



*Enter into his gates
with
Thanksgiving,
and into his courts
with praise.*

PSALM 100:4

WELCOME

Our hope is that you will experience God our Father's love in our worship service today. Guests, we are happy you are with us and hope we have extended to you a warm welcome. Please don't hesitate to ask any member about our church and the activities we offer. The informative information, located in the bins in the back of the church, provides some of St. Luke's history.

Please let us know you were with us today by signing the BLUE REGISTRATION PAD located at the end of each pew.

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PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS: Mon. - Thurs., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Please call his cell phone for an appointment (864-704-0728).

MEETINGS: Tuesday, December 3 - Trustees, 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, December 4 - Missions, 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 12 - Council, 3:30 p.m.



St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Where Friends and Faith Meet

Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson

Will Ross, Lay Leader

Marsha Gerber, Music Director

Christ the King Sunday

November 24, 2024

Greeters & Ushers:

8:30 – Lee and Bonnie van Rensburg

10:15 – Margo and Joe Cservek

PRELUDE: “*Rejoice, the Lord is King*”

Shackley

THREE BELLS

Chiming of the Trinity

(See our prayer list)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

“*Family of God*”

CENTERING MOMENT

CALL TO WORSHIP: “*O Give Thanks*”

Martin

The Chancel Choir

OPENING PRAYER

PSALTER READING

Psalm 132:1-5; 11-18 No. 849

***GOSPEL READING**

John 18:33-37

8:30 – Will Ross

10:15 – Aaron Metropolis

***OPENING HYMN:**

“*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*”

No. 694

Verses 1, 3 & 4

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

No. 881

***GLORIA PATRI** “*Glory Be to the Father*”

No. 70

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895

**THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS/
OFFERTORY** “*Autumn*”

Stickles

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 95

***GRADUAL HYMN:** “*Jesus Shall Reign*”

No. 157

Verses 1, 4 & 5

SCRIPTURE:

John 18:33-37

MESSAGE:

Rev. Thompson

***HYMN OF INVITATION**

“*Lead On, O King Eternal*”

No. 580

Verses 1 & 3

Congregation sings 1st verse

Music interlude during invitation

Congregation sings 3rd verse

*All are welcome to come to the altar to lift prayers and
praises during the last hymn.*

***BENEDICTION**

**“*God Be with You Till we Meet Again*” (Hymnal inside back cover)

***POSTLUDE:** “*Triumphal March*”

**Please stand as able.*

CANTERFIELD OF BLUFFTON – Everyone is invited to come and participate in a brief message and communion for residents at Canterfield TODAY at 1:00 p.m.

Also, we will be collecting items for Canterfield residents for a Christmas gift bag. We need the following items dropped off in the box in Fellowship Hall by Friday December 13th (small sizes please!):

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| Tooth paste | Deodorant men & women |
| Tooth brushes | Shaving razors for men |
| Lotion | Shampoo & conditioner |
| Soap | Hats, gloves, scarves (men & women) |
| Hair brushes/Combs | Crossword puzzle books & pens |
| Adult coloring books & pencils | |

Any questions please see Cynthia or Fran.

St. Luke's UMC will be hosting a combined THANKSGIVING SERVICE with Bluffton UMC on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26th at 6:00 p.m. Following the church service there will be a gathering in our Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be served. Please join us!

COOKIE EXCHANGE – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 5:00 p.m. Please bring 5 dozen cookies, all the same kind, on a tray labeled with your name, and multiple copies of the recipe. There are further instructions in Fellowship Hall and on the back table in the Sanctuary. Men, please come and share some coffee and cookies with us, and join us for the fun!

CRAFT SHOW AND BAKE SALE – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The Charleston, Orangeburg, Walterboro TRI DISTRICT GATHERING with Bishop Leonard Fairley has been rescheduled for SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 from 10-12 at Cokesbury United Methodist Church (4990 Dorchester Rd. in North Charleston, SC). This will be an opportunity for Bishop Fairley to spend time with clergy, laity, and churches. All clergy are expected to attend, and laity are encouraged to attend.

Join us on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 at 6:00 p.m. for a festive CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION! We'll have games, food, music, and a most-festive outfit competition. Hope to see you there!

Experience the wonder of Christmas with Bluffton UMC! They are hosting a LIVE NATIVITY on their grounds on DECEMBER 17, at 6:00 p.m. Please bring chairs and/or blankets to sit on.

PRITCHARDVILLE - Help make a Student's holiday festive this year. Once again we have "adopted" students from Pritchardville Elementary that could use some wishes granted. Check the display in Fellowship Hall for names and wishes. We try to supply clothing and a toy or game off their list. We wrap these gifts, bag them together with ID information. Please return before or on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15. Questions, please contact Lois Willig.

CHOIR PRACTICE – 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Tuesday; GOSPEL BAND following at 7:30. Anyone interested is welcome!

No BIRTHDAYS or ANNIVERSARIES this week.

The CORNUCOPIA on the altar is in honor of our St. Luke's church family.

IMPORTANT REMINDER - To receive credit on your year-end giving statement, all donations must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2024.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE is here to help if you are going through an illness or another crisis by providing meals and caring phone calls. If you need some support or would like to help in this ministry, please contact Marie Baldauf.

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FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVATIONS – Please contact Amy Erickson if you would like to reserve Fellowship Hall for an event or a meeting. The Fellowship Hall calendar is posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

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VOLUNTEERS are needed for GREETERS/USHERS and GOSPEL READERS for both the 8:30 and 10:15 services. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Sariscak or Amy Erickson.

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Please send information for UPCOMING MEETINGS, BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS and the PRAYER REQUEST LIST to Amy Erickson and Linda Metcalf.

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Got some stocks that really soared? Give them directly to the Church and avoid the taxes.

CONGREGANTS

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| Ruth Dolan | Beth King | Candace Payne | Dave Fisher |
| Andy & Sharon Makarick | *Rob Clark | Letty Husson | |
| Linda Jackson | Emma Jo Busby | Barbara Marangio | |

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CONGREGANTS

Hannah Nystrom, friend of Marie Baldauf
Kathy Visconte, friend of Jane Tiffany
Lynette Hassinger, sister of Leslie Richards
Wilda Reed, mother of Jack Reed
Luke, grandson of Leslie Richards
Teena Deer, friend of Elizabeth Vance
Lindsey Morgan, daughter of Leslie Richards
Katherine, sister of Linda Jackson
Tom Smith, nephew of Lois Willig
Gary Landin, husband of Judi Landin
Edward, brother of Debra Burr
Fred Schaltegger, brother of Rich Schaltegger
Don Mehlin, son-in-law of Linda Stutsman
Kelly Mayer, daughter of Donna Stephen
Shannon, friend of Judi Landin
Mark and Jill Houser, cousin of Amy Erickson and his wife
McKayla, daughter of Susie and Michael Brown
Peter, neighbor of Fran Iacova
Rick, acquaintance of Fran Iacova
George, pastor at Sherri Prosser's father's church
Rebecca, friend of Leslie Van
Winnie, friend of Letty and Bill Husson
Dave Nicholson, brother-in-law of Carla Carte
Ron Young, friend of Kathy Smith
Nathaniel, nephew Don McKay
Drew Howell, nephew of Donna Stephen
Amy, daughter of friend of Pat Schwartz, and Pat's friend, Lynn
Becca, friend of Nancy Sariscak and Diana Hamilton
Christopher, nephew of Barbara Silcox
Blake, acquaintance of Rose Kooper
Rita Campi, neighbor of John and Nancy Sariscak
June Dorsey, former member
Grant Deaver, brother-in-law of Carol Jackson
Thomas James Shephard, grandson of Francis
Marian, friend of Sheryll Ingram

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Missions Happenings – December 2024

- **December 1 -- First Sunday Mission for Bluffton Self Help**
Donations will be collected in the parking lot before each worship service. Help a family with Christmas dinner and pantry staples:

Canned Corn, Peas, Carrots Boxed Potatoes
Cream Soups, Broths, Gravy Bread, Cookie & Brownie Mixes
Frosting, Pie Filling & Crusts Shelf Stable Salad Dressings
Canned Fruit Canned Sweet Potatoes
Large Disposable Roasting Pans

Canned Meats (tuna/chicken) Chili, beef stew, hearty soups
Pasta & Pasta Sauce Shelf Stable Cheese (Velveeta)
Taco Kits, Salsa, Black Beans Skillet Meal Kits
Cooking Oils, Flour, Sugar White Rice, Canned Tomatoes
Reduced Sodium Broths Mayonnaise, Ketchup
- **December 1, Sunday** – Sign up on the sanctuary bulletin board to help provide dinner for Family Promise families on Tuesday, December 17 and Thursday, December 19. Volunteers needed to help serve dinners also.
- **December 4, Wednesday, 1:00 PM – Missions Committee Meeting** in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone welcome!
- **Pritchardville Elementary Adopt-A-Student** Help fulfill the needs and Christmas wishes for a local child in need. See Lois Willig in the Fellowship Hall for more information. Please bring all gifts on or before Sunday, December 15.
- **Saturdays and Wednesdays, 10:00-12:00 -- Agape Family Life Center**, 5855 Okatie Hwy., Hardeeville – Volunteers needed to help distribute fresh food to local families in need.

Your donations and service are appreciated!