

Advent

Advent begins the fourth Sunday before Christmas. The first Sunday of Advent is the first day of a new Church Year. The word “Advent” means “coming” and refers to the coming of our Lord on Christmas Day. Throughout Advent, Christians prepare to celebrate the coming of Jesus into the world and to receive Him into their hearts.



The Old Testament was a preparation for the New Testament. The Hebrew religion was a preparation for the Christian Gospel. The prophets were a preparation for Christ Himself. Year after year, the story is re-enacted as the Church prepares for its Christmas feast.

But there is also another side to it. As Our Lord came once, He will come again. As there was a first Advent, so there will also be a second. We do not know how or under what circumstances or at what time, but Christ was very specific about it—some day He will come again and there will be a summing up of what men and women have done with His Kingdom.

Advent, then, has a double significance. It looks both backward and forward, and at the same time it puts upon us a present necessity of reviewing our own spiritual condition. The judgment of God upon our lives is an ever-present fact. How do we measure up to it as the years go by?

This measuring in light of God’s judgment is the theme of the Advent Season, striking a strongly penitential note. Advent calls us to an evaluation of our Christian living with a view to a better and stronger purpose and action.

The colors used (on the pulpit and lectern and the ministers’ stoles) are BLUE and PURPLE, symbolizing royalty, pointing ahead to the birth of the King of Kings.



In addition to the use of colors BLUE and PURPLE, we celebrate Advent by the use of the Advent Wreath, Chrismon Tree (Christian Monograms), poinsettias, greenery, and special services.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

The 10:55 a.m. service is streamed at www.stlukeum.com and broadcast at WLTC 103.7 Lite FM
Broadcast live on WXTX Channel 54 at 11:00 a.m.

November 29, 2015

First Sunday of Advent

8:25 a.m. & 10:55 a.m.

Color: Purple

Invitation to Worship

The Prelude (*St. Luke Wind Orchestra*).....“Two Carols for Advent”P. Rofzell/M. Story
(*Jim Evans, Conductor*)

Processional Hymn “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”Number 211

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Congregational Response.....Number 211
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Duet (8:25 a.m.) “What Child Is This”arr. D. Besig
(*Olivia Crouch and Lyndsay Richardson*)

**Anthem (10:55 a.m., *Chancel Choir*) “With Open Hearts We Are Waiting”P. Choplin

The Pastoral PrayerThe Rev. Cindy Cox Garrard

The Lord’s PrayerNumber 895
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.

The Children’s Sermon (8:25 a.m.).....The Rev. Cindy Cox Garrard
(10:55 a.m.).....The Rev. Brett Maddocks
After the 10:55 a.m. Children’s Sermon, children who are in Kindergarten-5th grade are invited to go to Corner Kids for a time of extended worship. Parents pick them up in Stockwell Hall when this service is completed.

*Hymn “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”Number 196

The Offertory Prayer.....The Rev. Beckum

Offertory (*Orchestra*)“Ukrainian Bell Carol”.....arr. E. Del Borgo

*The Dedication of Offerings “The Doxology”Number 95
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*The Written Word.....Luke 21:25-36 (p. 81, NT in pew Bible)

The Spoken Word ..“**YOUR REDEMPTION IS DRAWING NEAR**”...The Rev. Robert Beckum

*Hymn “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”..... Number 203

*The Benediction

The Benediction Response “With Open Hearts” (Reprise).....P. Choplin

Postlude (8:25 a.m., *Adleyn Scott*)..... “My Soul Give Glory to my God”M. Burkhardt
(10:55 a.m., *Orchestra*).....“Greensleeves”arr. G. Holst

* Standing as able

** See Music Box

OUR CLERGY STAFF

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, November 29

- 8:25 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)
- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service (MIN)
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School/Youth Sunday School Assembly (The Corner, MIN)
- 10:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School (The Corner, MIN)
- 10:55 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)
Broadcast over WLTC 103.7 Lite FM
Broadcast live on WXTX Channel 54 at 11:00 a.m.
and at www.stlukeum.com beginning at 11:00 a.m.
- 12:20 p.m. Worship in Spanish (Chapel)
- 2:00 p.m. Hispanic Fellowship (Stockwell Hall, Main)
- 5-7:00 p.m. Epic of Eden Bible Study (Discovery)
Student Ministry: Middle School Crosswalk (LD, MIN)/High School (The Corner)
Orchestra Rehearsal (Room 110, Main)

Monday, November 30

- 9:00 a.m. PTO Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Room 110, Main)
- 12 Noon Kindergarten Open House (Meeting Room, MIN)
Hands for God Knitting Group (Church Parlor)
- 6:00 p.m. CHS Cheerleading Banquet (LD, MIN)
- 6:30 p.m. Upward Basketball (Gym)
- 7:00 p.m. College Night (The Corner)

Tuesday, December 1

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (SD, MIN)
- 9:30 a.m. Susan Graham's Bible Study (Meeting Room, MIN)
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 12 Noon Free Spirits Luncheon (LD, MIN)
- 6:15 p.m. Upward Basketball (Gym)
- 6:30 p.m. 3rd Grade Girl Scouts (Meeting Room, MIN)/Upward Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, December 2

- 8:30 a.m. Dads in Prayer (Youth Room, MIN)
- 8:35 a.m. SLS 4th-8th Chapel (Sanctuary)
- 9:10 a.m. SLS K-3rd Chapel (Sanctuary)
- 9:35 a.m. Preschool/ELC Chapel (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 11:30 a.m. Kiwanis (SD, MIN)
- 12 Noon Kindergarten Open House (Meeting Room, MIN)
- 3:00 p.m. 2nd Grade Brownies (Aerobics, MIN)
- 3:15 p.m. Children's Choir/Drama Practice (Meeting Room, MIN)
- 5:15 p.m. BHW Handbells
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper (**Stockwell Hall**)
- 6:15 p.m. Children's Choir/Drama Practice (Meeting Room, MIN)
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts Pack 35 (Discovery Class)/Boy Scouts Pack 35 (Commons Area)
- 7:00 p.m. Charge Conference (Chapel)
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir (Music Suite)
- 8:10 p.m. Hispanic Praise Team Rehearsal (Chapel)

Thursday, December 3

- 8:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study-*The Truth Project* (Meeting Room, MIN)
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)/Preschool Pop-Up Shop (Library)
- 11:00 a.m. Diplomates Club (SD, MIN)
- 2:30 p.m. SLS Faculty Meeting (SD, MIN)
- 7:00 p.m. New Bethel Basketball Practice (Gym)

Friday, December 4

- 8:35 a.m. Moms in Prayer (Corner Café)
- 9:30 a.m. Altar Guild Decorates
- 11:00 a.m. Christian Citizen of the Month Club (SD, MIN)
- 11:30 a.m. Altar Guild Christmas Luncheon (Room 110, Main)

Saturday, December 5

- 7:30 a.m. December 1st Saturday (Campus Wide)

Main (main building, where Sanctuary is)/MIN (Ministry Center). Contact the Ministry Center for information about renting or reserving rooms.

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

December 2 - **Stockwell Hall**--Note location change!

First Saturday volunteers are invited to work in the Ministry Center after supper!

Doors open at **5:30 p.m.** The serving line is open until **6:30 p.m.** Please make or cancel reservations by using the form below, by e-mailing jwidener@stlukeum.com, or by calling 706-256-1017 before Monday noon.

Menu: Lasagna, Green Beans, Roasted Potatoes, Salad and Dessert.

Name: _____ Adults (\$7.00) _____ Children (\$3.00) _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Email: _____

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Music Box

"With Open Hearts, We Are Waiting" Pepper Choplin

With open hearts, we are waiting. With open hearts, now we pray. In our quietness, we are calling, "Lord, come to us." With open hearts, we are waiting.

Emmanuel, O come, Emmanuel, and quench our thirsty souls. Emmanuel, O come, Emmanuel, and make our spirits whole. Our pray'r is the same as the meaning of Your name, "God be with us." Lord, come and touch our open hearts 'til our open hearts are full.

To the wounded hearts, come and heal them. Let the grieving hearts be consoled. With open hearts, we are calling, "Lord, come to us today." With open hearts, we wait for you.

WORSHIP IN SPANISH: 12:20 p.m. worship in Turner Chapel, The Rev. Dr. Ivelisse Quiñones, preaching, ¿Quién necesita un Salvador? Mateo 1:18-25

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE (THE NINE): 9:00 a.m., Ministry Center, The Rev. Robert Beckum, preaching.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The beautiful flowers in the chancel area are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Betty Blackmon Kinnett and on the occasion of the marriage of Laura Jefferson and Bob Kinnett.

CRADLE ROLL: Mr. & Mrs. Chris (Rachel) Gordy announce the birth of a son; Blake Weston Gordy on November 16, 2015 in Columbus, GA. Proud Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. George (Nancy) Gordy and Great Grandmother Mrs. Wilda Dudley. A rosebud will be placed in the chancel area in his honor.

PLEASE LET US KNOW: Due to HIPAA privacy regulations, hospitals cannot notify us if you are a patient. If you or a loved one have to go to the hospital, please do not assume that the church office knows. We would rather hear about something ten times than not at all! You may call the church at 706-327-4343 at any time or call the pastors at home! Thanks so much.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE DECEMBER
UMW GENERAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON

DECEMBER 8, 2015
12:00 NOON
LARGE DINING ROOM (MINISTRY CENTER)

SPEAKER: SYLVIA POWELL
COST: \$8.00
GUESTS ARE WELCOME!

PLEASE RSVP BY DECEMBER 3RD TO
JULIE WIDENER 706-256-1017

United Methodist Women

UWM General Meeting and Luncheon: Tuesday, December 8th, 12 Noon, Ministry Center.

UMW Bookclub: Dec. 8th, 1:30 p.m., Large Dining Room, Ministry Center. "*The End of Your Life Book Club*" by Will Schwalbe.

HOW DO I JOIN THE CHURCH?

You may become a part of the St. Luke family of God in one of the following ways:

1. If you have never joined a church before, you may become a member by profession of faith in Jesus Christ and by being baptized. If you have already been baptized (as a child or as an adult) in a Christian Church, your baptism is recognized by St. Luke United Methodist Church. You will be asked to uphold St. Luke church with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.
2. If you are a member of another United Methodist Church or another Christian denomination, indicate to one of the pastors that this is your desire. St. Luke will then transfer your membership.
3. If you have any questions about faith in Christ, about United Methodism in general or St. Luke in particular, please ask one of the pastors!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nickie Tillery, Director of Children's Ministries, ntillery@stlukeum.com
www.cornerkidz.com

Corner Kids@The Nine in Stockwell Hall, K-5th grade.

Corner Kids@11 in Stockwell Hall, K-5th grade.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR/DRAMA PRACTICE: Wednesdays, 3:45-4:45 p.m. or 6:15-7 p.m., Meeting Room, Ministry Center.



Corner Kids December Events

December 13 th	9am-11am Christmas Workshop 11am Choir Performance 5pm Christmas Caroling
December 20 th	Happy Birthday Jesus during Sunday School and Corner Kids
December 24 th	5pm Family Service- Choir Singing 6pm Live Nativity Outside

CONFIRMATION

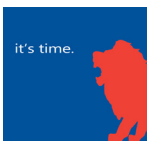
If you are visiting and interested in your child going through Confirmation, please contact Rev. Brett Maddocks bmaddocks@stlukeum.com. Confirmation is offered for 6th graders.



DECEMBER

IS CANNED SOUP MONTH!

Please bring your donations of soup to the donation tubs in Stockwell Hall and the Ministry Center.



The St. Luke School Annual Fund Campaign

bridges the gap between tuition revenue and the school's operating and facility expenses – a gap that could otherwise be filled only by a tuition increase. Our goal this year is \$150,000. The campaign runs from October 1 - December 31, 2015, but you have until June 30, 2016 to fulfill pledges made during that time. To make your gift, scan this QR code or go to <http://www.givetostlukeschool.com>. Thank you for your support!



ST. LUKE FREE SPIRITS

Tuesday, December 1

Christmas Music

Extravaganza and Lunch

There will be music, laughter, fun, frolic, door prizes and more.

11:30 a.m. • Ministry Center

Cost: \$10

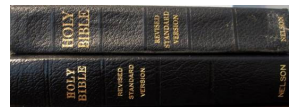
Reservations to Kym: 706-327-4343 or kym@stlukeum.com



Looking for a Sunday School

Class? Dive deeper into scripture, theology, and Biblical history with the Pathfinders Class! We strive to look at the world through the lens of the Bible, rather than the Bible through the lens of the world. Leaders: Philip & Jenny Adams, Andy & Charlotte Bowman, Mike & Yanci See, and John & Donna Yeiser. They start an Advent series November 29th. Join us for study and discussion in the Bride's Room (main bldg, downstairs).

Information: pmadam-sjr@gmail.com.



ABIDING GIFTS

If you wish to honor or remember someone, please attach to your check the name of that person and the address to which you wish the acknowledgement sent and mail or bring to the Church Office. Contact maggie@stlukeum.com.

Music Scholarship Fund: In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Register and in memory of Mrs. Carol Massey by Mrs. Joanne Cavis. In honor of Mr. Jim Evans by Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Register.

Respite Care Fund: In memory of Mr. John Portwood by Mrs. Linda Phillips. In memory of Mrs. Frances Watkins Smith by Mr. and Mrs. Neal Littlejohn and Mrs. Melinda Hunter.

Food Pantry: In honor of Mr. Richard Fowler on the occasion of his birthday by Rev. and Mrs. Dick Reese.

Chancel Choir Fund: In memory of Mrs. Frances Watkins Smith by Mr. Harvey Dunaway.

Kathy Randall Scholarship Fund: In memory of Mr. Mark Porter by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Carpenter.

VIP Fund: In memory of Mr. Mark Porter by Mr. and Mrs. William Montgomery.

Respite Scholarship Fund: In memory of Mr. John Portwood by Mr. and Mrs. Don Williams.

Open Door: In honor of Dr. and Mrs. Bill Hortman by Rev. and Mrs. Gaston Pollock.

Samaritan Fund: In honor of Rev. Cindy Cox Garrard and the Thursday Noon Women's Bible Study by Mrs. Carla Anthony.

- Respite Care -

"Caring for loved ones and caregivers."

Diane Hett, Director of Respite Ministry, 706-256-3117 or dhett@stlukeum.com.

HOLIDAY TIPS FOR CAREGIVERS –

The holidays have the potential to be stressful for most.

For Caregivers, an extra layer of stress is added.

Three tips that may help Caregivers find enjoyment in the holiday season -

- 1) Simplify – choose to lighten your load by not expecting more of yourself that you can manage.
 - 2) Enlist help – often family and friends are more than happy to assist but not sure what to do; just ask.
 - 3) Live for the moment – try not to dwell on how things once were or what lies ahead. Enjoy the time that you have with your loved one – a blessing for which to be thankful.
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THE CORNER

Jonathan and Lisa Moore, Directors of Student Ministries,
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***DNow was a huge success!** There were over 170 people involved in the weekend! We worshipped, studied, connected in community, and focused especially on 1 Tim. 4:12! As usual, the Chill and Grill on Saturday was a lot of fun as well! Everyone involved had an amazing time! Make plans to attend next year! The weekend is always the same. It's the weekend before Thanksgiving!

Souled Out O.N.E. (One Night Experience) This year is on New Year's Eve! Brad and Lisa, The Corner Worship and MOORE will be leading worship and performing at this Epic Event! There will be massive give-aways, great music, food and a New Year's Eve Bash to end all Bashes! So much fun is in store for New Year's Eve! Bring the whole family and ring in the New Year Souled Out Style!

PIPELINE is our Winter Retreat this year! We are heading to beautiful **PipeStem** Resort in West Virginia! The dates are January 15-17! Skiing and tubing will be at WinterPlace Ski Resort! There is a heated swimming pool and wonderful meeting space at PipeStem! We wanted to flip the script this year and take **JUST OUR GROUP!** The Corner Staff and family is looking forward to a bunch of togetherness and fun over the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday with all of our Corner Family! Even if you don't ski, there will be a ton of great stuff to do! Cost is \$250 each and includes most meals and a day of skiing or tubing! More details to come!
