



# WELCOME

## *to St. Lucas UCC*

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

**9:30 AM Worship**

**December 29, 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**

**Lighting the Advent Candles**

**\*Hymn**

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

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**\*Call To Worship**

Pastor: Hope, peace, joy and love. Their light fills our lives.

***People: We are thankful for the spirit of Christmas.***

Pastor: The Light of Christ is greatest of all, showing us the way.

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

Pastor: We are children of the light, filled with the Holy Spirit.

***All: Let our hearts sing out with joy and our spirits soar with gladness.***

**\*We Welcome the Holy Spirit**

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

**Time With Young Disciples**

Michele Ottinger

**Scripture**

Luke 2:21-38

**Sermon**

Rev. George Miller

**Hymn**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

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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: Guided by the Spirit, We thank God for the gifts of  
the Christmas Season. May our offerings be a blessing  
to our sanctuary and to all we serve. 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**

*Joy to the World!*

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**\*Benediction**

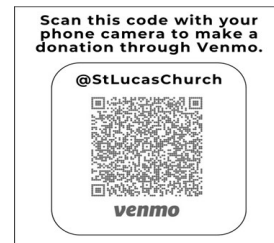
**\*Postlude**

# WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK, DECEMBER 29—JANUARY 5, 2025

<b><u>Sunday, Dec. 29</u></b>		
11:00 a.m.	Adult Ed	Room 18/20
<b><u>Monday, Dec. 30</u></b>	<b>Church Office Closed</b>	
<b><u>Tuesday, Dec. 31</u></b>	<b>Church Office Closed</b>	
<b><u>Wednesday, Jan. 1</u></b>	<b>Church Office Closed</b>	
<b><u>Thursday, Jan. 2</u></b>		
10:00 a.m.	Program Team Meeting	South Narthex
<b><u>Friday, Jan. 3</u></b>	<b>Church Office Closed</b>	
<b><u>Saturday, Jan. 4</u></b>		
5:00 p.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
<b><u>Sunday, Jan. 5</u></b>		
9:30 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	Church School, age 3—5th Grade	Sanctuary/Social Hall
11:00 a.m.	Adult Ed	Room 19/Zoom
5:00 p.m.	Epiphany Box Sorting	Social Hall

<b>PRAYER CONCERNS</b>
Mary Ellen Cox, Scott Schmidt, Evelyn Stolz

<b>MILITARY</b>
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