

Worship Services this Christmas Season

Wednesday, December 21

Longest Night Service

6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

A service of prayer and reflection for those who mourn or struggle during this time of year. Please join us for this service if you have experienced a loss of any type - a loved one, a job, a relationship or if you just experience a feeling of loneliness during the holiday season.

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24

4:00 p.m. - Child Friendly Service, Sanctuary

11:00 p.m. - Candlelight Communion, Sanctuary

John 1: 5-9

"Light of the World"

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25

10:00 a.m. - Potluck Breakfast, Hospitality Hall

10:50 a.m. - Christmas Worship, Sanctuary

John 1: 1-14

"Spread the Word"

Pastor Mark

New Years Day

Sunday, January 1, 2012

Worship at 8:30 and 10:50

Matthew 2: 1-12

"The Long Road"

Pastor Bee

Become a Shining Star for St. Luke's

An invitation to be a shining star for the church you love in time of need should come to you in the mail this week. Please prayerfully consider the generous ways outlined in that letter that you can help make Christmas real and beautiful at St. Luke's. By giving a generous Christmas Offering, increasing your pledge, or giving an Honorarium or Memorial gift to St. Luke's you can be a shining star for 2012.

THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S

Sunday December 18

8:00am - 9:00am Breakfast and Sunshine Service - FH.

8:30am - 9:30am Worship - Sanctuary.

9:30am - 10:30am Sunday School - Lounge.

10:50am - 12:00pm Worship - Sanctuary.

12:00pm - 1:00pm Church Council Meeting - Chapel

1:30pm - 3:00pm Bball Practice 11/12th Boys - Gym.

3:00pm - 4:30pm Bball Practice 9/10th Boys - Gym.

5:00pm - 7:00pm Youth Dinner & Activities - MB 3rd Fl.

6:00pm - 7:00pm The ELEMENT - FH

Monday December 19

9:30am - 10:00am Staff Prayers - Chapel.

5:30pm - 7:00pm Bball Practice 5/6th Boys - Gym.

6:30pm - 8:00pm LIFE Group - MB, 211.

7:00pm - 8:00pm Coin Club - Lounge.

7:00pm - 10:00pm Monday Night Basketball - Gym.

Tuesday December 20

9:00am - 10:00am Sit & Be Fit - CLC Gym.

10:00am - 11:30am Staff Meeting - MB 310.

10:30am - 12:00pm Mary Circle - Lounge.

5:30pm - 7:00pm Bball Practice 7/8th Boys - Gym.

6:00pm - 8:30pm Young Adult Ministry - MB 3rd floor

6:30pm - 7:30pm Pack 40 Cub Scouts - CB, 213.

7:00pm - 8:30pm Boy Scouts - Scout Hut.

Wednesday December 21

6:45am - 7:45am UMM Prayer Breakfast - FH.

4:00pm - 6:00pm Parables of Jesus SS Party - Lounge

6:30pm - 7:30pm Longest Night Service - Sanctuary

7:30pm - 9:00pm Chancel Choir - Choir Room.

7:45pm - 9:15pm Bball Practice 9/10th Boys - Gym.

Thursday December 22 - Church Offices Closed

Food Pantry-closed

Friday December 23 - Church Offices Closed

Saturday December 24

2:30pm - 4:00pm Saturday Supper - FH.

4:00pm - 5:00pm Christmas Eve Service - Sanctuary

11:00pm - 12:00am Christmas Eve Service - Sanctuary

Sunday December 25

8:00am - 9:00am Breakfast and Sunshine Service - FH.

10:50am - 12:00pm Worship - Sanctuary.

Church Offices Closed Thurs. Dec. 22 - Mon. Jan. 2

For the most current calendar information
visit our website - stlukesumc.org
and click on the "events" tab.

Together We Grow...

Wednesday Dinners and Activities will resume Wed. Feb. 1, 2012

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Minister of Mission
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Organist



December 18, 2011
Fourth Sunday of Advent



Gifts that won't Break

Mission Statement

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

SERVICE OF THE WORD

DECEMBER 18, 2011

CENTERING MUSIC AND HOSPITALITY

PRELUDE "O Holy Night" Joann Shelton, *piano*
setting: Herbert Colvin Wes Kirkpatrick, *organ*

ADVENT REFLECTION AND CANDLE LIGHTING

(prayer in unison following reflection)

Most High, you rule over all, and you command the nations to be still and know that you alone are God.

**Speak your powerful word of peace today,
that we and the world may truly know
the freedom from chilling fear and freedom for loving service
that is found by entrusting ourselves to your Son.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

† CAROL "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" UMH 213
tune: TRURO

HOLY BAPTISM (8:30 Service) Diane Brown UMH 45

WORD AND WONDER (10:50 service) Amy Pearson
"I've Got Peace Like a River"

**I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.**

*As we sing all children are welcome to the chancel steps.
Kindergarten age and under may leave for Children's Church after
Word and Wonder, located in Room 210 of the Children's Building.*

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MUSIC "Susses Carol"
setting: David Cherwien

† DOXOLOGY FOR ADVENT *tune:* OLD HUNDREDDTH

**O Glorious God, to you we bring
All that we are as offering;
Spirit of peace, among us dwell;
Come Jesus, our Emmanuel.**

† HYMN "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" TFWS 2171
tune: CHANNEL OF PEACE

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2: 8-14

SERMON "God's Gift of Peace" Dr. R. Mark Matheny

ANTHEM (10:50 service) "Creation Will Be at Peace" Chancel Choir
text: Isaiah 11; adapted by J. Paul Williams *setting:* Anna Laura Page

*In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease;
In the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.
The wolf will lie down with the lamb, the cow and bear will feed,
their young will play together; a little child will lead.*

*In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease;
In the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.
The leopard and goat will graze, the lion will feed on straw.
They will war no more, they will war no more;
A child will lead them all, will lead them all.*

*In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease;
In the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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, forever.
Amen.**

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AND MEMBERSHIP

† HYMN "O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines" UMH 729
tune: JERUSALEM

† BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH 431
tune: WORLD PEACE

† POSTLUDE "Jubilate Deo" Mr. Kirkpatrick
G.F. Handel

† You are invited to stand as able.
UMH United Methodist Hymnal TFWS The Faith We Sing Supplement

White Poinsettias

(additional dedications for Dec. 18)

IN HONOR OF:

St. Luke's UMC Youth given by David and Glenda
Ruth Ann Sanford given by Logan and Cody
Ruth Ann Sanford given by Scott
Rorie, Brooke, Wesley and Price given by The Medeiros Family

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Bill Jennings given by his Family
Jean and John Korpita and Kathryn Kelly given by Debbie Cargile
Alma Chick and John Chick, Jr. given by The Chick Family
J. V. and Dorothy Thomas from Becky, James, and Robert.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

8In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: 11to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. 12This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' 13And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

14'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

Luke 2: 8-14

PRAYERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Dorothy Sue Lovejoy
Rico Jenkins
Deborah Lewis
Deborah Gibson

Brooke Hall Henderson
Trudy Ellis, *Ann Al-chokhachi's mother*
Our missionaries,
David & Lorie Persons
Sue Porter

PRAYER CALENDAR FOCUS: Global Missionaries

the element
Sundays 6:00pm,
Fellowship Hall



Setting the Scene for Christmas
Dec. 18 - It's A Wonderful Life

Today's service will be broadcast on December 25, 2011.
WREC 600 AM, 8 a.m.
Given in memory of
Ruth Gibson
from Deborah Gibson