St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Cleveland, Tennessee

1st Sunday of Advent
Week of November 29, 2026

320 Broad Street NW | (423) 476-5541
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ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS
SUNDAY, NOV. 29TH

Join us as we enter the season of Advent with a service led by the Adult Choir and Episcopal Youth Community.

SERVICE AT 6:00 PM*
**Service available online and in-person.*

ADVENT MEDITATIONS
TUESDAYS IN DECEMBER AT 12:10 PM*



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.

BACH'S LUNCH AND CONCERT SERIES



WEDNESDAYS AT NOON*
DECEMBER 2ND, 9TH, & 16TH

December 2nd
Dr. Devon Howard, organ
December 9th
Kristiana McCombs, cello
December 16th
St. Luke's Adult Choir

A LIGHT LUNCH WILL FOLLOW IN THE PARISH HALL
**Services available online and in-person.*

St. Luke's EYC partners with Taylor Elementary School to provide Christmas gifts to children in need in our community. Each year, our Jr. & Sr. EYC shop for 20-25 elementary age children and their siblings to help bring them a Merry Christmas.

If you would like to help support this ministry, please consider writing a check to St. Luke's Episcopal Church with 'Christmas Gifts' in the memo line. The deadline for contributions is Sunday, December 6th.





A Homemade Christmas
Dinner and Fellowship

Tuesday, December 1st | 6:00–8:00 PM

Join us at St. Luke's for A Homemade Christmas, a festive evening of food, fellowship, and Christmas fun for the whole parish family. We'll gather for a potluck soup and dessert supper, enjoy a little friendly competition for the title of "Soup-er Chef," and celebrate the many creative gifts and talents found throughout our congregation.

The evening will also feature a Christmas Silent Auction with handmade crafts, artwork, baked goods, Prayer Shawl Ministry blankets, donated services, gift baskets, and other special items—perfect for a little Christmas shopping. **If there is an item or service you would like to contributed to the auction, please contact Tammy Randolph at (423) 716-1224 by Monday, November 23rd.**

Proceeds from the silent auction will go to support our BEST Partner, Taylor Elementary School. As part of the event, the **Taylor Elementary Honor Choir** will be joining us to fill the hall with seasonal music.

Santa Clyde and Mrs. Claus (Clyde and Pam Rush) will also be on hand for free digital Christmas photos, so bring the whole family and come enjoy a warm and joyful evening together.

On Saturday, December 12th, volunteers with Sleep in Heavenly Peace — Bradley County will be delivering beds to local children who do not have a bed of their own. For some of these children, this will be the first bed they have ever been able to call their own. Volunteers will help assemble and dress beds inside family homes here in the Cleveland area. This is a meaningful, hands-on opportunity to serve children and families in our community and help provide a safe, comfortable place for a child to sleep each night.

Those interested in participating can sign up through **Sleep in Heavenly Peace — Bradley County**. To learn more, call Kyle Cooper at (423) 715-6458, or to register please visit **https://bit.ly/StLukes-SHP-Dec-12.**

The Prayer Tree

The power of prayer during Christmas is profound, as it helps individuals connect with God and reflect on the true meaning of the season. There are so many in our parish, community, state, nation and the world in need of prayer. The Prayer Shawl Ministry (PSM) compiled a list of first names from the church and additional requests from ministry members. PSM is making Christmas ornaments that will hang on a Prayer Tree in the Narthex beginning November 29th until the ornaments have all been taken. Each ornament is a gift to you with a prayer request attached. In taking an ornament, you are committing to pray for the name on the card throughout the Christmas season and beyond.

From PSM: We hope you enjoy this power of prayer project and welcome your feedback and support. We meet the 4th Monday of each month, 6:00 PM, Gathering Room II. Our next meeting is January 25th.

Memorial Garden

We are currently in the process of expanding the St. Luke's Memorial Garden. The expansion will incorporate sides to the right and left of the current garden. We will have 2 plaques mounted on each side with a total capacity of 364 additional names. An architectural rendering of the newly expanded Memorial Garden is placed in the rear of the church and in the Parish House.

We are not conducting a capital campaign to fund the expansion, as several families have given donations for this project, and over time funds have been accumulating in our Capital Projects Budget. All of that said, in the coming years there will be ongoing needs regarding upkeep and maintenance of the garden. If you would like to make a donation, just write "Memorial Garden" on your check to St. Luke's. All donations will be put to good use over time.

If anyone has any questions, please contact the church office at (423) 476-5541, or reach out to Tom Cate or Lou Patten, Senior Warden.

To support the ministry of St. Luke's, please scan the QR code or visit www.stlukescleveland.org/give. You may also place a contribution in the offering plate or by mailing it to:

St. Luke's Episcopal Church,
P.O. Box 5, Cleveland, TN 37364.

Episcopal Youth Community & Children's Ministries

St. Luke's Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) is offered for all youth of the church in 6th—12th grades and meets every other Sunday and Wednesday.

Club 45 is offered for children in 4th-5th grades and meets one Wednesday night a month.



- **Sunday, November 29th**
  Advent Lessons and Carols (Club 45 & EYC)
  5:00 PM | Rehearsal - **6:00 PM** | Service
- **Wednesday, December 2nd**
  5:30 – 7:00 PM | Peer Ministry Training

Adult Formation at St. Luke's

Sundays at 9:30 AM | Parish Hall

Nov. 29

Re-Membering in Prayer:
The Book of Exodus and Daily Prayer
with Dr. Nathan Napier

Dec. 6, 23, & 20

'Our Father': The Meaning and Beauty of the Lord's Prayer
with Dr. Wesley Biddy

Christmas Flowers

Help us decorate the church for the Christmas Season

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 18th.**

We want everyone to be able to remember their loved ones this Christmas, so any amount is gratefully accepted — please give whatever feels comfortable for you.

Please make your check payable to St. Luke's Episcopal Church and indicate "Christmas Flowers" on the memo line. **Flower forms are available in the back of the church and outside the church office.**