



# 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

Ring 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 Surprises.

***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

Scripture

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Sermon

Rev. George Miller

Hymn	<i>Go, Tell It on the Mountains</i>	#205
Hymn	<i>Sweet, Sweet Spirit</i>	#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	<i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i>	#564
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**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	<i>Come, Christians, Join to Sing</i>	#342
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**\*Light of Christ Brought Out Into the World**

**\*Benediction**

*Postlude	<i>Sussex Carol</i>
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**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK, DECEMBER 7—14, 2025**

Sunday, Dec. 7

10:30 a.m.	Lydia's House Pot Pie Sales	Social Hall
11:00 a.m.	Adult Ed	Room 18/20

**Monday, Dec. 8**

1:00 p.m.	Bible Study with Pastor George	Room 18/20
3:00 p.m.	Blood Drive	Social Hall
6:00 p.m.	Mission & Outreach	Zoom

Tuesday, Dec. 9

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

**Wednesday, Dec. 10**

6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice	Choir Room
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**Thursday, Dec. 11**

**Friday, Dec. 12**

**Saturday, Dec. 13**

12:30 p.m.	Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Dog Club	Social Hall
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**Sunday, Dec. 14**

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

**Rev. George Miller** ~ Senior Minister, ext. 6118  
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 All Church Programming, ext. 6114  
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**Linda Radick** ~ Pianist  
**Linda Taylor** ~ Music Director  
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