



WELCOME

to St. Lucas UCC

Transforming lives as the hands and feet of Christ since 1880

9:30 AM Worship

December 8, 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/PEACE

_____ * All who are able, please stand. _____

Welcome & Announcements

(Hymns from New Century)

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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)

***Musical Response** *This Little Light of Peace* (tune of This Little Light of Mine)

***Hymn**

Little Bethlehem of Judah

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***Call To Worship**

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

People: We long for your peace, and trust in your promises.

Pastor: Meet us here and fill our minds with your wisdom.

People: May our worship open us up to dream dreams and seek wholeness.

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

All: In the Name of the One who is most holy, we pray.

***We Welcome the Holy Spirit**

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

Anthem

Carol For Advent

St. Lucas UCC Choir

Time With Young Disciples

Michele Ottinger

Scripture

Matthew 3:7-16

Sermon

Rev. Janet Pillman

Hymn

Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates

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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: O Lord, we are thankful that you are gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. We gladly give you our hearts and our trust. Today we share our offerings in hope and in peace. 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**

O Come, O Come, Emanuel

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***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Do You Hear What I Hear?

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK, DECEMBER 8—15, 2024

Sunday, Dec. 8

10:30 a.m.	Rehearsal for Zac & Lizzy	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Kruse Center Tour	Kruse Center
5:00 p.m.	Youth Trivia Night Question Writing	Youth Room

Monday, Dec. 9

3:00 p.m.	Blood Drive	Social Hall
6:00 p.m.	Mission & Outreach	Zoom

Tuesday, Dec. 10

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

Wednesday, Dec. 11

6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice	Choir Room
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Thursday, Dec. 12

8:00 a.m.	Backpack	Fireside Room
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Friday, Dec. 13

7:00 p.m.	Youth Lock In	Social Hall
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Saturday, Dec. 14

9:00 a.m.	Puppet Show Set Up	Social Hall/Sanctuary
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Sunday, Dec. 15

9:30 a.m.	Worship/Christmas Program	Sanctuary
	Mission Moment/Strengthen the Church	Sanctuary
	Church School, age 3—5th Grade	Sanctuary/Social Hall
11:00 a.m.	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