

NOVEMBER 27, 2011

St. Luke's is an
**open community
of Christians**

gathering to seek,
celebrate, live and
share the love of God
for all creation.

We envision being
transformed by God and
transforming the
world into a
compassionate,
just, inclusive,
Christ-like community.

ST. LUKE'S SERVICES: 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00AM, Sanctuary

THE GARDEN at Beef & Boards Theatre:

8:15, 9:15 and 10:15AM

THE GARDEN at Oak Hill: 10:15AM

FAMILY FUEL: 10:45AM, Robertson Chapel

1st Sunday of the month

CONTEMPLATIVE TAIZÉ SERVICE: 5:00PM, N103/104

Third Sunday of the month

LATER@ST. LUKE'S: 6:00PM, Robertson Chapel



ADVENT 2011

NOVEMBER 27:

**No Room in the Inn, but . . .
I Want to Make Space**

DECEMBER 4:

**No Room in the Inn, but . . .
God Still Worked**

DECEMBER 11:

**No Room in the Inn, but . . .
Someone Did His Part**

DECEMBER 18:

Dramatic Monologue

DECEMBER 25:

10AM Service with Dr. Kent Millard
No other services will be held that day

ST LUKE'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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GENERAL WORSHIP INFORMATION:

WELCOME VISITORS! We're glad you're here and hope you feel the presence of God in this worship service. Stop by our Visitor Center for information and a gift, and please join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and fellowship following each service. If you wish, fill out an Information Card in the pew and place it in the offering plate so that we can be of service to you. We look forward to having you worship with us again. ••• For our hearing-impaired friends, personal earphones may be purchased for \$7, or hearing aids may be borrowed for the service at the Information Desk. For our visually impaired friends, ushers have large print bulletins with hymns. ••• **PARENTS: Childcare and Sunday School available for children who are newborn to 5th grade;** stop at the Info Center in the East Wing to find a classroom. Children are welcome in our services. If they become restless, you may continue to worship with them in the Narthex. ••• **ARRIVING LATE?: Wait until prayers and musical selections are concluded before being seated.** ••• Food or beverages are not welcome in the Sanctuary. ••• **Communion available every Sunday, 9:15AM-12:30PM.** Enter in silence. The elements are consecrated and placed in the Prayer Chapel for all to include in their worship experience. Gluten-free crackers are included with the bread elements.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Both the 9:30 and 11:00AM services are **Web broadcast live in real time at www.stlukesumc.com.** Copies of last week's sermon are available at the information desk or our website. The entire service is available on CD (\$4) and DVD (\$10). To order or purchase, pay online via credit card or PayPal at www.stlukesumc.com/worship/sermonarchives, or stop by the Information Center for an order envelope. Specify the service you would like copied.

VOLUNTEER:

Looking for ways to get involved at St. Luke's? Volunteers are always needed in a variety of areas. Visit our Volunteer Opportunities page, www.stlukesumc.com. There's a place for you at St. Luke's!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Edward Bairstow

WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

(8:15) Frank & Sharon Neese
(9:30) Kay & Gary Walla and Drs. Merline & Vladimyr Roseau
(11:00) Lucretia Scammahorn

***HYMN** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" N° 211

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LEADER: **Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare.**

**LEADER
& PEOPLE:**

We believe in the one God, maker and ruler of all things, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.
We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.
We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need.
We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.
We believe in the Church as the fellowship, for worship and for service, of all who are united to the living Lord.
We believe in the kingdom of God as the divine rule in human society, in the final triumph of righteousness, and in the life everlasting. Amen.

***GLORY TO GOD** *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* N° 70

BAPTISMS (9:30 & 11:00)

ANTHEM "Ave Maria" Charles Gounod-Kirby Shaw
New Song; Cheryl West, Director
This Anthem is given in loving memory of
Minnietta Millard by New Song, Cheryl West, Director, 2011.

PRAYER TIME

(8:15 & 9:30) Terri Coe • (11:00) Chris Thornsberry
Silent Prayer Pastoral Prayer 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* Congregation standing

CLERGY Rev. Rob Fuquay, Dr. Linda McCoy, Rev. Marsha Hutchinson, Dr. Mari
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES Mark Squire **ASSISTANT**

November 27, 2011
8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 AM
Advent: Purple

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(8:15) "A Star Will Soon Shine" Don Besig
Joyful Sound; Carol Dennis, Flute

(9:30 & 11:00) "Lift Up Your Heads" Martin/Paige
Chancel Choir

***ADVENT DOXOLOGY**

Sung to VENI EMMANUEL

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above,
ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

(8:15 & 9:30) Sandy Harlan • (11:00) Chris Thornsberry

SCRIPTURE READERS

(8:15) Lauren Roop
(9:30) Emily Schopmeyer
(11:00) Emily Bultinck

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:7

And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

John 1:9-11

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

READER: The word of God for the people of God.
CONGREGATION: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

"No Room in the Inn, but... I Want to Make Space"
Rev. Rob Fuquay

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own goodness, but in your unfailing mercy. We thank you for your presence in this meal and for offering us your unconditional acceptance and love. We surrender ourselves and our concerns into your loving hands. In Christ's name, Amen.
(Elements, including gluten-free wafers, will be distributed in the pews.)

HYMNS

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" N^o 196
"O Little Town of Bethlehem" N^o 230

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"Of the Father's Love Begotten" David Willcocks

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

PRAYER REQUEST LINE:

Call 317-846-7300 to leave a prayer request. If you leave your phone number someone will call within 48 hours to pray with you. The Prayer Chapel is available for silent prayer and meditation when the church is open.

PRAYER CONCERNS & INFORMATION:

If you have a prayer concern, change of address or other information you would like the church office to know, fill out a card located in the pews and place it in the offering plate.

CONDOLENCES TO:

Stan & Tammy Elser on the death of his father Charles Elser
Jim & Lynn Henderson Gale on the death of his father Bill Gale
Sandra Finan on the death of her husband Thomas Finan

TODAY'S BAPTISMS:

Gisele Frances Knott,
daughter of Jacob & Darcy Knott
David Michael Blacker,
son of Jeff & Rachel Blacker
Jackson Edward Higgins,
son of Matt & Ashley Higgins

TODAY'S SPECIAL EVENTS

The following is a list of events occurring today at St. Luke's. For other events and upcoming information, pick up a COMMUNION MONTHLY, available at the end of the pews and at the Information Desk in the Narthex.

No Room in the Inn

Today we begin focusing on our Advent theme of "No Room in the Inn." During this season of waiting and anticipation, we invite you to think about how you can make space in your life for Christ. Join us every Sunday morning at 8:15, 9:30 or 11AM to hear inspiring music and thought-provoking messages.

Today in the West Passage:

- **Imani Workshop.** Imani Workshop is a revenue-generating social enterprise focused on producing high quality crafts by HIV+ artisans in western Kenya. One hundred percent of the income earned through sales is reinvested in the Workshop, through which artisans benefit from employment, skills training and other forms of empowerment. Stop by the table for some great holiday shopping.
- **World AIDS Day.** The Global Health Commission commemorates World AIDS Day with increased awareness of the pandemic worldwide, nationally and locally. Visit our table for more information and where to get tested for free. A community event will be held on December 1 at 6PM at The Church Within, 1125 Spruce St. near Fountain Square.
- **United Christmas Service.** St. Luke's has included the United Christmas Service as a part of the "Whose Birthday Is It?" campaign and you are encouraged to make your financial donation through that program. However, if you would like to learn more about adopting a family, please stop by the table for more information.

Whose Birthday Is It? Kickoff

St. Luke's annual Christmas drive launches today. See the brochure inserted into today's Worship Guide for details.

Fletcher Place Drive Ends Tomorrow

Tomorrow is the last day you may drop off donations for the Fletcher Place Christmas Shopping drive. If you wish to assist Fletcher Place during this season, you may designate your donation to the Whose Birthday Is It? Campaign to be directed toward Fletcher Place.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Advent Devotionals Available

Pick up the devotional "The True Gifts of Christmas" at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex, or in the main office. In addition, we are offering an online daily devotional, "Expecting the Word," available at www.stlukesumc.com.

Candlelight Christmas Concerts

"Lift Up Your Heads! Open Wide the Doors!" Join the more than 200 musicians of St. Luke's either on Friday, December 2 at 7:30PM or Saturday, December 3 at 4PM. The pro-

gram features the St. Luke's Orchestra, Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, Wesleyan Ringers, New Song, and Chorale, and includes selections based on familiar carols such as "The First Noel," "In the Bleak Midwinter" and "Joy to the World." Also on the program are pieces by John Rutter, R. Vaughn Williams and J.S. Bach. The concert is free; a freewill offering helps to cover concert expenses. Additional proceeds will be donated to Habitat for Humanity.

Charge Conference

St. Luke's annual Charge Conference will take place Sunday, December 4, 12:15PM in the Parlor. Led by District Superintendent Rev. Bert Kite, this is part of our connective system and a chance to hear how some of the church business is managed. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Advent Retreat

Make room in your heart and soul for the Spirit of Jesus at the Advent Retreat on Saturday, Dec. 10, 9AM-Noon. Register online at www.stlukesumc.com; no fee. Led by Rev. Rob Fuquay, Chuck Goehring, Barb Hale and Betty Brandt.

Hispanic-Latino Ministry

Later @ St. Luke's multicultural service is seeking individuals who have a passion for Hispanic-Latino Ministry. Those who are bilingual in English and Spanish or would be interested in helping build this ministry, please contact Dr. Marion Miller at millerm@stlukesumc.com or 846-3404.

2012 Stewardship Commitments

While our formal phase of the 2012 "Letting Go" Stewardship Campaign concluded last Sunday, we are still accepting Gratitude Commitment cards as we work to reach or surpass last year's gifts. If you have pledged previously but have not yet had an opportunity to return your card, members of our Stewardship Committee will be making phone calls soon to allow you to renew your commitment over the phone. Meanwhile, Gratitude Commitment cards are available in the pews, in the main office, and online at www.stlukesumc.com/getinvolved/giving/annualfund. You may also sign up for automatic withdrawal online. If you have questions about your gift, contact Julia Johnson at johnsonj@stlukesumc.com or 846-3404. Thank you to all those who have returned their commitments of time, talent and treasure towards God's work. As of 11/22, we stand at 1148 pledges totaling \$2,652,686. Last year's total was 1343 pledges totaling \$2,913,475.

Communion Monthly

Make Advent and Christmas especially meaningful this year. Many special events, opportunities, retreats and classes are available in December, and all the details are contained in the new Communion Monthly. It's also available online at www.stlukesumc.com for easy reference and sharing.