



# WELCOME

## *to St. Lucas UCC*

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

**9:30 AM Worship**

**December 1, 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/HOPE

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

**Welcome & Announcements**

(Hymns from New Century)

**Ringling of the Bell**

**Prelude**

**Advent Candle Lighting (Hope)**

Leader: God of justice and peace, color our world with mercy and kindness.

**People: We stand in wonder and awe before your wonderful works.**

Leader: Lord of promises and love, you brighten our lives with compassion and grace.

**People: Holy One, we light this candle in abundant hope, knowing that in your radiance we can shine bright as the Gospel.**

**All: We wait with hope for the birth of Jesus.**

(Hope candle is lit)

**\*Hymn**

*Watcher, Tell Us Of The Night*

#103

**\*Call To Worship**

Pastor: Loving God, we give thanks for the Season of Advent.

**People: We are reminded that your love stops at nothing to save us.**

Pastor: Keep us aware this season so we stay focused on you.

**People: Empower us to receive all that your Holy Spirit wants to offer.**

Pastor: Speak to us now; teach us how to hear.

**All: Fill us with your healing power and your heavenly grace.**

**\*We Welcome the Holy Spirit**

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

**Anthem Solo**

Marty Schmidt

**Time With Young Disciples**

Michele Ottinger

**Scripture**

Daniel 6:6-14

**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: In good times and bad, God is faithful to us. We bring forth our offerings as an affirmation of our faith in God. Today we share our offerings in hope and in trust. 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.***

**\*Communion Hymn**

***Let Us Break Bread Together***  
**(Family of God Hymnal)**

**#594**

**The Sacrament Of Holy Communion**

**\*The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**People: Loving God, thank you for refreshing us at your table. We have experienced the grace of Christ and the presence of the Holy Spirit. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us out into the world rejoicing in the Good News of Jesus. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

***Comfort, Comfort O My People***

**#101**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK, DECEMBER 1—8, 2024

### Sunday, Dec. 1

11:00 a.m. Adult Ed Room 18/20

### Monday, Dec. 2

1:00 p.m. Exploring God's Story Bible Study Fireside Room

### Tuesday, Dec. 3

10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour Zoom

6:30 p.m. Membership & Evangelism Zoom

### Wednesday, Dec. 4

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice Choir Room

### Thursday, Dec. 5

10:00 a.m. Program Team Meeting South Narthex

### Friday, Dec. 6

### Saturday, Dec. 7

5:00 p.m. Worship/Communion Sanctuary

### Sunday, Dec. 8

9:30 a.m. Worship Sanctuary

Church School, age 3—5th Grade Sanctuary/Social Hall

11:00 a.m. Adult Ed Room 18/20

5:00 p.m. Youth Trivia Night Question Writing Youth Room

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Mary Ellen Cox,  
Scott Schmidt, Evelyn Stolz

### MILITARY

Jeremi Williamson  
Brandon Williamson



## ST. LUCAS UCC STAFF

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