



# Hope

*Therefore, the one  
who is to be born  
will be holy.*

*He will be called  
God's Son.*

LUKE 1:35 (CEB)

## 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:** Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
Please text or call his cell phone (864-704-0728) for an appointment to be sure he doesn't have a prior commitment.

**MEETINGS:** Trustees, 9:00 a.m. on December 2  
Missions, 1:00 p.m. on December 10  
Church Council, 3:30 p.m. on December 11



Luke's United Methodist Church  
Where Friends and Faith Meet  
Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson

**Marsha Gerber**, Music Director

First Sunday of Advent November 30, 2025

Greeters & Ushers  
9:15 Linda and Bill Metcalf

**PRELUDE:** *"As Lately We Watched"* -arr. A. L. Pate

**THREE BELLS**  
Chiming of the Trinity (See our prayer list)

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** *"When Will the Messiah Come?"* Martin  
(The Chancel Choir)

**OPENING PRAYER**

**PSALTER READING:** Psalm 122 No. 845

**\*THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**  
9:15 Karen and Alan Jordan

**\*OPENING HYMN:** *"Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* No. 196  
Verses 1 & 2

**\*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:** *"Until Jesus Comes"* -McIntyre

**\*DOXOLOGY** No. 95

**\*GRADUAL HYMN:** *"My Lord, What a Morning"* No. 719  
Verses 1, 2 & 3

**SCRIPTURE:** Romans 13:11-14

**MESSAGE:** "The Time"  
Rev. Thompson

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION**  
*"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"* No. 569

Verses 1 & 4  
Congregation sings 1<sup>st</sup> verse  
Music Interlude during invitation  
Congregation sings 4<sup>th</sup> 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"** (Holding hands is optional)  
(Hymnal inside back cover)

**\*POSTLUDE:** *"Fum, Fum, Fum"* -Catalan Carol

\*Please stand as able.

IMPORTANT REMINDER - To receive credit on your year-end giving statement, all donations must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2025.



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BIRTHDAYS

Kirk Gay, 12/5  
Don King, 12/6  
Bev Witzel, 12/7  
Judi Landin, 12/8

ANNIVERSARY

None

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MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – 8:00 a.m. Monday mornings in Fellowship Hall. Contact Alan Bethel or Rev. Dr. Lee van Rensburg for additional information.

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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – The next and final Bible study for this year will be on December 4<sup>th</sup>. It will resume on January 8<sup>th</sup> for a study on the book of Revelation.

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CHOIR PRACTICE - Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

MISSIONS

Thank you for adopting over 60 children from Pritchardville Elementary School for the holidays last Sunday. The labeled gift bags full of your “love” are due no later than Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. They can be dropped off anytime at 29 Morgin Way or Sundays at the Fellowship Hall. For questions or to make arrangements, contact Lois Willig.

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

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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.



## Missions Happenings –December 2025

- **December 7 -- First Sunday Mission for Bluffton Self Help**  
Donations will be collected in our parking lot before each worship service. Here is a list of foods needed for a holiday meal and most needed pantry staples:

Canned Peas & Corn	Canned Pumpkin
Cranberry Sauce	Shelf Stable Dressing
Dried Potatoes	Canned Sweet Potatoes
Cream Soups	Broths & Gravies
Stuffing Mix	Bread & Brownie Mixes
Cake Mix & Frosting	Pie Crust & Pie Filling
Large Disposable Roasting Pans	

Canned Tuna & Chicken	Chilli & Beef Stew
Hearty Soups	White Rice
Canned Tomatoes	Pasta & Pasta Sauce
Taco Kits, Salsa, Black Beans	Skillet Meal Kits
Cooking Oil, Flour, Sugar	Mayonnaise, Ketchup
Velveeta & Parmesan Cheese	

- **December 7 (Sunday) –** Last day to return all gifts for Pritchardville Elementary Adopt-A-Student. Drop off in Fellowship Hall. Contact Lois Willig with questions.
- **December 7 (Sunday) –** Sign-ups begin for **Family Promise** meals for December 16 (Tuesday) and December 18 (Thursday). Please check the bulletin board to help with the items needed.
- **December 10 (Wednesday), 1:00 PM – Missions Committee Meeting** in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Saturdays and Wednesdays, 10:00-12:00 -- Agape Family Life Center**, 5855 Okatie Hwy., Hardeeville – Help distribute fresh food to local families in need.

**Thank you for supporting St. Luke's Missions!**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### CONGREGANTS

Beverly Cook	Ruth Dolan	Lois Finch	Dave Fisher
Pam Hoel	Sheryll Ingram	Charlene King	Judi & Gary Landin
Sharon & Andy Makarick	Mimi Mazon	Harriet McCauley	Kevin Prosser
Norm Stark	Bill Trainer		

### FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CONGREGANTS

Hannah Nystrom, friend of Marie Baldauf  
David Sharp, son of Beverly Cook  
Norman Neus  
Bobby Cleland, nephew of Ouida Dell  
Beverly Byrd, friend of Cynthia Thompson  
Daughter of Don McKay  
Sheila Palamina, friend of Althea Serrant  
Persephone, sister of Penelope Power  
Linda, best friend of Judi Landin's daughter, Nikki  
Martha, friend of Margo Cservek  
Dawn, friend of Nancy Sariscak  
Elaine, friend of Michele Elek  
Patrick, son of friend of Amy Dauplaise  
Sharon Mogel, friend of Marie Baldauf  
Todd, son of Richard Rohde  
Margo, friend of Constance Ulrich  
Debbie Hamilton, sister-in-law of Diana & Walker Hamilton  
June, sister of Janet Jacoby  
Nancy, friend of Janet Jacoby  
Dawn Sharp, daughter of Beverly Cook  
Heather, friend of Sherri Prosser  
Nancy, mother-in-law of Michelle Cramer  
Nicole, daughter of friend of Amy Dauplaise  
Kayla, granddaughter of Leslie Richards  
Lynn, neighbor of Beverly Cook  
Joy Haley, friend of the Wheelers  
Dorothy Riley, friend of Peggy Firtion  
Roselyn Perdue, mother of Allyn Perdue  
John, friend of Judi Landin  
Dale Lawrence, nephew of Jerry Vagnier  
Barbara, sister of Ouida Dell  
Helene, friend and neighbor of Susie Brown  
Stephanie, daughter of Netty Peck

*Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of the mother of Tony, good friend of Pastor Chris, on the passing of Tony's mother.*

*Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Gail Moyer, friend of Diana Hamilton.*