



WELCOME TO

Christmas Eve

at **ST. LUKE'S**

2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR CHRISTMAS PREEVE & EVE 2024

All services held in the Sanctuary

PRELUDE

“Overture of Joy”
(Traditional services)

Orchestra

“This Christmas”
(Contemporary services)

Saniye Kazan and Rebecca Jo Cross
with Praise Team

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: FEAR NOT! Tonight the angels bring us Good News.

All: Fear Not! Good News for ALL People!

One: Glory to God in the highest!

All: And hope to every discouraged heart.

One: Glory to God in the highest!

All: And peace to every conflicted soul.

One: Glory to God in the highest!

All: And joy to every downcast spirit.

One: Glory to God in the highest!

All: And love to everyone.

*OPENING CAROL

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

UMH No. 234

*PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

O Holy One, heavenly angels sang to earthly shepherds and eternity entered the stage in the child of Bethlehem. Through the telling of the Christmas story, let our lives be caught up in the eternal story of love with that same child, Emmanuel. Tonight let us learn the Story so that we might join shepherds and all the angels to sing of the Good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CAROL

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

UMH No. 238

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Prayer: God of all ages, in the birth of Christ your boundless love for your people shattered the power of darkness. Be born in us with that same love and light, that our song may blend with all the choirs of heaven and earth to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Many children in Central Florida, like the Christ child, have no place to lay their heads. A bed is a basic need for the well-being of a child, but nearly 800,000 children in the U.S. don't have one to sleep on, and almost half that amount do not have a safe home or family where they can grow into their fullest potential. This Christmas, you have the opportunity to help provide beds for children in our community, which provides safety, shelter, and belonging for children and youth with no family to support them. Part of your Offering will support our partnership with Sleep In Heavenly Peace. SHP partners with St. Luke's twice a year to build, assemble, and deliver top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need. Your Offering will help fund the building of over 150 beds this year.

We will also continue St. Luke's long-time tradition of supporting Residing Hope, formerly known as the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. This organization has supported children and families through residential care, therapeutic care, foster care, emergency shelter, independent living assistance, and community childcare for more than 100 years.

OFFERTORY	<p>“And the Glory of the Lord” <i>(Traditional services)</i> “Wonderful” <i>(Contemporary services)</i> Violin/Piano Instrumental <i>(Communion service)</i></p>	<p>Sanctuary Choir Kyle Reynolds, Brandon Sangster, and Jaiden Colorado with Praise Team Kate Goodin, violin, and John R. Mason III, piano</p>
CAROL	“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”	UMH No. 240
THE GOSPEL PROCLAMATION OF THE NATIVITY	<p>“And The Angel Said Unto Them” <i>(Traditional services and Communion service)</i></p>	<p>Luke 2:1-20 Abigail Hagood, soloist</p>
LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE		
ANTHEM	<p>“Glory to God (Messiah)” <i>(Traditional services)</i> “O Holy Night” <i>(Contemporary services)</i> “Great, Great Joy!” <i>(Communion service)</i></p>	<p>Sanctuary Choir Lillie Thomas with Praise Team Small Ensemble</p>
MESSAGE		Rev. Dr. Jennifer Stiles Williams
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION <i>(Christmas Eve at 11:15 p.m.)</i>	“Pacem,” “We Would Worship Thee,” and “O Holy Night”	Small Ensemble
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES OF CHRISTMAS	<i>(The light will be passed from the Christ candle by the pastors to the ushers, and then to all worshipers. The lighted candles are held upright and the unlighted candles are tipped into the lighted ones.)</i>	
CAROL <i>(seated)</i>	“Silent Night, Holy Night”	UMH No. 239
*THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING		
*CAROL	“Joy to the World”	UMH No. 246
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	<p>“Overture of Joy” <i>(Traditional services)</i> “Go Tell It On The Mountain” <i>(Contemporary services)</i></p>	<p>Orchestra Mosi Arthur with Praise Team</p>

**If you are able, please stand in praise to God.*

We welcome our guests worshipping with us tonight. We hope that celebrating the wonder and beauty of Christmas will bless you throughout the year. If you do not have a church home and would like to know more about St. Luke’s, you can find information about many ministries in the brochure racks on our campus, by contacting the church office at 407.876.4991, or by visiting our website at st.lukes.org.

ST. LUKE'S CAMPUS HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The church campus will be closed through January 1 (with the exception of worship on December 29) in observance of Christmas and New Year's Day.

GIVE ONE MORE GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS



2024 contributions can be made by mail, on the app, or online. Gifts must be postmarked and in the mail on or before December 31, or made online by December 31 at 11:59 p.m. Gifts received after this date will be applied to 2025. Use this QR code to give from your mobile device, visit the St. Luke's Orlando app, or make your contribution using our easy-to-use "QuickGive" platform at st.lukes.org/give. You can set up a recurring gift or make a one-time gift. Gifts can also be placed in the offering plate during worship.

JOIN US ON SUNDAYS

- Contemporary Worship: Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Founder's Hall
- Traditional Worship: Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
- Live on Facebook and YouTube: Sundays at 9:30 (Contemporary) and 10:00 a.m. (Traditional)

LEADING WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Stiles Williams
Lead Pastor

The Rev. Jad Denmark
Minister of Congregational Life

The Rev. Melissa Cooper
Minister of Adult Formation and Leadership

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Men's Ministry Kickoff**
January 11 at 12:00 p.m. at the Winter Garden Ale House | RSVP at st.lukes.org/men
- **Loss of a Spouse**
January 12 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. | RSVP at st.lukes.org/griefsharespouse
- **Coping with Caregiving Support Group**
January 12 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. | Register at st.lukes.org/caregiving
- **Women's Ministry Open House**
January 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Center | RSVP at st.lukes.org/women
- **Bethune-Cookman Concert Chorale Performance**
January 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary | Learn more at st.lukes.org/bcchorale
- **Blood Drive and Blood Pressure Screenings**
January 26 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. near Bldg. C | Learn more at st.lukes.org/blood-drive
- **We Still Do Vow Renewal Event**
February 14 | Details coming soon!
- **HymnSong**
February 15 and 16 in the Sanctuary | Purchase tickets at st.lukes.org/hymnsong
- **Monthly Men's Ministry Breakfast**
February 20 at 6:30 a.m. in Founder's Hall | RSVP at st.lukes.org/breakfast
- **Habitat for Humanity Workday**
March 29 | Sign up and learn more at st.lukes.org/habitat

STAY CONNECTED WITH ST. LUKE'S

See more upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, ways we can care and support you, and more by visiting our website at st.lukes.org, because it's not St. Luke's without U!

SPECIAL UPCOMING SERVICE REMINDER

On both **December 29 and January 5** we will have one combined worship service in the Sanctuary and live on St. Luke's Facebook page at **10:00 a.m.**

Regular worship times and venues will resume Sunday, January 12, 2025.

Follow us on social media!



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