

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**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**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

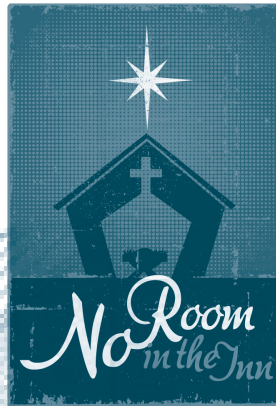
*1st Sunday of the month*

**CONTEMPLATIVE TAIZÉ SERVICE:** 5:00PM, Sanctuary

*Third Sunday of the month*

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

*Candlelight service with Dr. Marion Miller*



**LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE**

**Wednesday, December 21, 7PM**

**Robertson Chapel**

*A service on the longest night of the year (winter solstice) for those who find the holidays a difficult time.*

*Led by Rev. Marsha Hutchinson.*

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

**Friday, December 23, 7PM**

**Sanctuary**

*A candlelight service for those who may need to leave town on Christmas Eve, or who may wish to avoid the larger crowds.*

*Larger crowds.*

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

**Saturday, December 24**

**AT ST. LUKE'S SANCTUARY**

Family Service: 3PM

Candlelight Services: 5, 7, 9 & 11PM

**AT THE GARDEN**

Beef & Boards: 5 & 6:30PM

Oak Hill: 5:30PM

**CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE**

**Sunday, December 25, 10AM, Sanctuary**

*Dr. Kent Millard, retired Senior Pastor, preaching.*

There will be no services at The Garden or Later@St. Luke's service on December 25.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE**

**Sunday, January 1, 10AM, Sanctuary**

*Rev. David Williamson, preaching*

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.stlukesumc.com). There's a place for you at St. Luke's!

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** (9:30 & 11:00) "O Come" Jeff Cranfill  
"Overture on Adeste Fideles" Steve Dunn  
*St. Luke's Orchestra; Bob Zehr, Director*

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

(8:15) Carol & Dick Tulley  
(9:30) Mike & Bobbi Simmons & family  
(11:00) Diane & Jack Bragg

**\*HYMN** "Angels from the Realms of Glory" N<sup>o</sup> 220

## \*CREED

**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<sup>o</sup> 70

**BAPTISMS** (9:30)

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS** (9:30 & 11:00)

**ANTHEM** (8:15) "Love Came Down at Christmas" arr. Howard Helvey  
*Pam Knowles, Vocalist*

(9:30 & 11:00) "The First Nowell" arr. Mack Wilberg  
*Chancel Choir*

**PRAYER TIME**

Rev. Marsha Hutchinson

**Silent Prayer   Pastoral Prayer   The Lord's Prayer**

\* Congregation standing

*Today's altar flowers are given*

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

December 18, 2011  
8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 AM  
*Advent: Purple*

**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

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(8:15)

“O Come”  
*St. Luke’s Orchestra*

Jeff Cranfill

(9:30 & 11:00)

“Joy to the World” arr. Mack Wilberg  
*Chancel Choir and St. Luke’s Orchestra*

#### \*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

Rev. David Williamson

**THE RUNAWAY**  
*Rob & Sarah Fuquay*

#### MUSICAL REFLECTION

“God Speaking”  
*Matt Branich, Vocalist*

Ronnie Freeman

#### \*HYMN

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Nº 240

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”  
*St. Luke’s Orchestra*

Steve Dunn

## 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.

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#### CONDOLENCES TO:

**Harold & Dorell Mercer** and  
**Jeff & Nikki Nace** on the death  
of mother and grandmother  
Edna Foster

#### TODAY’S BAPTISMS:

(9:30) **Ella, Mia and Ava**  
**Alessandrini**, daughters of  
Michael & Karen Alessandrini

*en in memory of Adam Miller.*

on Miller, Rev. Stan Abell, Rev. David Williamson, Rev. Jamalyn Peigh Williamson  
**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES / ORGANIST** Charles Manning

*If you desire prayer, a pastor will be available immediately following each service by the baptismal font.*

# 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.

## A Special Sunday

Welcome to St. Luke's! We are glad you are worshipping with us on this Sunday before Christmas. We especially want to welcome our visitors and invite them to stop by our Welcome Center in the Narthex for a gift and more information about our church. We are also glad to see our regular worshipers, and ask on this big morning that you make room in the inn (or pew, as it were) so that all may find a place to sit and feel welcome.

You will find inserted in today's Worship Guide an offering envelope for your use, should you chose, in making a Christmas gift to the church. Your gifts make ministry possible, transforming lives in Indianapolis, our nation and around the world. Thank you.

We hope you will join us at one of our Christmas Eve (or Eve Eve!) services this weekend. See the front of the Worship Guide for a complete listing. The 5PM service is the most highly attended, so if you would like a smaller crowd you might consider coming to one of the later services. Please bring your friends and family for these beautiful, meaningful celebrations of the birth of Jesus Christ.

## Whose Birthday Is It?

Our annual Christmas drive benefitting Fletcher Place Christmas Shopping, Fox Hill Elementary School, Heifer International, Mitten Tree, Outreach, Inc., Water for Life and the United Christmas Service is underway. Pick up a Whose Birthday Is It? brochure at the Information Desk, in the main office, or download one at [www.stlukesumc.com](http://www.stlukesumc.com) to make a gift for those in need this season.

## Later Christmas Candlelight Service

Later @ St. Luke's will hold its annual Christmas Candlelight Service at 6PM tonight in Robertson Chapel, joined by special guest artists from the Anderson Alumni Chorus, the Later Band and Vocals, and more. Come hear the greatest story ever told in movement, messages and music.

## Today in the West Passage:

- **KP Singh Numbered Prints.** Local artist KP Singh created a drawing of St. Luke's as a gift to Dr. Kent Millard from the church for his retirement. A limited number of these beautiful 18x22 keepsakes are available; cost is \$100. You may purchase one this morning in the West Passage, or in the office during the week. A truly unique Christmas gift for fans of St. Luke's and KP Singh.
- **Trip to Morocco.** April 20- May1, 2012. Pick up an itinerary for this exciting trip sponsored by the St. Luke's Healing Ministry. Learn about a Muslim's country's art, sacred sites and ancient traditions. Contact is Betty Brandt ([brandtb@stlukesumc.com](mailto:brandtb@stlukesumc.com)).
- **Go Nuts for Brightwood.** Today is the last day to purchase cashews, almonds, mixed nuts (no peanuts),

and pecans. Enjoy delicious, locally-roasted nuts while supporting Brightwood Community Center. Cash and checks payable to St. Luke's UMW gratefully accepted.

- **World Missions.** Visit our table in the West Passage for information regarding "Whose Birthday Is It?" holiday giving, the Water for LIFE and Heifer International projects.

## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### Longest Night Service

A service on the longest night of the year for those who find the holidays a difficult time. Wednesday, Dec. 21, 7PM in Robertson Chapel. Led by Rev. Marsha Hutchinson.

### Christmas and New Year's Day Services

There will be one service on each of these Sundays, both at 10AM. On December 25, our guest preacher will be someone rather familiar . . . Dr. Kent Millard will return to St. Luke's pulpit for the first time since he retired as senior pastor on June 30. Then on January 1, ring in the New Year with Rev. David Williamson.

### Volunteers Needed

Ushers are needed for the following events (times listed are times to report in): Longest Night Service - Wednesday, 12/21, 6PM; Christmas Eve Service - Friday, 12/23, 6PM; Christmas Eve Services - Saturday, 12/24 at 2, 4, 6, 8 & 10PM Christmas Day Service - Sunday, 12/25 at 9AM. To help, contact Adra Wheeler at 253-4914. See more volunteer needs at [stlukesumc.com/getinvolved/volunteer](http://stlukesumc.com/getinvolved/volunteer).

### Advent Devotionals Available

Rev. Fuquay has prepared a daily scripture reading for your Advent meditation use. In addition, there is a daily devotional essay, scripture and prayer entitled "Expecting the Word." Both are available at [www.stlukesumc.com](http://www.stlukesumc.com).

### Building Closed

St. Luke's will be closed on Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2. The offices will be open 8:30AM-5PM on Friday, December 30, 8:30AM-5PM for those wishing to drop off end-of-the-year gifts.

### 2012 Stewardship Commitments

While our formal phase of the 2012 "Letting Go" Stewardship Campaign has concluded, we are still accepting Gratitude Commitment cards. Cards are available in the pews, in the main office, and online at [www.stlukesumc.com/get-involved/annualfund](http://www.stlukesumc.com/get-involved/annualfund). You may also sign up for automatic withdrawal online. If you have questions about your gift, contact Julia Johnson at [johnsonj@stlukesumc.com](mailto: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 12/15, we stand at 1369 pledges totaling \$3,062,607.