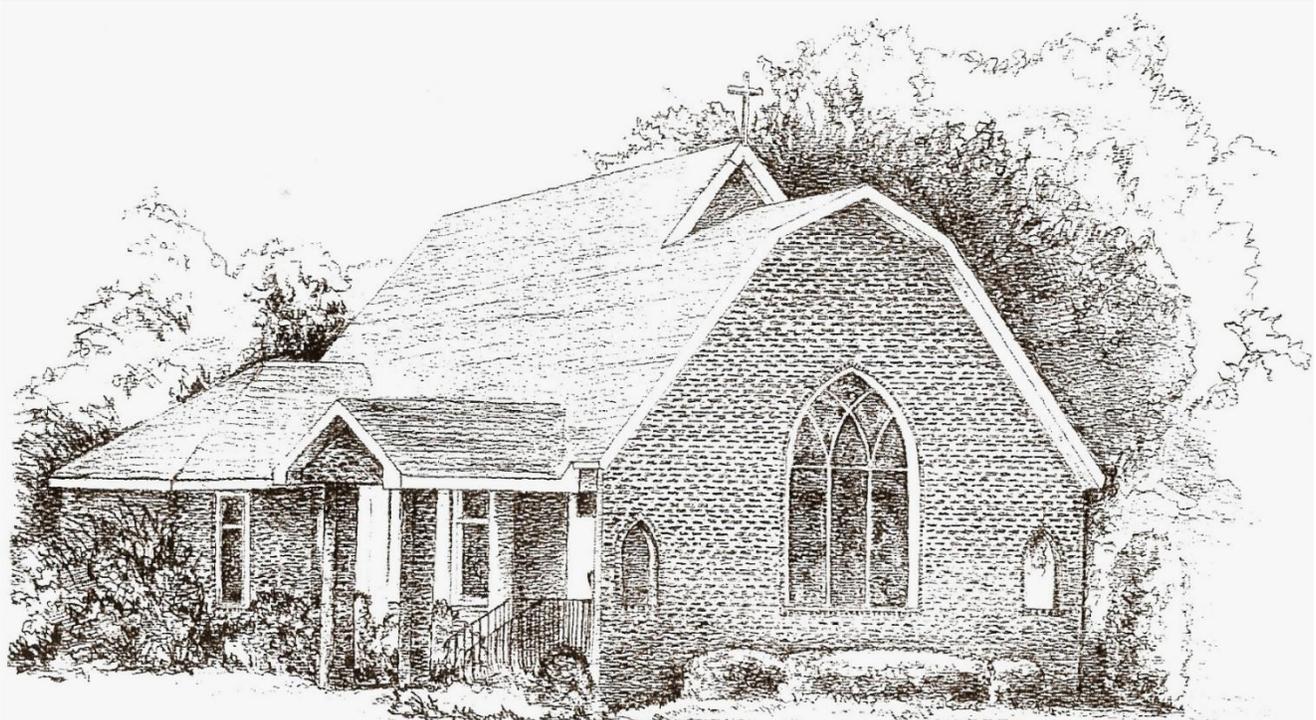


# *St. Luke's Episcopal Church*

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Sunday Eucharist... 9am & 11am

Wednesday Eucharist: . . . . . 10:30 am

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Janet Airth

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The Second Sunday after Christmas Day

January 2, 2022

## Processional Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - #96

### The Word of God

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

*The Celebrant may say*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

***Gloria - Hymnal 1982 - S280*** (*service music is located in the front of the 1982 Hymnal and prefixed with the letter "s"*)

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

## **The Collect of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

*People*            ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

## **A reading from the book of Jeremiah 31:7-14**

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
"Save, O LORD, your people,  
the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and  
those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,

says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 84: 1-8

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! \*  
**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;**  
**my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**
  
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
**by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,**  
**my King and my God.**
  
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
**they will always be praising you.**
  
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
**whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**
  
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of  
springs, \*  
**for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**
  
- 6 They will climb from height to height, \*  
**and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**
  
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
**hearken, O God of Jacob.**
  
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; \*  
**and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen*

## **The Epistle**

**A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe. The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God*

**Gradual Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - #115**

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 2:1-12**

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Sermon** The Rev. Cn. Don Woodrum

## The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **The Prayers of the People**

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

For this community, the nation, and the world;

***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

For the just and proper use of your creation;

***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

For all bishops and other ministers;

***For all who serve God in his Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence - The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

***For your mercy is great.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence - The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence - The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

***Who put their trust in you.***

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept. Leader and People*

***Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

*The Priest says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

## **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **The Holy Communion**

### **Offertory Hymn #112**

## **The Great Thanksgiving- Prayer A**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

The Lord be with you.

*People*            ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant*        Lift up your hearts.

*People*            ***We lift them to the Lord.***

*Celebrant*        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*            ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Hymnal 1982 - S130 – Sanctus** (*service music is located in the front of the 1982 Hymnal and prefixed with the letter “s”*)

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a

perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

***AMEN.***

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***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, for ever and ever. Amen.***

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

**Hymnal 1982 – S164 – Agnus Dei** (*service music is located in the front of the 1982 Hymnal and prefixed with the letter “s”*)

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**The Communion of the People** (*All Baptized Christians are invited and encouraged to receive the Holy Sacraments of Bread and Wine*)

## **Communion Hymn –Hymnal 1982 - #304**

Let us pray. *Celebrant and People*

***Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us***

*strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Blessing:** *The Priest offers a blessing.*

**Recessional Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - #87**

*The Deacon, dismisses them with these words*

Alleluia, Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*The People respond* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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**In an effort to keep current needs on the prayer list, names will remain for a month. If you see a name that needs to remain longer, please call or email the church office.**

**PRAYER LIST** The prayers of the parish are requested for: Russell Johnson, Vivian Bass, Noel Smith, Larry Rambach, Kenny Boudreau, Joan Blake, Baya Harrison, Fr. Lance Horne, Roco Cooler, Dotty Stone, Baya Harrison, Jon Boggus, Jack Alger, Bill Kosty, Martha Patton, Wyman & Marion Harvard, Opal Law, Doris McClain, Sue Mobley, Rachel Hingson.

Sustained Illness/Concern: Phyllis & Bill Taylor, Meredith Mobley, Craig Jacobsen, Brad Green, Sarah Giddens, Brittany Smith, Kris Cheatham, Doug Helgeson, Bill Green, DeLaine Cribb, Susanne Walters, Bob Stross, Kristen Braddy, Russell Johnson, Glenn Miller, Mtr. Tulia, Herrington/Thomas families, Tanya Fulgham, and Albert Sutton.

Our soldiers deployed: Logan Ragans and 868 Engineer Company, Jonathan Richichi, James Smith, Casey Brewer, Sean Beegle, Cody Beegle, Edward Owen and stateside; Matthew Beegle, Lincoln Queale,

Dillon Ellis, Andy Chamberlain, and Robert Ice.

Pray for the Diocese of Cuba, our companion church: Fielés á Jesus, and their rector Mtr. Tulia. Pray for Dukatole and the children, and Shepherd's Hands of the Suwannee Valley Free Clinic

**ALTAR FLOWERS** The altar flowers are given by Liz Cruz in thanksgiving for her daughter, Katherine Soto's, health.

**DINNER ANGELS** The Youth Group meets Sunday evenings at 6pm. If you would like to volunteer to be a Dinner Angel and prepare a meal, the sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall. Please call/text Shannon McCook for more information 386-208-5741.

**DEACONS CORNER** Things in Cuba are going along as usual – many people are feeling depressed and hopeless, and many others are looking for ways forward. It is a difficult time. We hope that in January we will again be able to get religious visas now that US passports are again being accepted. I hear that Cuba welcomes any all medicines and food that anyone can bring. So we hope to be able to take a lot of medicines, food, shoes and equipment for the water purification system at least. We need to know if anyone of you would like to go to Cuba to help deliver these things as soon as it is possible. We will plan to spend a very short time there because hospitality is very difficult for them right now. Our main goal will be to deliver whatever we can take and then return home quickly. For now, Mother Tulia is planning a Christmas celebration for Fieles A Jesus. She hopes to be able to serve ham sandwiches to all who come. That may not sound like much, but for them it would be fabulous! We are still able to send money to them as well as food. Thank God for His blessings!! Thank you for your continued prayers for our extended family at Fieles A Jesus.

**THE ORDER OF ST. LUKE'S** We are excited to announce that St. Luke's is beginning a discerning class for The Order of St. Luke's

which is a ministry where you learn to pray as a Healing Ministry. We will begin classes on "The 26 Miracles of Jesus" **January 5<sup>th</sup>** after 6pm Compline. If you are hearing a call to learn about healing prayers, please contact Deacon Lydia or Evelyn Walden for more information.

Website - <https://osltoday.org/about-us/>

**MEN'S GROUP** - At the next men's dinner on Tuesday , **Dec 28** we will have Chef Frank Harmon preparing prime rib and all the fixings for those that attend. It's important that we have an accurate count so sign up in the Parish Hall. Arrive at 5:30 for social time.

**CLASS OF 2022 VESTRY** Please pray about nominations for the new Vestry. You may submit your name or a name of another (please ask permission first) to a Vestry member or a note in the offering plate. In accordance with Diocese Canon 19, qualifications are: Members of the vestry shall be adult confirmed communicants in good standing of the parish for a period of six months last past at the date of their selection.

**POINSETTIAS**- If you have not paid for your poinsettia and ordered one, you can leave in the offering plate(mark check memo "poinsettias"). They were \$14 each this year.

### **Looking ahead at next Sunday, Jan 9**

Altar Flowers: Need Volunteer

Altar Duty: Patty & Roylyn

Organ Recording: Brantly

Acolyte: 9am:Andy /Hal 11am

Lectors 9am: John & Tammy/11am: Hal & Joe

Ushers: 9am: Marie B 11am: Will Stewart and Wyman Harvard