



WORSHIP BULLETIN
RITE II SERVICE, 10:00AM
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 5, 2021

PRELUDE *Pietro Yon, Prelude (from First Religious Organ Suite)*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

OPENING HYMN *O come, O come, Emmanuel* The Hymnal 1982 #56, Vss. 3-4

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING

Presider This is the second Sunday in Advent, a time of longing for God's presence among us. The second Sunday of Advent is the Sunday of **PEACE**. Our peace is found in God and in his Son Jesus, who is the Prince of Peace. The coming of the Christ child reminds us to be prepared to receive peace and to share it with others.

(We light the first two Advent Candles.)

People **O King of all people, the peace of all nations, come and save your people.**

Presider Beloved in Christ, in the season of Advent, let the light of Christ so enter our hearts and minds, that with the shepherds in the field we may hear the simple message of peace, and hasten to Bethlehem to see the Babe lying in a manger.

WELCOME & OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People **You come to your people and set them free.**

MAGNIFICAT

All **My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

THE COLLECT OF DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Presider Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING

Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,
and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.
Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;
for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven.
For God will give you evermore the name,
"Righteous Peace, Godly Glory."
Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;
look toward the east,
and see your children gathered from west and east
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.
For they went out from you on foot,
led away by their enemies;
but God will bring them back to you,
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.
For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be
made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.
The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded Israel at God's command.
For God will lead Israel with joy,
in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 16

The Song of Zechariah

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

THE NEW TESTAMENT

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN *Comfort, comfort ye my people* The Hymnal 1982 #67, Vss. 1-2

THE GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

GRADUAL HYMN *Comfort, comfort ye my people* The Hymnal 1982 #67, Vs. 3

HOMILY *A time of silence follows the homily.* The Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair

NICENE CREED

EOW, p. 53

All **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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Deacon God of many names, God beyond all names; the beginning and the end of every story, the meaning of every life; infinite Mystery both hidden and revealed:

People **Hear us when we pray to you.**

Intercessor Blessed are You who join us together in the communion of Christ's Body. Renew and energize your holy Church, in this parish and throughout the world, that we may be an incarnational people, manifesting your steadfast love in our common life of praise and service.

People **Hear us when we pray to you.**

Intercessor O perfect Wisdom, direct and rule the hearts of the leaders and shapers of society, raise up prophets of justice and peace, and empower your people for the holy vocation of repairing the world.

People **Hear us when we pray to you.**

Intercessor O Creator of All, may our longing to know your presence among us kindle in our hearts a desire to know your presence in all of creation. Help us to honor the Earth, and recognize that your Reign of Peace and Justice is for the whole Earth.

People **Hear us when we pray to you.**

Intercessor God who has come, God who does come, God who is yet to come: Make us here at St. Luke's an Advent people, ready and alert to welcome and receive You in the stranger's face, the loving act, the moment of grace, the presence of healing, the birth of possibility, the gift of wonder. May our hearts prepare You room.

People **Hear us when we pray to you.**

Intercessor O Compassionate One, hold us in your mercy: heal the sick, mend the broken, protect the vulnerable, shelter the refugee, strengthen the weary, rescue the lost, and give courage to all who struggle. Resurrect their hope, grant them peace, and restore their joy.

People **Hear us when we pray to you.**

Intercessor O Lover of souls, embrace all those who have died. Preserve them in your love so that we may be joined with them again in the fullness of time in Your resurrected Kingdom. And shine your light upon all those who mourn the loss of loved ones during these holiday times.

People **Hear us when we pray to you.**

Presider O Emmanuel, God-with-us, You show us the face of divinity, and reveal the fullness of our humanity. Come: renew your creation, restore us all in Christ, and enable us to become who we are, your faithful and loving people. We pray in the name of Jesus. ***Amen.***

Adapted from Jim Friedrich, Episcopal Priest, for General Use.

CONFESSION

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

People **God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

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

THE PEACE

Presider May the peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

BIRTHDAYS, CELEBRATIONS, AND MILESTONES

Presider Watch over your children, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* heart may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of *their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

***Donations today will be given to the Bishop's Discretionary fund.
Please give generously as this fund helps support communities ravaged
by wildfires, refugees who are trying to resettle in our area, and all those
in our Diocese who may be struggling.***

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Presider But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15,16*

CHOIR ANTHEM

I Want To Be Ready

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EOW P. 60-62

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep
and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars;

earth, winds, and waters;

and every living thing.

You made us in your image,

and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;

and yet, as a mother cares for her children,

you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us

to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels

in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,

lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Presider Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus the holy child of God.
Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you.

Presider On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
“Take, eat:
This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”
As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you,
gave it to them, and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”
Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth

and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
with St. Luke all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All **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

A brief silence

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

For those at home or who do not wish to receive bread, we offer this prayer of spiritual communion:

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Creator and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.
Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry* The Hymnal 1982 #76

SENDING OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Deacon In the name of God and this community, we send you forth bearing these Holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

All **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.**

FINAL BLESSING – BISHOP’S BLESSING

CONCLUDING HYMN *Prepare the way, O’Zion*

The Hymnal 1982 #65

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Coffee Hour will immediately follow the service.
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Upcoming Events

Alex's Spiritual Practices Class, Dec 4th & 5th at 2:30pm

Christmas Services

December 24, 2021

4:00pm Christmas Eve Service

Includes children's pageant and carols - All children welcome.

7:30pm Indoor Christmas Caroling

8:00pm Festive Christmas Eve Service

December 25, 2021

10:00am Christmas Day Service

Visit our website for information on how to be involved
www.stlukeswoodland.org

*Sign up for weekly e-mail updates for information on opportunities to help and to learn.
Contact our Church Administrator for details, at stlukechurchwoodland@gmail.com*

Weekly Meetings

- **Centering Prayer, Sundays, 7pm, Sanctuary**, contact Tom Eaton
- **Book Study, Mondays, 5:15pm, via Zoom**, contact Tom Eaton
- **Choir Practice, Wednesdays, 6pm, Sanctuary**
- **“A Journey through Acts”, Wednesdays, 7:15 pm, via Zoom**, contact Margaret

Monthly Meetings

- **Resource Navigators**
Next meeting Feb. 7, 2022, 3:30-5pm, Guild Hall,
stlukechurchwoodland@gmail.com or 530-662-7152 x3
- **Temenos**
2nd & 4th Saturdays, 8am – Noon, Welcome anytime! brucewatts1@me.com
- **Temenos Drum Circle**
2nd Sundays, 4:30pm, Temenos
- **Daughters of the King**
2nd Saturdays, 10-11:30am, Guild Hall
stlukechurchwoodland@gmail.com or 530-662-7152 x3
- **Men’s Group**
2nd Saturdays, 8:30am, mackw0414@gmail.com
- **Outreach Breakfast at 4th & Hope**
1st Saturdays, 4th & Hope, mackw0414@gmail.com
- **Micah Forum**
2nd Tuesdays, 6pm, leannherig@gmail.com
- **Vestry Meeting**
3rd Mondays, 6:30pm, Guild Hall
- **Becoming the Beloved Community Study Group**
4th Tuesdays, 6:15-7:30pm, leannherig@gmail.com



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