



# St. Luke the Physician Episcopal Church



## First Sunday in Advent

December 1, 2019

### WELCOME!

Are you with us for the first time?  
The worship book in the pew in front of you  
will guide you through today's service.

**Processional:** *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* (Blue Hymnal #66)

### The Collect of the Day (said together):

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**First Reading:** Isaiah 2:1-5

**Psalm:** Psalm 122 (Prayer Book, p.779)

**Second Reading:** Romans 13:11-14

**Gospel:** Matthew 24:36-44

**Recessional:** *Rejoice, Rejoice Believers* (Blue Hymnal #68)

## New to Saint Luke's?

**Welcome!** We're so glad you're here. You can participate in worship in whatever way feels comfortable to you. If passing the peace feels stressful, feel free to step outside until it's over. If you want to take communion but aren't sure if you're supposed to, the answer is: of course you can. All are welcome at the table at St. Luke's.

We know that Episcopal worship can sometimes feel a bit like stumbling into a secret society. Our hope is that you feel welcomed into rhythm of our worship, which is based on liturgy from some of the oldest traditions of Christianity.

### Join us for Coffee Hour!

Right after service, head downstairs to our Parish Hall for coffee, snacks, and conversation. The Parish Hall is down the stairs at the back of the sanctuary.

## Bathrooms

### Upstairs Bathroom (on the same floor as the sanctuary):

Go through the door at the front right of the sanctuary and down the hall until you reach a meeting room. Turn left and the bathroom is the door to the right of the kitchen area.

### Downstairs Bathroom:

At the back of the sanctuary, turn into the little cove opposite the children's area, go down the stairs to the Parish Hall then go left at the bottom of the stairs and turn into the hallway.

# In the Community

## 'Tis the Season!

### Come Make Advent Wreaths!

**TODAY after service**

Come celebrate the beginning of the Advent Season at the St. Luke's Advent Wreath Making and Cookie Extravaganza!

### Christmas Eve Service Planning

**Wednesday, December 4, 6:30 - 8 p.m.**

Come help plan the look, feel, and sound of our gathering to celebrate the birth of Jesus!

### Lessons & Carols: Readers Needed!

#### Next Sunday Service

The second Sunday of Advent will be a singing extravaganza! Come to hear the words of the prophets interspersed by seasonal songs.

**We need readers for that service. Sign-up sheet and readings are on the piano!**

### Celebration of Rev. Sara's New(ish) Ministry!

**Save the Date: Wednesday evening, January 15**

Bishop Michael Hanley will come to officially install Rev. Sara as rector of St. Luke's. We know it already feels like she's been here a long time, but come celebrate her growing ministry with a special service and reception. Contact Lainey if you want to help!

### Centering Prayer

#### Introductory Program at St. Luke's

**January 18 & 25, 2020, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Contemplative prayer is God's personal and unique gift to us and has been a part of our Christian heritage for centuries. If we are open to the gift of contemplation it may profoundly affect our daily life. This program serves to explain the gift of contemplative prayer and deepening of our relationship with God. The method of Centering Prayer will be presented and time will be allowed for practice of the prayer. Discover the meaning of Psalm 46: "Be still and know that I am God."

The registration fee is \$35, which includes a copy of the book *Open Mind, Open Heart*. Presented to the St. Luke's community and friends by experienced practitioners of Centering Prayer, commissioned to present the program by Contemplative Outreach, Ltd.

**Scholarships are available! For more information or to sign up, please contact Elaine Johnston, 907-888-8510 or fireweednak@yahoo.com**

### Community Taizé Gathering

**TONIGHT, 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.**

Songs – Stillness – Sacred Words – Silence

### St. Luke's is Stuffing Stockings for Homeless Families this Advent!

This Advent Season the St. Luke's community will be reaching out to our neighbors at My Father's House, an organization that currently houses 41 families or 120 individuals aged infant to adult.

#### We hope to stuff 120 stockings for them this Advent season!

You can start bringing in stocking stuffers anytime. Baskets/tubs will be under the Christmas tree near the altar or in the narthex.

#### Items to donate for stocking stuffers:

**Small bottles of toiletries** like lotion, body wash, fingernail polish, makeup, men's aftershave or shaving cream

**Small Toys** (no crayons or matchbox cars)

**Candy Bars**

**Earbuds**

**Tools**

**Nail Kits**

**Coloring Books**

**Gift cards** to McDonald's, Taco Bell, Burger King, Subway, Dollar Tree.

#### The last day to bring items is December 15.

We're also invited to come help fill the stockings on December 20 & 21. Details to come!

## Ongoing this Fall

### The Ark Children's Ministry

#### Every Sunday

The Ark is a children's ministry that seeks to explore God's love with kids of all ages! Parents, please come downstairs to sign your children in before service. They will leave service after the collect and will return at the peace.

### Spiritual Formation

#### Spiritual Reflection Group

Every Sunday after service.

#### Sacred Ground Group on Race & Faith

Saturday Mornings and Monday Evenings every three weeks.