



# The Heart of St. Luke's

St. Luke's Episcopal Church | 320 Broad St NW

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## December 2023, January & February 2024

### BISHOP'S VISIT & CONFIRMATION

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD**

SERVICES OF HOLY EUCHARIST  
8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, & 10:45 AM

**RECEPTION FOR BISHOP  
AND CONFIRMANTS**

Immediately following the  
10:45 AM Service



**Sunday, December 3rd**

**Bishop's Visit and Confirmation**

Services at 8:00, 9:30, & 10:45 AM\*

On Sunday, December 3rd, St. Luke's will welcome Bishop Brian Cole for his annual visit to the church. He will be the celebrant and preacher at all three services. The 10:45 AM Service will include Confirmation and Reception for those persons making a mature commitment of faith or joining St. Luke's.

Join us after the 10:45 AM Service for a Reception in the Parish Hall honoring Bishop Brian Cole and the Confirmants.

**Sunday, December 3rd**

**Advent Lessons & Carols**

Service at 6:00 PM\*

Join us as we enter the season of Advent with a Service of Lessons and Carols led by the St. Luke's Adult Choir and Episcopal Youth Community.

(Services with an (\*) are live-streamed on the St. Luke's website and Facebook pages.)

### ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD**

**6:00 PM**

LED BY ST. LUKE'S ADULT CHOIR  
& EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY

### A Message from Fr. Joel

Dear Friends,

With the publication of each edition of *The Heart*, it is my pleasure to read through a draft copy and to get a preview of all that is on offer in our church. I encourage you to read through this edition carefully, and to be reminded just how much is available to you and to the community through our various ministries.

A couple of updates. We are in the process of wrapping up a strong Mission for Ministry Campaign for 2024. My thanks to all of you for your generous offerings of time, talents, and monetary contributions. And thanks to our Mission for Ministry Committee for all of their dedicated work on behalf of our parish. Also, we are excited to welcome Mary Beth Wickes back as our Organist. Thank you (!), Mary Beth.

As I write this, an exceptionally strong Confirmation/Reception class is forming. We are looking forward to a great day on December 3. Please make a special effort to attend the service of your choice on Dec. 3, and the Reception following the 10:45 service.

Let's please move into the new liturgical year with gratitude for all of God's blessings that we enjoy here in St. Luke's — keeping the main thing the main thing.

Love and peace,

### Bach's Lunch Concert Series

With Reception to follow in the Parish Hall  
**WEDNESDAYS, NOV. 29, DEC. 6, & 13**  
**12:00 PM IN THE CHURCH**  
IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

JOY TO THE WORLD  
Jingle Bells

GOD REST YE MERRY, GENTLE REPPERS

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING  
FELIX HOMER

**The 2023 Bach's Lunch Concert Series will be offered on Wednesdays, November 29, December 6, and 13, at 12:00 PM in the church, both in-person and online.** Lunch will follow the concerts in the Parish Hall. Please join us in a musical celebration of Advent and Christmas.

**Wed., November 29th** | Dr. Andrea Dismukes, *mezzo-soprano* & Mrs. Mary Beth Wickes, *piano*

**Wed., December 6th** | The Professors' Quartet: Lenena Brezna, *soprano*, Andrea Dismukes, *mezzo-soprano*, James Frost, *tenor*, & David Tahere, *bass*, with Mary Beth Wickes, *piano*

**Wed., December 13th** | Cleveland High School Chamber Ensemble directed by Jim Burton



**Fr. Joel will be offering an Advent Meditation Series on Tuesdays at 12:10 PM as part of Noonday Prayer throughout the season of Advent.** Each meditation will look closely at one of the Advent Lectionary readings as we consider anew what it means to live in a season of waiting, hope, and expectation.

Both the **Tuesday Noonday Prayer** and **Thursday Noonday Eucharist** will begin at 12:10 PM and be offered in-person and online.



As part of our Christmas tradition here at St. Luke's we decorate the church with beautiful poinsettias every year to the glory of God and in honor, memory, or thanksgiving of a loved one. It serves not only to make St. Luke's more beautiful, but as a thoughtful reminder throughout the Christmas season of those we hold dear.

**If you would like to include a remembrance in the bulletin, please list their names on this form and return it to the church office no later than Friday, December 15.**

Please make your check payable to St. Luke's Episcopal Church and indicate "Christmas Flowers" on the memo line.



**St. Luke's is excited to welcome back Mrs. Mary Beth Wickes as our Organist.** Mary Beth previously served St. Luke's from June 2012 to August 2018, and we are delighted to have her returning to the St. Luke's family.

Mary Beth brings a wealth of experience and musical expertise to St. Luke's. Prior to her first tenure with us, she served as the pianist and organist at First Baptist

Church in Cleveland since 1986. Her contributions to the musical community extend beyond the church, as she has held the position of Music and Fine Arts Coordinator for the School of Music at Lee University and the Director of Accompanying/Staff Accompanist for the School of Music, among other roles.

A graduate of the University of Mobile with a Bachelor of Arts in Music in 1972, Mary Beth furthered her education by earning a Masters of Music in Piano Performance from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1974.

Mary Beth is happily married to Tom Wickes, and together they have a wonderful family, which includes two sons, two daughters-in-law, and four adoring grandchildren (3 girls, 1 boy). Originally hailing from Mobile, Alabama, Mary Beth and Tom have called Cleveland home for the past 37 years.

Join us in celebrating Mary Beth's return as she resumes her role as St. Luke's Organist, contributing her exceptional musical talents to our worship community once again.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

*In Memory of* \_\_\_\_\_

*In Thanksgiving for* \_\_\_\_\_

*In Honor of* \_\_\_\_\_

*Given by* \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Given \$ \_\_\_\_\_



ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH | CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE

## 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DEC. 24

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*In-Person and Online, Nursery Provided*

(Services with an (\*) are live-streamed on the St. Luke's website and Facebook pages.)

Join us at St. Luke's  
for our celebration of the  
Christmas Season!

Sunday, December 24th

4th Sunday of Advent

10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*

*Nursery Provided*

Sunday, December 24th

Christmas Eve

5:00 PM | Holy Eucharist, Rite II

with Christmas Pageant\*

*Nursery Provided*

8:00 PM | Holy Eucharist, Rite I

*Nursery Provided*

10:30 PM | Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*

Monday, December 25th

Christmas Day

10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Sunday, December 31st

1st Sunday of Christmas

8:00 AM | Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*

*Nursery Provided*

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH | CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24TH

5:00 PM Holy Eucharist and Christmas Pageant

*In-Person and Online, Nursery Provided*

8:00 PM Holy Eucharist, Rite I

*In-Person, Nursery Provided*

10:30 PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*In-Person and Online*

CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25TH

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I

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## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT DECEMBER 24TH | 5:00 PM SERVICE

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## EUCCHARIST SERVICES IN THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28 - NO NOONDAY EUCCHARIST

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS, DECEMBER 31

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*In-Person and Online, Nursery Provided*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024

12:10 PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*In-Person and Online*

## Feast of Lights & Holy Eucharist

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH

10:45 AM

Our 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM Services  
of Holy Eucharist and Church School  
Classes will happen as usual.

Thursday, January 4th

12:10 PM | Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*

Sunday, January 7th

1st Sunday of Epiphany

8:00 AM | Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:30 AM | Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Church School for All Ages

10:45 AM | Feast of Lights &

Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*

*Nursery Provided*

The Feast of Lights Service is led by  
the St. Luke's Adult Choir and the  
Episcopal Youth Community.





You won't find it on the liturgical calendar, but we at St. Luke's will be observing February 4, 2023 as Visitors' Sunday. We are asking everyone to make a special effort to invite a friend, co-worker, or family to come to church with them on this Sunday as their guest. Of course, you don't have to limit yourself to a single friend or co-worker. Feel free to invite as many people or families as you wish.

While we are hoping to have a great many folks visit us in response to these invitations, we also want the members of our congregation themselves to be intentional about being present on February 4th, whether or not you have any guests that day. You can help simply by being here and by greeting our visitors and introducing yourself to them after the service you attend.

We picked this Sunday at Visitors' Sunday because, otherwise, it is an ordinary Sunday. We want our visitors to have a chance to see us as we are without any special fanfare. We believe everyone at St. Luke's feels we have a rather special community here in our parish family, a community of Christian love and fellowship that needs to be shared. This Visitors' Sunday is being offered as a vehicle for all of us to be intentional in that sharing.

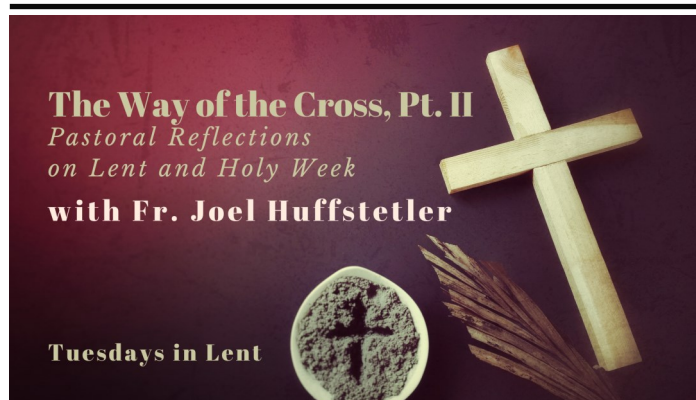
- Deacon Art Bass



**In January 2024 we will elect four new Vestry members to serve a three-year term on the St. Luke's Vestry.** The Nominating Committee will meet to form a slate of nominees.

The members of the Nominating Committee are Michelle Mazzolini (Senior Warden), Jim Burton, Shelia Fuller, and Dan Traczek. **The deadline for suggestions is Friday, December 1st. To make a suggestion to the Nominating Committee, please contact the church office at (423) 476-5541.**

Biographies for the eight Vestry Nominees will be published in January. The Vestry Election will be held in-person as part of the Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, January 28, 2024, at 9:15 AM.

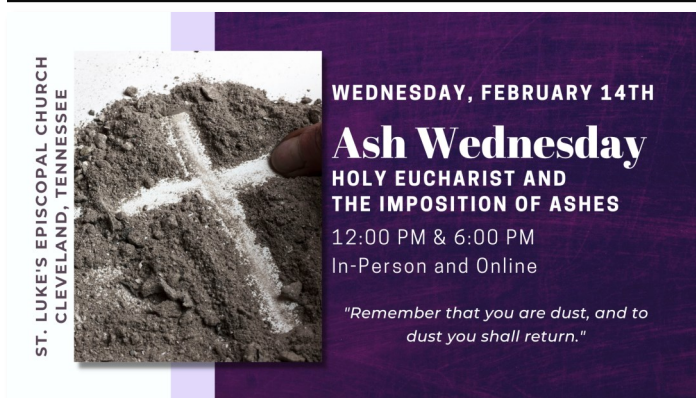


**The 2024 St. Luke's Lenten Series is "The Way of the Cross, Part II: Pastoral Reflections on Lent and Holy Week".** Fr. Joel Huffstetler will offer a six-week series, exploring important themes of our Christian faith as expressed in our observances of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

This series is a continuation of last year's series, which focused on Ash Wednesday, the Season of Lent, and Palm Sunday. That series is available to watch on our St. Luke's YouTube page.

The series runs for six weeks beginning Tuesday, February 20th, from 6:00 PM-7:15 PM in the Parish Hall. There will be a sign-up sheet for light refreshments.

Nursery is provided. If you are unable to attend in-person, the series will be made available online on our Facebook and YouTube pages later in the week.



**Wednesday, February 14th**

**Ash Wednesday**

**12:00 PM** | Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes\*

**6:00 PM** | Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes\*

*Nursery Provided for the 6:00 PM service.*

*Lenten Devotional Resources will be available beginning February 1st on the church website.*



# Christian Formation



## The Music of Advent: Sacred Music for a Sacred Season Sundays at 9:30 AM | December 10 & 17

Join us as Andrea Spraggins leads an exploration into the sacred music of the Advent and Christmas seasons. For two weeks, we'll discuss the beauty and purpose of Advent music, and how it helps us prepare for the birth of Jesus.

**Note:** There is no Adult Church School on December 3rd, and no Church School on December 24th or 31st. Church School for All Ages resumes on Sunday, January 7th



## Selected Sermons by Austin Farrer

Sundays at 9:30 AM | January 7, 14, & 21

Join us as we explore selected sermons by the late Anglican priest and academic Austin Farrer. Farrer, considered the greatest Anglican thinker of his time, expressed his most relatable ideas in sermons preached to Oxford students in the 1960s. The rarity of his firm, level voice was praised by his close friend, C.S. Lewis, in an introduction to Farrer's published sermons.

In conversations led by Chad Shores, we'll read and discuss Farrer's ideas on the nature of God and faith that he expressed from the pulpit.

Chad is a member of St. Luke's, consultant to the Vestry on our restoration and preservation projects, and regularly leads Bible Study for Men's Prayer Breakfast.



## A Spirituality of Aging

Sundays at 9:30 AM | February 4 & 11

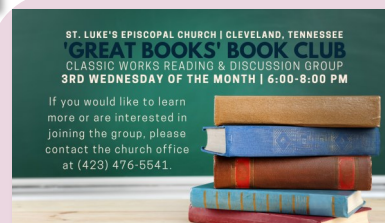
Join us for a guided conversation led by Beth Janney on the Spirituality of Aging. Beth will be facilitating discussion, rooted in her own personal and professional experience, on how our spiritual lives intersect with the challenges and realities of aging for those at later stages of life, and for their families and caretakers.

Beth is a member of St. Peter's, Chattanooga, and has been doing portions of her diaconal formation training with Fr. Joel. She is the Corporate Director for Memory Care for Morning Pointe Senior Living in Chattanooga.



## Church School for Children and Middle School Youth meets on Sundays at 9:30 AM upstairs in the Parish House, beginning in the

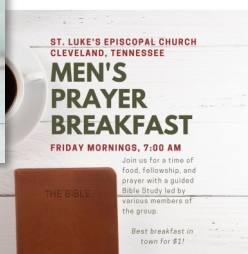
**Children's Chapel.** High School Youth meet downstairs in the Gathering Room. Nursery is provided for Children age 5 and younger from 9:15 AM through Coffee Hour.



## The 'Great Books' Book Club meets on a Wednesday evening each month from 6:00 PM—8:00 PM to discuss a great literary work. If you would like to learn more or are

interested in joining the group, please contact Fred Mueller at (423) 650-1867 or the church office at (423) 476-5541.

**January 17 | "Poems" by George Scarborough**  
**February 21 | Benito Cereno by Herman Melville**



**St. Luke's Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall.** The group will be on hiatus during Advent and Christmas. The Women's Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, January 10th as we begin a new series based on *The Gospel of Mark: A Beginner's Guide to the Good News* by Amy-Jill Levine.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast meets Friday mornings at 7:00 AM for food, fellowship, and prayer with a guided Bible Study each week.**





**Saturday, December 2nd**

*All Ages — Christmas Parade Hot Chocolate Stand*

**Sunday, December 3rd**

*Youth Confirmands — Bishop's Visit and Confirmation*

*Jr. & Sr. EYC — Advent Lessons & Carols | 5:00 PM*

**Friday-Sunday, December 8th-10th**

*Senior EYC — Happening #84*

**Wednesdays, December 6th, 13th, & 20th — 5:15 PM**

*All Ages — Christmas Pageant Rehearsal & Party*

**Sunday, December 24th — 3:00 PM**

*All Ages — Christmas Pageant at 5:00 PM Christmas Eve*

**Sunday, January 7th — 9:30 AM**

*Jr. & Sr. EYC — Feast of Lights Rehearsal and Service*

*Senior EYC — 5:00 PM*

**Sunday, January 14th — 3:00-6:30 PM**

*Junior EYC — Loaves and Fishes\**

**Wednesday, January 17th — 5:45 PM**

*All Ages — Bowling Night, Leisure Time Bowling*

**Friday-Saturday, January 26th-27th**

*Junior EYC Lock-In at St. Luke's | 8:00 PM—8:00 AM*

**Sunday, January 28th — 1:00 PM**

*Jr. & Sr. EYC — ChattEY Ice Skating Outing\**

**Sunday, February 11th — 1:00 PM**

*Jr. & Sr. EYC — ChattEY SuperBowling Sunday\**

**Tuesday, February 13th — 6:00 PM**

*Senior EYC — Host Pancake Supper for Summer Trip*

**Wednesday, February 14th — 6:00 PM**

*All Ages — Ash Wednesday Services*

**Friday-Monday, February 16th-19th**

*Senior EYC — Maggie Valley Ski Trip\**

**Regular Senior EYC (8th-12th grades) — 5:00 PM**

*Sundays, Jan. 7th, 21st, & Feb. 4th*

**Regular Junior EYC (4th-7th grades) — 5:15 PM**

*Wednesdays, Jan. 10th, 31st, Feb. 7th, & 21st*

*No EYC Events on Dec 27th, 31st,  
Jan 3rd, 24th, Feb 25th, or 28th.*



Maddie Jackson is the Youth Lay Rector for Happening #84 at Grace Point Camp and Retreat Center on December 8th-10th. Please keep her and the Happening Youth Community in your prayers as she leads them thru a successful and enriching weekend!

**Check out all the fun things planned this fall for our Children and Youth!** On the left you will see our regularly scheduled EYC nights at the church, followed by our special events.

Blue events are for Senior EYC (8th-12th grades)

Orange events are for Junior EYC (4th-7th grades)

Green events are for Jr. & Sr. EYC (4th-12th grades)

Purple events are for **ALL** Children, Youth, & Families



If your Children and Youth will be in town for Christmas Eve and would like to participate in the Christmas Pageant, please let Isaac know by Sunday, November 19th so we have enough parts and costumes.

We would love to include as many children and grandchildren as possible, especially those who might be visiting from out of town! If you would like to volunteer to assist with the pageant, please contact Isaac in the church office at (423) 476-5541.



**Wednesday, January 17th — 5:45 PM**

*All Ages — Bowling Night, Leisure Time Bowling*

Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship!



**St. Luke's Senior EYC is taking a Summer Youth Trip to General Convention this June to serve as Volunteers to the national triennial gathering of the Episcopal Church.** To help offset travel costs and lodging, the Senior EYC is hosting an Pancake Supper Fundraiser at the church on Tuesday, February 13th at 6:00 PM. Please join us for dinner and support our youth as they participate in the life of the national church.

# Volunteer Opportunities

The Church Office is looking for volunteers! Please contact Isaac or Andrea if interested (423) 476-5541.

- We are looking for a volunteer to regularly clean and maintain the vestments worn in worship by the Lectors, Chalice Bearers, and Acolytes.
- We are looking for persons to serve on our Caring and Sharing Teams and as Monthly Chairs. Caring and Sharing is the parish's in-reach ministry to pastoral needs ranging from meals and visits to cards and calls.

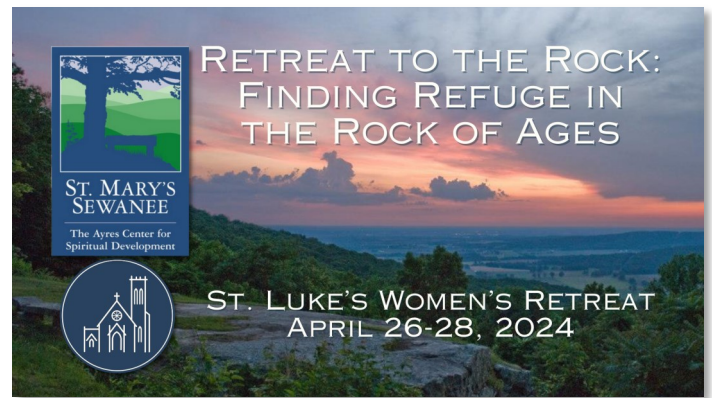
**A NOTE FROM THE OFFICE:** The deadline for financial contributions to the church to be included in your 2023 Statement is December 29th. Online, Stock, and Bill Pay contributions must be submitted by December 20th so that they will clear before the end of the year.



On Sunday, February 4, at 1:00 PM in the church there will be a ROTA Training for any Lectors, Acolytes, and Chalice Bearers interested in a refresher on their duties, or for new persons interested in serving for the first time.

## Parish Family Notes

- Congratulations to Camilla Rose Delgado (Millie) on her baptism! Millie is the daughter of Antonio and Liz Delgado, and sister of Peter and Lydia.
- Congratulations to Magnolia Mae Muth and Jonathan David Augustus Muth on their baptisms! They are the children of John and Sarah Muth and grandchildren of Stephen Davis and Tammy Muth-Davis.
- Sympathy to Caroline Berk, and the family and friends Dean Berk, who passed recently.
- Sympathy to the family and friends of Ed Hunley, who passed recently.
- Welcome to Richard and Nancy Teska, who transferred their membership to St. Luke's from St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Winston-Salem, NC.
- Welcome to all those who joined as baptized members: Sadie Chartier, Renee Collins, Jason and Tasha Hackett, Hannah Parson, and Charles Sereebutra.



The 2024 St. Luke's Women's Retreat is "Retreat to the Rock: Finding Refuge in the Rock of Ages". Join us April 26-28, 2024 for a weekend retreat at St. Mary's Retreat Center in Sewanee, Tennessee.



Casey Cole Higginbotham will be leading us in conversation and reflection on Psalm 18, which begins in verses 1-2 with, "I love you, O LORD my strength, O LORD my stronghold, my crag, and my haven. My God, my rock in whom I put my trust, my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge; you are worthy of praise."

Casey has a longstanding and fruitful relationship with St. Luke's and we are excited to have her join us on this inaugural weekend! You can learn more about Casey's current ministry at [www.caseycole.org](http://www.caseycole.org).

The Planning Team has already been hard at work putting together this amazing weekend. We'll gather for times of prayer, food, and fellowship; opportunities for discussion in small groups; crafting, journaling, hikes, sabbath time, and more. The weekend includes meals with the Convent of St. Mary's in the refectory.

There are two ways to participate in this weekend retreat: Friday-Sunday, and Saturday only. Those attending Saturday only will arrive in time for the first session that morning and enjoy a full day of conversation and activities through dinner and the evening Q&A. Those attending Friday-Sunday will begin with dinner Friday evening, a social hour, and small group discussions. On Sunday following breakfast, they'll attend worship together at All Saints' Chapel at the University of the South in Sewanee before departing.

**Registration for the weekend will open on Sunday, January 28th following Annual Meeting.** The retreat is open to the Women of St. Luke's, and to friends and family who may wish to join us. Space is limited, so register early!

### Cost for the Retreat

- \$100/person — Double Room Occupancy
- \$120/person — Single Room Occupancy (Fri. Dinner-Sun. Breakfast)
- \$60/person — Saturday Only (Saturday Lunch-Dinner)

*Financial Assistance is available.*

*Please contact the Church Office at (423) 476-5541.*

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The People of St. Luke's, Ministers

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### St. Luke's Vestry

2024	2025	2026
Jim Burton	Jill Davis	Heather Jackson
Shelia Fuller	Lisa Harper	Wayne Kelly
Michelle Mazzolini	Stacia Shahan	Leslie Melton
Dan Traczek	Lew Warren	Amy Wasson

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### Regular Service Schedule

**Sundays, 8:00 AM** — Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
**Sundays, 9:30 AM** — Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
**Sundays, 10:45 AM** — Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*

**Thursdays, 12:10 PM** — Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*

*\*Services also available online at [www.facebook.com/stlukesccleveland/live](http://www.facebook.com/stlukesccleveland/live) and [www.stlukesccleveland.org/live](http://www.stlukesccleveland.org/live).*

### Office Hours

**Monday—Friday, 9:00 AM — 4:00 PM**

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### St. Luke's Staff

The Rev. Dr. Joel W. Huffstetler, *Rector*  
The Rev. Arthur Bass, *Vocational Deacon*  
Dr. Andrea Dismukes, *Director of Music*  
Mrs. Mary Beth Wickes, *Organist*  
Mr. Isaac Doty, *Director of Communications, Christian Formation, and Minister to Youth*  
Mrs. Molly Jackson, *Children's Church School Coordinator*  
Ms. Abbey Fuller, *Nursery Supervisor*  
Ms. Andrea Spraggins, *Parish Administrator*  
Mrs. Donna Blair, *Sexton*  
Mr. Wayne Wimberly, *Buildings Manager*

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