



# VOICE

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*1Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, 2looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.* Hebrews 12:1-3



I have been thinking of that glorious cloud of witnesses since Barbara Brown Taylor invoked them upon us on October 17. (If you missed it, you can listen to her sermon at: [stlukesatlanta.org/podcasts/sermons/](http://stlukesatlanta.org/podcasts/sermons/)). She was talking about St. Luke's particular cloud. I am still learning about them, but I can imagine that you could see them as she spoke. The ones that welcomed you to St. Luke's; the ones they told stories about; the ones that looked after you as a child; or inspired you from the pulpit or the street. Glorious.

In November, as we prepare for a season of holidays and longer dark evenings, I invite you to remember the company of saints that hold you up. The generations that have prayed within these walls and warmed these pews and kneelers, and the generations to come, who will try to make sense of the choices we make today.

One of those choices that is new for me this year is a St. Luke's pledge card. I have one on my desk, and I am pretty excited to fill it out and take another step in joining you, here, concretely, in the work of the God's kingdom in this amazing place. In a time when it has been hard to find images of hope, one of mine was at the very beginning of that October 17 service. The little kids on the inside of the doors of the church began to push it open, peeking around at us, in case we forgot our part. Open, before we could knock. The best image of God I've had in a long time.

There is nothing you have to do to belong here. We try our best to love as God loves. This place is for you. If you have it in you to give back to this great church, now is the time to do it, to help us plan for 2022. Please pray about it, and fill out one of those cards when you get it in the mail. Let's plant some hope for 2022. Let's be the people that might open a door before there is a knock. Let us honor what has come before us and be prepared to join that glorious company of saints.

Like that guy Tom who hired Barbara Brown, I hope together we can do what seem like ordinary things that change the way the world has been.

Winnie

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# Adult Education

## SUNDAY MORNINGS

### NOVEMBER 7

#### **The Unseen Impact of Pandemic on Vulnerable LGBTQ Youth** 9AM in Budd Hall and online

Did you know that on any given night there are only 15 beds in the city of Atlanta available in shelters for LGBTQ youth who are experiencing homelessness? Join us as we talk with Pat Raegan from the organization Lost and Found, as she reflects on the disparate impact of the pandemic on LGBTQ youth. This pandemic has made apparent how interconnected we are and amplified the charge to seek Christ in all persons and love our neighbors. Lost and Found is an organization that seeks to end homelessness for all LGBTQ youth by providing them with the skills and support needed to live independently.

### NOVEMBER 14

#### **Impact of Pandemic on Our Christian Expression** 9AM in Budd Hall and online

David Pacini is the Charles Howard Candler Professor Emeritus of American Religious History at Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Much of his research has explored the boundaries and intersections of literature, art history, psychoanalytic theory and philosophical theology in modern European thought. Join us for a conversation as we continue to ask what are we bringing with us out of pandemic, what is the world we want to live in, and how is our Christian expression impacted.

#### **Lectio Divina with the Gospel of Thomas** 9AM in the Wilmer Chapel

(note day change; usually each 3rd Sunday of the month)

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.

#### **Sacred Ground Dialogue Circle** 11:30-1:30 pm in the St. Luke Room

(lunch is available)

Facilitator: Jackie Lawrence

Sacred Ground is a sensitive, prayerful framework that creates space for difficult but respectful and transformative dialogue on race and racism. The 10-session small group invites participants to walk back through history in order to peel away the layers that brought us to today, reflecting on family histories and stories, as well as important narratives that shape the collective American story. Each session is guided by the vision of beloved community – where all people are honored and protected and nurtured as beloved children of God.

### NOVEMBER 21

No Sunday School because of the Annual Parish Retreat.

### NOVEMBER 28 - THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**THE ADVENT FESTIVAL:** NO "regular" class today; instead, we'll create beautiful Advent Wreaths for home and engage in other Advent activities.

## WEDNESDAYS

#### **LUNCHTIME BIBLE STUDY: A CONTEXTUAL READING OF THE BOOK OF RUTH**

12-1 p.m. in the Parkins Room or on Zoom

The Ruth narrative opens with a climate crisis - a famine pushed a family to migrate - and addresses some of the critical concerns for refugees: food, security, home, land, inheritance. Around those concerns, "Losing Ground: Reading Ruth in the Pacific" offers a collection of Bible studies from the Pacific that interweave the climate pandemic with the interests and wisdoms of Pasifika natives. Join the Rev. Winnie Varghese on Wednesdays for a lively discussion.

#### **MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS**

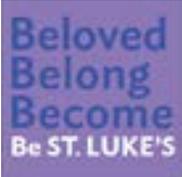
November 3, 10, 17 | 6:30-7:20 pm in the St. Luke Room

As we prepare to enter the season of Advent, the St. Luke's clergy are offering reflections about Mary. The Rev. Elizabeth Shows Caffey will talk about Mary, the young girl who is called to be Godbearer and look at what brought her to this moment. The Rev. Winnie Varghese will talk about Mary having the Shakti, feminine power. The Rev. Horace Griffin will talk about Mary the Virgin.

#### **FIVE PRINCIPLES THAT MAKE FOR A GREAT RELATIONSHIP**

November 3 | 6:30-8 p.m. in Budd Hall

Join Linda and Louis McLeod for the second, and final, session on successful relationships.



The Beloved + Belong + Become stewardship campaign is in full swing. Given this moment of possibility for St. Luke's, we have endeavored to learn your hopes and dreams for our parish and what we might become together. Aspire cards have been distributed widely to gain your valuable insights as to where resources should be directed in the coming years. Last weekend, the Stewardship Committee hosted a Forum during which even more was learned. There have also been wonderful cottage gatherings with Winnie inviting participants to share their aspirations for St. Luke's. There are still a few cottage gatherings left, and you can make a reservation online. We've even gotten a little playful with our stewardship videos that are being released each week.

All this effort is to raise awareness of the tremendous opportunities that lie ahead for St. Luke's. Meeting the needs of our parish and community does have a cost.

Many of the aspirations we have heard so far are expensive. The goal for this campaign is a 5% (\$96,000) increase and our stretch goal is 10% (\$191,000).

Pledge packets have been mailed to parishioner homes; let the church office know if you have not received yours. Please consider your financial resources, pray for our church's future, and as you are able, help us build the future we desire through your 2022 commitment. Then, bring or mail your pledge card on or before November 14 so that it can be blessed.

Thank you for your support of our great church. We are excited about this next chapter in our history and celebrating in the new year, and always, that we are beloved, we belong, and that we are becoming more of who we are called to be.



The chill in the air reminds us that it will soon be time for the Daughters of the King's (DOK) annual Winter Coat Drive. We ask the congregation to join us in providing warm coats for our friends who on the streets without permanent homes. Start checking your closets for gently-used coats to donate. DOK will begin collecting them toward the end of the month and then they will donate them to Crossroads to distribute.

## NOVEMBER IS FOR VOTING

A great way to lift up the values of Jesus in our lives is to vote, and the November 2 election provides us a good opportunity to influence local laws and policies that shape social justice issues.



Last month, St. Luke's Faith Advocacy Network Gun Violence Prevention hosted two events in October discussing gun violence and remembering its victims. The first event was the Public Health Gun Violence Prevention Forum, which included Atlanta's top five

mayoral candidates. Dr. Mark Rosenberg, president emeritus of the Task Force for Global Health, shared insights on the science of preventing gun violence before the mayoral candidates debated solutions to gun violence.

The second event was our annual vigil remembering victims of gun violence to honor the over 1,300 people who have died by gun violence since the beginning of 2020, as well as those who lost their lives at the Tree of Life Synagogue three years ago.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to these multifaith events. Our partners, The Temple's Rothschild Center for Social Justice and Ebenezer Baptist Church's Social Justice Ministry, were instrumental in planning the forum with us. St. Luke's staff welcomed visitors and created a beautiful, prayerful, and inspiring service recognizing the victims, survivors, and communities affected by gun violence. Finally, thanks to a host of volunteers who helped publicize the event and welcomed our guests at the events.

## ADVENT REFLECTIONS BY EMAIL

Last year, because of the pandemic, we emailed the reflections to the entire parish in Advent and Lent. This year, we will print hard copies. If you prefer to receive the daily email, please sign up online. If you received the email in 2019, you will automatically be signed up for the daily email. If you're not sure, but would like it, just sign up again from the Registration/Sign Up button on the church website or scan this QR code for the form. Hard copies of the booklet will be distributed the first Sunday in Advent.



Reflections by Email

## IT'S CHRISTMAS IN NOVEMBER

when our basket collection supports the work of Emmaus House. Please fill the baskets with toys for Christmas: balls, books, dolls and stuffed animals. When choosing dolls and books, please remember to be culturally sensitive - most of the children who will celebrate Christmas at Emmaus House are children of color. Please place your donations in the Outreach baskets located in the Narthex and Reception Area.



## 45th Annual MESSIAH SING ALONG

We are eager to welcome the return of the annual MESSIAH SING ALONG on Sunday, December 5, at 7pm. This year's performance will partner with the Atlanta Community Food Bank.



Everyone who attends is asked to bring a plastic jar of peanut butter as their admission to the performance. The jars will be stacked in the bell tower room prior to the performance and delivered to the food bank the following day.

The performance will feature members of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Herbert Buffington, St. Luke's Associate organist and artist-in-residence. Soloists include Adelaide Boedecker, soprano; Gabrielle Beteag, mezzo-soprano; Sam Hagan, tenor; and Calvin Griffin, bass. Music scores will be available for purchase for \$15 in the narthex that evening. A reception will follow the performance in Budd Hall.



## TECH CHAMBER CHOIR TO PERFORM

Music at St. Luke's is thrilled to welcome the Chamber Choir of Georgia Tech University in concert on Sunday, November 14, at 3 p.m. Under the direction of Dr. Jerry Ulrich, the choir will present Francis Poulenc's colorful "Gloria", a beloved choral work composed in 1959. The choir will be accompanied on the Alston Memorial Organ by Hyokyoung Byun, a graduate student at Georgia State University.

The concert is a terrific opportunity for St. Luke's to connect with these talented and bright students. Please make every effort to attend and support their performance.

## ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

### Sunday, November 29

The Choirs of St. Luke's will offer this service of Advent Lessons and Carols beginning at 4 p.m. A prelude of music begins at 3:45 p.m. This annual tradition features lecturers from leadership at St. Luke's and guests from Atlanta non-profit organizations. Music includes anthems and hymns by Benjamin Bachmann, Franz Biebl, Craig Phillips, Rosephayne Powell, Mark Sirett, and Charles Wood. A reception will follow the service in Budd Hall.



Throughout the Advent season, join us each Friday at 12 p.m. for an informal 30-minute concert featuring exciting performances by Atlanta musicians. A boxed lunch will be available following each performance in Budd Hall. You may reserve lunch using the online form (which we prefer) or call the church office. If you'd like a box lunch, please let us know by 5 p.m. on the Monday preceding the concert.

Friday, December 3, 12 p.m.  
 GSU Guitar Studio  
*Students of Professor Luther Enloe*



Friday, December 10, 12 p.m.  
 Portia Shuler Hawkins, pianist



Friday, December 17, 12 p.m.  
 Atlanta Jazz Trio



On December 1 at 6:30 p.m., St. Luke's will host a World AIDS Day Eucharist, remembering and praying for those we have lost to HIV/AIDS and those currently living with HIV/AIDS; their families, friends and caregivers; those who work to find a cure and those who work to bring about just programs and systems associated with HIV/AIDS. We also recall St. Luke's role as a stronghold for love and social justice from the beginning of the AIDS crisis. Music for the service will include hymns and anthems by American composers who succumbed to the virus. Please make plans to attend.



**TEAM BUILDING  
ON  
WHEELS**



**RITE 13  
CONGRATULATIONS!**

Grace Blanchard, Julia Blanchard, Madelynne Shows Caffey,  
Ryan Conley, Anna Fowlkes, Link Healan, Elias Kidd,  
Violet Kilfeather, Steve Marshall, Zoe Marshall



**CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES  
SCHEDULE**

6:30 pm	Prep Choir in Room 201 (Grades 1 and 2)  Program in Room 205 for Grades 3-5
7 pm	Junior Choristers in Room 201 (Grades 3-5)  Program in Room 205 for Grades 1 and 2



Join your St. Luke's friends for dinner (starting at 5:30 pm), classes, hanging out and catching up, rehearsals - and more!

Class descriptions on page 3 - no registration required, just come as you can!



WE CELEBRATE THE LIVES THAT MAKE UP  
THE COMMUNITY OF ST. LUKE'S CHURCH.

*Birthdays during November*

1	Tim Baxter	Jeffrey Ezell	24
Jean Coles	Caroline Fooshee	Lessie Arnold	Marva Brooks
Dana Halberg Pless	Jim Wright, III	David Sun Zhang	Chet Tisdale
Leslie Inman	Michael Thibadeau	Andrew Cleveland	Nan Kennedy
Laurel Zdan	John Mellen	Eloisa Cleveland	Herb Fletcher
2	9	17	Hunter Moore
Jim Moore	Grace Rich	Ann Callaghan	25
David Parker	Liza Pickett	Everette Doffermyre	Joanna Griffith
Nona Pappas	Julia Paluch	Elizabeth Cunningham	Panke Miller
Jack Heath	Sumner Jones	Conover Foster	Carolyn George
Henry Izlar	Alexander Speakman	18	Jerry Shea
Evan Bassett	10	Bond Almand, Jr	Robert Harlin, Jr
3	Lee Vason	Hampton Morris	Elliott Kyle
David Purdum	Louise Faurot	Neil Schemm	Jill Knoll
Bryan Benedict	Seth Pound	Beth Wilkening	Jill Garrett
Daniel Reese	Sophie Burby	Marian Lamson	Tim Silvis
Alex Opsahl	11	Emma Payne	Jennifer Iruka
4	Al Compton	Gavin Ledford	26
Michael Doyle	Lee Nunn, III	19	Kathy Woodcock
Bruce Johnson	Marc Mosley	Mike Parks	Andrew Seymour
Joseph Bolling	Sam Tonge	Lynn Washington	Griffin Fry
Emma Neely	12	David Pless	Anne Bryan
Edgar Neely, IV	Brinson Prince	JJ Jemmott	27
Mac Muse	Edosa Osa-Ogbeide	Senna Young	Elizabeth Foxx-Ness
Mac Budd	Lilly Bencich	20	George Ude
5	Aidan Heery	Ann Brewster	Lora Rust
Tom Coleman	Abbey Dean	Gina Rudisill	Genevieve Wood
Kenneth Larsen	13	Liz Opsahl	Alexander Silvis
John King, III	Sara Barrett	Elizabeth McMillan	28
Randy Portwood	Kathryn Beane	Hampton Money	Elaine DeCostanzo
Missy Budd	Marcus Howard	Bennett Girardot	Lee Sewell
David Evans	Gena Mann	Liam Heery	Betsy Tanner
Missy Budd	Christopher Bartels	Mary Winer	Jeff Muir
David Evans	Elizabeth Baxter	Hazel Horne	Ted Pound
Courtney Bryant	14	21	Ellen Echols Purdum
James Kopp	Reuel Mae Redd	Gene Paradise	Kimberly Harlin
Jack Brumbaugh	Jane Morphis	Mary McGill	29
6	Melanie Millner	Katie Ganske	Alma Johnson
Nancy Sherrod	Robin Rowe	Carter Thomas	Chessa Gross
Steve Tedder	Allison Kopp	Alex Hall	Kate Burns
William Ward	Phoebe Mason	22	30
Elizabeth Izlar	Ethan Cunningham	Linton Hopkins, III	Gene McClure
Keira Finan	Sam Conley	Doris Muir	Frank Moyer
7	Amelia Clark	Wells Bennett	Carey Hill
Barbara O'Brien	15	Elizabeth McGhee	Sonny Wooten, Jr
Sue McAvoy	Catherine Dragon	23	Mary Anne Erricson
Whit Lanier, Jr	Jane Rigby	Carol Evans	Lofton Scronce
Betsy Davidson	Susan Sockwell	Sue Rohan	Ansley Boyer
Annie Haslam	David Kirk	Leigh Serrie	
Grace Haslam	Jackie Cushman	Melissa Krepp	
Melika Heinrich	Katherine Kiseljack	Jack Marchetti	
8	16	Katie Pringle	
Mark Simmons	Mac Holladay	Nina Heinrich	
	Sam Weyman		

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**2021 Vestry**

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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  
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to submit articles and information.

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



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### The Blessing of the Animals

