



Experience the First Christmas

WELCOME

to St. Lucas UCC

Transforming lives as the hands and feet of Christ since 1880

9:30 AM Worship

December 7, 2025

You are welcome and invited to join our active faith community. No matter where you are on your journey; no matter where your journey began; we want to replenish your spirit, refresh your faith and support you along the way.



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ORDER OF WORSHIP/2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

* All who are able, please stand. *Hymns from the Family of God*

Welcome & Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude *What Child Is This?*

Light of Christ Brought Into the Sanctuary

Advent Candle Lighting (Peace)

Leader: We are God's gathered people.

People: We come to this moment filled with hope.

(Hope candle is lit)

Leader: We know God is for us, even in the darkness.

People: We light this candle to stand against the darkness, to proclaim the need for peace in the world.

All- We stand together as children of the one God, sisters and brothers of the Prince of Peace.

(Peace candle is lit)

*Hymn *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* #229

*Call To Worship

Pastor: Welcome, those who are spiritually hungry.

People: The Word of God nourishes our being.

Pastor: Welcome to those who thirst.

People: The Cup of the New Covenant replenishes our souls.

Pastor: Wisdom brings our weary bodies to the City of Suprises.

All: We continue our journey back to Bethlehem, rediscovering the purity of our hearts. Amen.

*Words of Confession

All: With mistakes and missteps, we bring our broken spirits back to Bethlehem. Christ meets us with mercy and the promise of new beginnings. We place our sins before the One in the manger, who leads us on the road of righteousness and renewal. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

Pastor: The Lord listens to our hearts, forgives our sins, and shines upon us. We are surrounded by grace and not forgotten. Amen.

*Musical Response *Cleanse Me, vs. 2* #425

*Sign of Grace & Welcome

Anthem *Come Shepherds Rise* St. Lucas UCC Choir

Time with Young Disciples

Michele Ottinger

Scripture

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Sermon

Rev. George Miller

Hymn

Go, Tell It on the Mountains

#205

Hymn

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

#159

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever! Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

All: The hand of the Lord is upon us, causing us to hear and to speak. As the Breath of God fills this sanctuary, may our mortal gifts be pleasing to our God. Amen.

*The Doxology

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*The Unison Prayer of Dedication

All: Receive our gifts, O God of Bethlehem. Let them build hope, cradle love, and awaken new beginnings. Amen.

Communion Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together* #564

Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

People: Holy Father, thank you for feeding us with the bread of hope and gathering us near the manger once more. Send us out to carry your light into the world—loving tenderly, walking humbly, and preparing the way for peace. Amen.

***Hymn**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

#342

***Light of Christ Brought Out Into the World**

*Benediction

*Postlude

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK, DECEMBER 7—14, 2025

Sunday, Dec. 7

10:30 a.m. Lydia's House Pot Pie Sales
11:00 a.m. Adult Ed

Social Hall
Room 18/20

Monday, Dec. 8

1:00 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor George
3:00 p.m. Blood Drive
6:00 p.m. Mission & Outreach

Room 18/20
Social Hall
Zoom

Tuesday, Dec. 9

10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
6:30 p.m. Preschool Board
7:00 p.m. Social Justice

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Wednesday, Dec. 10

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Choir Room

Thursday, Dec. 11

Friday, Dec. 12

Saturday, Dec. 13

12:30 p.m. Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Dog Club

Social Hall

Sunday, Dec. 14

9:30 a.m. Worship
Strengthen the Church Mission Moment
Church School, age 3—5th Grade

Sanctuary
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Sanctuary/Social Hall

11:00 a.m. Adult Ed

Room 18/20



From My Heart



For thoughts, prayers or just because...

Tear off & put it into the offering plate.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Jason, Shirley Bild, Bill Brown,
Mike, Rosie, Tim Miller,
Scott Schmidt, Evelyn Stolz,
Dale Tempinson, Britt Whitaker

MILITARY

Cornelius Douse
Noah Ottinger
Julian Scherer
Jeremi Williamson
Brandon Williamson

ST. LUCAS UCC STAFF

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Rev. Janet Pillman ~ Assoc. Minister of Pastoral Care, ext. 6119
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