



# WELCOME

## *to St. Lucas UCC*

*Transforming lives as the hands and feet of Christ since 1880*

**9:30 AM Worship**

**December 22, 2024**

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.

### **Our Mission:**

St. Lucas UCC unites Christians in the worship of God and affirms life-long Christian education, faithful discipleship and caring service in God's name.

### **Our Promise:**

St. Lucas UCC members, united in Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, strive to live faithfully, grow spiritually and serve lovingly all of God's creations.



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# ORDER OF WORSHIP/LOVE

\_\_\_\_\_ \* All who are able, please stand. \_\_\_\_\_

**Welcome & Announcements**

(Hymns from New Century)

**Ringling of the Bell**

**Prelude**

**Advent Candle Lighting (Love)**

Leader: We are God's gathered people.

**People: *We come to this moment filled with holy hope.***

(Hope candle is lit)

Leader: God is with us, even in times of emptiness and darkness.

**People: *We stand together as children of God, ready to proclaim the Prince of Peace.***

(Peace candle is lit)

Leader: From the most difficult of struggles to the most wonderful of delight, God's love flows through everything.

**People: *When we use our hands and feet for love, joy shines through us.***

(Joy candle is lit)

Leader: Love. From the manger to the mountaintop, we know God's love transforms everything.

**People: *Prepare the way for the Lord- Emmanuel. God's love is with us.***

(Love candle is lit)

**\*Hymn**                      *This Little Light of Love* (tune of This Little Light of Mine)

**\*Hymn**                      *Gentle Joseph, Joseph Dear*                      #105

**\*Call To Worship**

Pastor: Greetings, favored ones. God is with us.

**People: *We are not afraid, for we are brave.***

Pastor: Jesus is the Son of the Most High; his kingdom has no end.

**People: *Nothing is impossible with God.***

Pastor: The Holy Spirit calls out our names.

**All: *Here we are Lord, let it be with us according to your will.***

**\*We Welcome the Holy Spirit**

**All: *Breathe upon us, breath of God. May your Holy Spirit bring forth abundant fruit. Amen.***

**Anthem** *Mary, Did Your Know?* St. Lucas UCC Choir  
**Time With Young Disciples** Michele Ottinger  
**Scripture** Luke 1:26-38  
**Sermon** Rev. George Miller  
**Hymn** *Come O Long Expected Jesus* #122

**The Morning Prayer**

**Silent Prayer**

**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.*

**Morning Offering**

**Invitation to the Offering**

*All: We thank you God for the gifts of Creation. May our offering be a blessing upon you. 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, oh Holy One. Use them as you desire, making your grace and majesty known throughout the world. Amen.*

**\*Hymn**

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

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**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

# WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK, DECEMBER 22—29, 2024

**Sunday, Dec. 22**

**Monday, Dec. 23**

6:00 p.m. Church Council Room 19

**Tuesday, Dec. 24**

10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve/Church Office Closed at Noon  
Christmas Eve Service Sanctuary

**Wednesday, Dec. 25**

10:00 a.m. Christmas Day/Church Office Closed  
Christmas Day Service Sanctuary

**Thursday, Dec. 26**

**Church Office Closed**

**Friday, Dec. 27**

**Church Office Closed**

**Saturday, Dec. 28**

**No Saturday Worship Service**

**Sunday, Dec. 29**

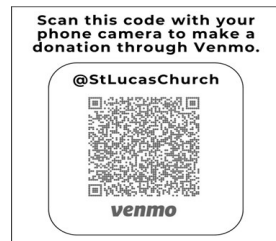
9:30 a.m. Worship Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m. Church School, age 3—5th Grade Sanctuary/Social Hall  
Adult Ed Room 19/Zoom

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Mary Ellen Cox,  
Scott Schmidt, Evelyn Stolz

**MILITARY**

Jeremi Williamson  
Brandon Williamson



## ST. LUCAS UCC STAFF

**Rev. George Miller** .....Senior Minister  
**Michele Ottinger**.....Director of Children’s Ministries & All Church Programming  
**Amy Bush**.....Coordinator of Youth Ministries  
**Lynn Fey**.....Co-Coordinator of Youth Ministries  
**Trevor Follis**.....AV Technician  
**David Kuhns**.....Saturday Evening Organist  
**Jeff Wagener**.....Church Administrator  
**Debbie Heagle**.....Administrative Assistant  
**Denee Bowers**.....Communications Coordinator  
**Kelly Blessing**.....Preschool Director  
**Charlie Singler**.....Maintenance Manager