

DECEMBER 25, 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
December 25 & January 1—10AM services only

THE GARDEN at Beef & Boards Theatre:
8:15, 9:15 and 10:15AM

THE GARDEN at Oak Hill: 10:15AM
No Garden services December 25

FAMILY FUEL: 10:45AM, Robertson Chapel
NEXT SERVICE: *January 8*

CONTEMPLATIVE TAIZÉ SERVICE: 5:00PM, Sanctuary
Third Sunday of the month

LATER@ST. LUKE'S: 6:00PM, Robertson Chapel
No Later services December 25 & January 1

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	“French Carol” “Carol of the Bells” “Ding! Dong! Merrily on High” “Mary’s Boy Child” “In Dulci Jubilo” <i>Brass Quintet & Organ</i>	arr. Snell arr. Snell arr. Rutter arr. French arr. Cable
WELCOME & INVOCATION		Rev. Rob Fuquay
*HYMN	“Joy to the World”	Nº 246
*RESPONSIVE DECLARATION		
LEADER:	Christ is born!	
PEOPLE:	Christ is born!	
LEADER:	Because of this birth, life is full of promise for you and for me. Life is full of promise for our community.	
PEOPLE:	We celebrate today the presence of God’s promise in our midst.	
LEADER:	The promise of a small child coming into a crowded, hurting world, and growing to be a liberator.	
PEOPLE:	It’s a promise of you and me, struggling and stumbling together, growing and celebrating, reaching out to make a new presence in our world.	
*CAROLS	“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” <i>(stanzas 1&2)</i> “Angels We Have Heard on High” <i>(stanzas 1&3)</i>	Nº 229 Nº 238
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE		Rev. Marsha Hutchinson
CAROL	“There’s a Song in the Air” <i>(stanzas 1,2&4)</i>	Nº 249
PRAYER TIME	Silent Prayer Pastoral Prayer The Lord’s Prayer	Rev. Marsha Hutchinson

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.

* Congregation standing

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

December 25, 2011

10:00 AM

Christmas: White

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“O Little Town of Bethlehem & It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

Brass Quintet & Organ

arr. Cable

***DOXOLOGY**

*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.*

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Rev. Rob Fuquay

SCRIPTURE READER

Sara Cobb

SCRIPTURE

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

1 John 4:9-12, 19

God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ••• We love because he first loved us.

SERMON

“Love Came Down at Christmas”

Dr. Kent Millard

***HYMN**

“Love Came Down at Christmas”

Nº 242

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

“We Wish You a Merry Christmas”

Brass Quintet

Himes

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:

Patricia Becker and Ed & Eleanor

Dow on the death of husband and son-in-law Albert C. Becker

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Basilios & Angela Dimitrelias

and Rick & Joyce Thompson on the birth of son and grandson Zachary Konstantinos

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.

Merry Christmas!

Welcome to St. Luke's on this Christmas morning. Thank you for choosing to spend part of your Christmas Day worshipping with us. We are pleased to welcome back to the pulpit this morning a very special guest, Dr. Kent Millard. For the one or two of you out there who might not know, Dr. Millard was St. Luke's Senior Pastor from October 1993 until his retirement on June 30, 2011. It is indeed a Christmas gift to have him share the message with us today.

Childcare

There is childcare available this morning for children ages birth-four. Children ages five and up may stay for the Children's Message, then leave with Rev. David Williamson for a time of stories, songs and crafts.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

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. 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 12/21, we stand at 1395 pledges totaling \$3,071,508.

New Year's Eve Labyrinth Walk

Welcome the New Year with 30 minutes of reflection and celebration on our indoor canvas labyrinth. All are welcome to this Open Walk on Saturday, December 31, 6-8PM in Fellowship Hall. A host/hostess will introduce you to the labyrinth if you have not walked one before.

New Year's Day Service

Start the first day of 2012 in worship with us next Sunday for one service at 10AM with Rev. David Williamson. There will be a special message for children by David and Rev. Jamalyn Peigh Williamson.

The Greatest Game

Perhaps you heard that Indianapolis is hosting Super Bowl XLVI this year. While football mania temporarily takes over our city for the next few weeks, we invite you to contemplate The Greatest Game with us every Sunday morning, January 8-February 12 with Rev. Rob Fuquay. Our regular worship service schedule (8:15, 9:30 & 11AM) resumes on January 8. Just like a football stadium, we have a big screen, but unlike a football stadium, every seat in the house is great, and free! Don't miss the series kickoff (you knew we had to go there!) on January 8, and invite a friend to The Greatest Game.

St. Luke's 101

This five-week class starts Wednesday, January 11, 6:30-8:30PM. Learn more about the church and how it works, get to know the clergy, church staff and volunteer leaders, and have fun getting acquainted with other members of the St. Luke's family. The first night will be a progressive dinner tour. Register online at www.stlukesumc.com, or contact DeAnna at morand@stlukesumc.com or 317.846.3404. Cost for the five-week class is \$25, and scholarships are available. Childcare is available upon request.

Sundays in the South

St. Luke's annual services in warm, sunny southwest Florida will be held January 15-February 19, again at 11AM at North Naples United Methodist Church in Naples, FL. Visit www.stlukesumc.com/worship for the complete schedule.

Job Openings

St. Luke's is seeking to fill two full-time staff positions, Associate Director of Children's Ministries, and Director of Weekday Early Childhood Programs. Complete job descriptions and contact information are available at www.stlukesumc.com.