



*Behold,
The Christ Child*

My eyes have seen Your salvation. LUKE 2:30 (NKJV)

VISITORS/NEWCOMERS

Visitors and newcomers are always welcome at St. Luke's parish. If you are baptized and wish to receive communion, please do so.

ALTAR FLOWERS The altar flowers this evening are given to the glory of God and gratitude for Jesus Christ in our lives by Russell and Roylyn Johnson. The poinsettias are given as a gift of love to God to beautify His sanctuary and enhance the worship of His people by:

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| Hal & Janet Airth | In thanksgiving to God for our family. |
| Bart & Amy Boggus | In loving memory of LaVoye & Ina Mae Boggus. |
| Jon & Tammy Boggus | In memory of LaVoye & Ina Mae Boggus and Sarah Grantham. |
| Tamara Burt | In thanksgiving for the life of Walker Helvenston and St. Luke's family. |
| Mike & Denice Cameron | In memory of our children and grandchildren. |
| Graeme & Angel Dean | In thanksgiving for friends, family, and fun. |
| Andy & Rose Decker | In thanksgiving and memory of our many loved ones. |
| Donna Dennis | In loving memory of my husband, Tom Dennis. |
| John and Gale Dickert | In thanksgiving for our beautiful children now with Jesus, Dina Dickert James and Douglas Prado Dickert. In thanksgiving for our Lisa Dickert Flournoy, son-in-law, Jim, and twin grandsons, Jim and John Flournoy |
| Anne Doswell | In loving memory of my parents and brother, Jim. |

Steve & Kathy Collins	In thanksgiving for family.
Wyman & Marion Harvard	To the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for Our children and grandchildren.
Brantly & Susie Helvenston	In memory of those gone before us.
Gwyn Herrington	In memory of Ronnie Herrington and Cole Thomas.
Russell & Roylyn Johnson	In thanksgiving for our family.
Bill & Diana Kosty	In memory of Isabel Kosty and Ruth Wiggington.
Shannon McCook	In memory of my parent, Linda and Paul McCook.
Glenn & Andy Miller	Rejoicing the birth of Love, Peace, and Hope.
Sue Mobley & Family	In memory of our mother, Mary Giddens.
Mary Raycraft	In celebration of Hal and Janet Airth by their children and grandchildren.
Lawrence & Lucile Stranch	In celebration for the birth of Christ and our granddaughter, Sophie.
Dotty Stone	In appreciation for Jackie Christenson.
Ann Thompson	In celebration of my dear DOK sisters.
Richard & Beth Widera	In memory of Al, Carol, and Julie. In memory of Buddy & Mandy.
Don & Melissa Woodrum	In memory of our parents and in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Brantly Helvenston, Senior Warden
The Rev. Cn. Don Woodrum, Supply Priest
The Rev. Phyllis Doty, Deacon
The Rev. Lydia Bush, Deacon

CHRISTMAS 2021

Pre-Service Carol Sing (10:30pm only)

1982 Hymnal

- #79 O Little Town of Bethlehem
- #83 (1-4) O Come All Ye Faithful
- #87 Hark the Herald Angel Sing
- #96 Angels We Have Heard
- #109 (1-4) The First Noel

Processional Hymn (6pm & 11pm)- 1982 Hymnal -#99

Leader: For weeks we have listened to obscure messages from ancient prophets. In their words we have caught glimpses of the light that is promised. Now, though the wreath is ablaze and all the candles of anticipation have been lit, still there is one last prophecy to hear.

People: With eyes wide open, ears attuned and hearts unguarded, we gather around the wreath one last time, longing to receive the Word within the words.

Leader: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah (52:7-10)

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

People: This night these words are fulfilled in our hearing and in our living for the promise of God has come to us. Our lives are the manger in whom the Christ child is born. No longer do we seek light from another source; now the light burns in our hearts and we become love's lamp.

Leader: So, we light the candle at the center of our wreath and our faith. We light it in the name of the One who is the light, and, as Mary did so long ago, we name this light Jesus.

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.

The following hymn is sung or said, all standing

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 Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A reading from Isaiah (9:2-7)

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this. The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; * *sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.*
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; * *proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.*
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations * *and his wonders among all peoples.*
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * *he is more to be feared than all gods.*
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; * *but it is the LORD who made the heavens.*
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! * *Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!*
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; * *ascribe to the LORD honor and power.*
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; * *bring offerings and come into his courts.*
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; * *let the whole earth tremble before him.*
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! * *he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.*"
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; * *let the field be joyful and all that is therein.*

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, * *when he comes to judge the earth.*

13 He will judge the world with righteousness * *and the peoples with his truth.*

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 Paul's Letter to Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.
The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

Gradual Hymn (6pm & 11pm)- 1982 Hymnal - #101

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

(2:1-20)

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this

thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon Hymn-(6pm & 11pm) - #110

The Homily - The Rev. Cn. Donald 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.

Silence

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 (6pm & 11pm)-#112

**The Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer B**

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, 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 every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:

Sanctus- 1982 Hymnal -S129 (*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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last

days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his

Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Luke all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

People and Celebrant

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 –Fraction Anthem- *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.

Communion Hymns (6pm) Hymnal 1982 –#115

Communion Solos (11pm)

Ted Jones

After Communion, the Celebrant says

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.

Kneeling Hymn (6pm & 11pm)– Hymnal 1982 -#111

Blessing: *The Priest offers a blessing.*

Recessional Hymn (6pm & 11pm) – Hymnal 1982 - #100

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.**