eight consecutive Wednesday evenings during and after Lent, from 6 - 7:30 p.m., beginning on March 9 and ending on April 22 (including the Wednesday of Holy Week). Each session will begin with a brief segment of music and a homily, followed by brief opening remarks from either, our rector, the Rev. Winnie Varghese, or the Rev. John Vaughn, senior pastor at Ebenezer. The remainder of our time will be spent in small discussion groups, which are the major part of the evening and the heart of the ministry.

Look for registration information in the weekly email the Shepherd's Notes and online. Registration will begin in January, with participants asked to read the assigned part each week and attend all eight sessions. For more information, contact: Emilee Walker-Cornetta (ewalkercornetta@gmail.com) or Janelle Hiroshige (janelle.hiroshige@gmail.com).



Opportunity to Learn and Act: Child Sex Trafficking

Following a fall forum on Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) at the Temple's Rothschild Center for Social Justice, faith leaders from The Temple, St. Luke's and Redeemer Lutheran have partnered together to hold additional information sessions to spread awareness on this issue among the constituents of our faith communities. CSEC, also known as child sex trafficking, refers to a range of crimes and activities involving the sexual abuse or exploitation of children.

Join us on January 13, 2022 between 6-7 p.m. for a live workshop that will provide attendees with a foundational understanding of CSEC and identify steps each attendee can take to spread awareness and respond to this issue in their communities. The training will be led by Naeshia McDowell, the Statewide Coordinator for Georgia's CSEC Response Team. The Zoom link is: <https://tinyurl.com/2KF9BW59>, the meeting ID is 811 0609 0926 and the passcode is 034084. For questions or more information about the event, please contact Jon Tonge at jtonge@gmail.com.

Our goal is to make this the first of several efforts to spread awareness through faith. If you would like to learn more and/or get involved St. Luke's efforts on this issue, please join St. Luke's FAN Sex Trafficking effort [by signing up here and click FAN SIGN UP > Sex Trafficking](#).

FAN spotlights help spread awareness about the social justice causes supported by St. Luke's that are among our Faith & Advocacy Network team focus areas. They highlight ways that we can live a Jesus-centered life by educating ourselves about issues in our community and steps we can take to make a difference. The way of love is a way of life.

Ascensa Health in January

Ascensa Health at St. Jude's Recovery Center was established in 1962 by a partnership of downtown Atlanta business leaders, judges, and inner-city churches to address the problem of chronic alcoholic court offenders. Since then, the organization has grown to include eight facilities in metro Atlanta. Its services are rooted in the belief that addiction is a disease and that treatment must focus on the whole person. Its evidence-based approach addresses substance abuse as well as mental and physical health. The organization operates with a balanced budget and is debt free.

St. Luke's is collecting hygiene kit items for Ascensa:

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|-------------|------------------|
| Soap | Body Wash |
| Deodorant | Sanitary Napkins |
| Floss | Shampoo |
| Tooth Brush | Conditioner |
| Tooth Paste | Razors |
| Socks | |



Annual Parish Meeting Sunday, January 30

10 a.m. Worship Service
11:15 a.m. Meeting

We'll have one worship service this morning and no formation. There will be a program for children during the meeting.

The Nursery opens at 9:30 a.m.

JANUARY 9

Engaging the Spiritual Practice of Hope in Complicated Contexts

10:15 a.m. | *Budd Hall* | *in person and streaming live online*

The Rev. Gray Temple, Episcopal priest and theologian, author of *The Molten Soul* will speak about the practice of hope from the context of his world and wisdom. In the midst of the challenges and dischord of our world, we turn again to the spiritual practice of hope. What does hope look like in our current context? What is it to live in the tension of despair and hope? There is within each of us the capacity of the human spirit to thrive, to hold onto hope even when all external evidence says otherwise.

Sacred Ground

12:30 p.m. | *St. Luke Room* | *in person*

Sacred Ground is a 10-part series is built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. Participants are invited to peel away the layers that have contributed to the challenges and divides of the present day – all while grounded in our call to faith, hope and love. This series is open to all. If you are interested in being added to the list for the next class to be formed, contact the Rev. Elizabeth Shows Caffey.

JANUARY 16

Hope in Economic Security

10:15 a.m. | *Budd Hall* | *in person and streaming live online*

Hope Wollensack will talk about hope in a way that disrupts some of the usual ways that word is understood. She will be speaking from the context of her work in the Old Fourth Word. Ms. Wollensack is the executive director of the The Old Fourth Ward Economic Security Task Force which strives to bring greater economic supports for residents of one of Atlanta's most historic and rapidly gentrifying neighborhoods. Ms. Wollensack has authored reports examining historic roots and on-going policies that perpetuate inequality.

Lectio Divina with the Gospel of Thomas

10:15 a.m. | *Wilmer Chapel* | *in person*

Lectio divina is a powerful means of reading sacred text for spiritual growth. Join Sophia Brothers-Peterman and others in the gentle, nonthreatening practice of group lectio divina with the Gospel of Thomas. We will meet the third Sunday of every month, working our way through this collection of 114 sayings, called logia, said to be the words of Jesus written down by Thomas, the Twin. Come as you are able.

JANUARY 23

For the Good of the Church

10:15 a.m. | *Budd Hall* | *in person and streaming live online*

What do we need to learn and receive from "the other" to help us address challenges or wounds in our own tradition? That is the key question asked in what has come to be known as 'receptive ecumenism.' Gabrielle Thomas, Anglican priest, professor at Candler, and author, will talk with us about how radically different theological and ecclesiological perspectives can be a space for learning and receiving gifts for the well-being of the whole Church.

Sacred Ground

12:30 p.m. | *St. Luke Room* | *in person*

JANUARY 30 - No formation classes. Please join us at 11:15 a.m. in the Nave for the Annual Parish Meeting.

FEBRUARY 6

***Calf*: A Theatrical Presentation about Mass Incarceration**

10:15 a.m. | *Budd Hall* | *in person and streaming live online*

How would you like to be identified for your entire life by the one worst thing you've ever done? Out of Hand Theater Company presents *Calf* by Levi Jelks which follows Eli "Bull" Willis in the months after he's released from incarceration, as he attempts to overcome obstacles to building a new life and connecting with his son. This is a two part series on mass incarceration advocacy. February 13 will include a "talk back" session with the actor and the Georgia Justice Project.

The Ebenezer-St. Luke's 2022 Speaker Series

1 p.m. | *at St. Luke's in Budd Hall* | *in person and streaming live online*

The Rev. Lisa Sharon Harper, founder and executive director of Freedom Road, joins us to speak about the unfinished business of civil rights, human rights.

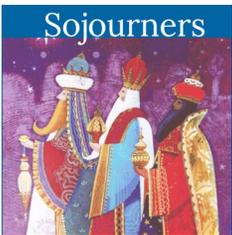


CELEBRATE THE RENEWAL OF OUR BAPTISMAL VOWS BY GIVING SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

To celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord we will collect items for Crossroads on Sunday, January 9, 2022. Volunteers will be waiting to receive donations you bring with you to the 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. service, and we will have a drop off collection at the upper church parking lot (off Peachtree), from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. for those who prefer to drop off after the services. Please donate as many of the items as you can to help Crossroads this winter!

- BOTTLED WATER – unopened, plain water (not fizzy) – any size or brand
- CANNED VEGETABLES and CANNED FRUIT – any type or size, green vegetables are great
- DRIED GOODS – rice, coffee, chicken and beef broth, paper napkins
- NEW UNDERWEAR AND SOCKS – new unopened underwear and socks, all sizes, male and female
- DIAPERS – disposable diapers, sizes 0 to 5

If you want to involve children, have them help shop or write notes for Crossroad clients to include with the donations – all ages are welcome! There are funds available to reimburse your shopping, especially if you are donating a lot of items. If you can't donate items but want to help Crossroads, please consider a financial donation directly to Crossroads: <http://crossroadsatlanta.org/give>. Please contact Rod Ganske (rganske@gmail.com) with any questions.



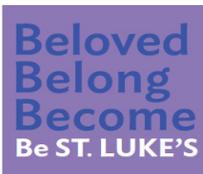
Sojourners Celebrate Epiphany with a Party!

After a COVID-related hiatus, the Sojourner's Epiphany Party is back! The 2022 Epiphany Party will be different from past years.

The party will be a casual affair

at Arches Brewing in Hapeville, which is owned by St. Luke's parishioners Jamey and Sydnee Adams. This craft brewery has ample room to spread out, with both indoor and outdoor spaces. There will be food, drink, fire pits, and sparklers!

The party will be on Saturday, January 8, from 5 - 8 PM. Mark your calendar and scan the QR code at right to make a reservation online.



Thank you to everyone who completed a pledge card for 2022! If you haven't yet done so, members of the St. Luke's Stewardship Committee encourage you to make a pledge at your earliest convenience. Final touches to the budget will

be made in mid-January, so we ask that cards be submitted before Sunday, January 16.

Making a pledge is easy! To pledge online, go to the "Give" tab on the church website or scan the QR code below and it will take you there. You can also call Mark Simmons (404-873-7600) and he will enter the pledge for you.

2022 promises to be an exciting year for our church family and we ask every St. Luke's parishioner to participate in this growth and momentum by supporting the church through your giving of financial resources and your engagement. Won't you join us?



MUSIC at ST. LUKE'S

Choral Evensong and Organ Recital

— Sunday, January 9 —

4:15 p.m. **Organ Recital by Matthew Michael Brown**

*Music by Dieterich Buxtehude, J.S. Bach,
Herbert Howells, and Maurice Durufle*

5 p.m. **Choral Evensong for Baptism of Our Lord**

*The Reverend Winnie Varghese, Officiant
Music by Harrison Oxley, Philip Moore, and Grayston Ives*

In person and streaming live online.

— Sunday, March 6 —

4:15 p.m. **Organ Recital by Ahreum Han**

*Director of Music, First Presbyterian Church,
Fort Worth, TX*

Music by Cook, Bach, Berveiller, Vierne, and Liszt
Concert Sponsor: Ann and Brian Kimsey

5 p.m. **Choral Evensong for Lent**

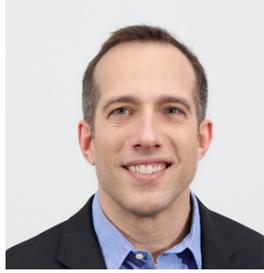
*The Adult Choir sings music by Gjeilo, Byrd,
Noble, and Howells*

In person and streaming live online.

Introducing the Vestry candidate slate to be voted on during the Annual Parish Meeting on January 30 at 11:15 a.m.



Fontaine
Draper



Whit
Lanier



Drew
Putt



Greg
Vaughn

Fontaine Y. Draper

Fontaine is an educational consultant with Education Connection Advisors

Involvement at St. Luke's:

- Good Samaritan
- Act III
- Community of Hope
- Rector Search Committee

Community activities:

Educational consultant helping families with school placement.

Ministry areas candidate thinks best suits their skills/talents:

"The area of pastoral care, listening and being present to those in need, best fits my calling."

Whit Lanier

Whit is a technology entrepreneur who is co-founder and CEO of Amplify Reviews

Involvement at St. Luke's:

- TACC board member, 2012-2018
- Grants Committee, Chair-elect
- Married at St. Lukes in 2009
- Three daughters baptised at St. Lukes
- Parishoner since approximately 1980
- Mail Room volunteer, 1992

Community activities:

- Sartain Lanier Family Foundation, Board Member
- Emory Brain Health Center, Advisory Board Member
- Bass player in a rock and roll band (Penny Western)
- Brazillian Jiu Jitsu brown belt
- Chauffeur for my kids to endless activities and sporting events

Ministry areas candidate thinks best suits their skills/talents:

"I'm happy to share my skills/talents in whichever area they are needed."

Drew Putt

Drew is Chief Business Officer at Georgia's Own Credit Union.

Involvement at St. Luke's Church:

- Sunday School Teacher K-6
- Finance Committee
- Cuba Ministry
- Communion Bread Angel
- Intercessor/Reader

Community activities:

- Past Board member Fernbank Natural History Museum
- Junior Achievement Atlanta and Raleigh
- University of South Carolina Moore Business School
- YPO
- Central Atlanta Progress Board
- Cross Roads Atlanta Board
- University of South Carolina Gamecock Alumni Chair Atlanta
- Rotary Club International, Atlanta Chapter

Ministry areas candidate thinks best suits their skills/talents:

"How and wherever I can best serve the church."

Greg Vaughn

Greg is a Management Consulting at Spencer Stuart
Involvement at St. Luke's:

- Chair, Rector Search Committee
- Chair, Associate Priest Search Committee
- Member, Associate Priest Search Committee
- Junior Warden
- Vestry
- Leadership St. Luke's

Community activities:

- Emory University Board of Trustees
- Woodruff Health Sciences Center Board
- The Carter Center Board of Trustees
- Achieve Atlanta Board of Directors
- The Rotary Club of Atlanta

Ministry areas candidate thinks best suits their skills/talents:

- Strategic Planning
- Talent Management
- Community Partnerships
- Diocesan Relations



We celebrate the lives that make up the
community of St. Luke's Church.

Birthdays during January

1	10	Meredith Entin	Donna Pearson
Ashlee Holbein	Sherry Hansel	19	26
Bill Kootsikis	Reese Crozier	Debbie Newman	Karen Coker
Bobby McFall	11	Valerie Martin	27
Andrew Sinclair	David Davis	Ella Eiland	Max Hall
Adam Miller	Robert Card	Michele Wagner	Carol Farshy
Trish Rucker	12	Michele Bertolino	James Dempsey
Sharon Foster	Cathy St. Cyr	20	Henry Dempsey
2	Lee Tabb	Elizabethn Graettinger	William Dempsey
Joe Geshwiler	Scott Brooks	Harlan Stone	Ava Carubia
William Bryan	Scott Stephens	Jackie Howell	Annika Speakman
David Forehand	Annette Hines	Tim Willis	Darryl Holloman
3	Ellen Marshall	Cecily O'Neal	Richard Gerakitis
Kay Hodges	13	Elizabeth Tozzer	28
Cissy Benedict	Todd Williams	Sylvie Lanier	Chi-boy Odihe
Walter Tambke	Elizabeth Shows Caffey	21	Ann Walton
4	14	David Haslam	29
Chi-Ch Nkemadu	Adria Gunter	Jody Iodice	Ada Ebbis
Jacque Watts	Joann Johnston	Noah Evans	Becca Daniels
Jeff Muscarella	Asher Mullis	22	Joe Hamilton
Peggy McCurry	15	Diamond Clark	Kate-Pride Muse
Scott Norris	Josh Duckwall	Diane Hawkins	Ragan Morrison
Seth Ledbetter	Sally Crouse	Kirk Duncan	Mary Stuart Hall
Hans Kershaw	Elkin G. A. Taylor	Noah Baker	Catherine Opsahl
5	16	Keri Conley	30
Greg Vaughn	Knox Massey	David Foster	Will Smalley
John Michael Boswell	Penny Miller	Katherine	Madison Pringle
Wyck Jones	Cheryl Lower	Marshall	Elise Zdan
6	Andrew Hillhouse	23	Jacob Zdan
Kay Betts	Lorrie Matthews	Bob Lightsey	31
Ted Gaillard	Anna Topfl	Nick Stephens	Megan Cramer
Amy Turner	Simeon Odihe	Nita Parihar	Jill Rickman
Davis Tinsley	Leigh Schrope	Deane Pless	Charles Slick
7	Stephanie	Sylvia Williams	Caperton Putt
Cab Townsend	Hendricks	24	
Lizzie Jones	Brandon McMahan	Alex Thibadeau	
Tim Whelan	17	Bill Townsend	
Eddie Gordon	Bill Brown	Burk McMichael	
8	Jerry Hamm	Julia Johnson	
Ed Adams	Mary Beatrice Robin- son	Martha Arrington	
Clarke Morrison	Meredith	Shameria	
Daphne Hall	Gifford	Fletcher	
Grace Blanchard	18	Paula Menefee	
Julia Blanchard	Alex Crozier	25	
9	Jonathan	Chris Kinney	
Ayres Gardner	Serrie	Mac Thompson	
Cindy Burris	Judy Simmermon	Rob Plummer	
Edwin Dill	Juliet Stephens	Amalia Stephens	
Brenda Bracken	Karen Kelly	Carolyn Benedict	
Kara Hollis	Madeleine Girardot	Susan Brooks	
Jane Kohut-Bartels	John Wallace	Andrew Pettway	
Sandra Richardson		Sharon Gay	

The Rev. Winnie Varghese
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2021 Vestry

Melba Hughes, Senior Warden
Carrie Teegardin, Junior Warden

Lindley Cole Bruce Gunter
Jimmy Cushman Livingstone Johnson
Amy Doyle Bobby Mays
Caroline Foosee Ray Uttenhove
David Gillon John Zintak

Pat Brumbaugh, *Chancellor*
Scott Inman, *Finance Chair*
Richard Lee, *Clerk*
Brian Opsahl, *Treasurer*

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Pastoral Concerns

Call the church at 404-873-7610
9 a.m.-5 p.m., weekdays

- To connect with our Pastoral Care staff for such things as illness, hospitalization, miscarriage, divorce, unemployment;
- To add a name to our parish prayer list
- To have someone placed on the St. Luke's Intercessory Prayer list to be prayed for daily.

After-hours and on weekends, call the church at 404-873-7600 to get the name and number of the priest on call.

*May God bless you and comfort you
in your difficult times
as well as your joyful ones.*

Submit Announcements

E-mail Hala Hess White
hala@stlukesatlanta.org
to submit articles and information.

*The deadline for each month
is the middle of the preceding month.*



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*"Wherever you are on your spiritual journey,
St. Luke's welcomes you."*

Wise Women Also Came

Wise women also came.

The fire burned
in their wombs
long before they saw
the flaming star
in the sky.

They walked in shadows,
trusting the path
would open
under the light of the moon.
Wise women also came,
seeking no directions,
no permission
from any king.

They came
by their own authority,
their own desire,
their own longing.

They came in quiet,
spreading no rumors,
sparking no fears
to lead
to innocents' slaughter,
to their sister Rachel's
inconsolable lamentations.

Wise women also came,
and they brought
useful gifts:
water for labor's washing,
fire for warm illumination,
a blanket for swaddling.

Wise women also came,
at least three of them,
holding Mary in the labor,
crying out with her
in the birth pangs,
breathing ancient blessings
into her ear.

Wise women also came,
and they went,
as wise women always do,
home a different way.

-Jan Richardson

