



# GRACE-ST. LUKE'S

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## E P I S C O P A L C H U R C H

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
MORNING SERVICE OF PRAYERS, MEDITATION AND MUSIC  
OCTOBER 4, 2020 10:30 AM  
VIA LIVESTREAM

This service is an adaptation of various services for public worship in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) of The Episcopal Church. Text in boldface type is read aloud or sung by the congregation. Text in italics provides directions or details. Explore the richness of the BCP online at [bcponline.org](http://bcponline.org) including Daily Devotions for Individuals and Families. During this service, please feel free to stand, sit, or even kneel at the appointed times and practice any personal pieties that might enhance your engagement in this experience.

**Welcome to Worship:** *Thank you for making Grace-St. Luke's part of your spiritual journey and for joining us today for this virtual worship offering. If you are new among us, please complete an online Connect Card at [gracestlukes.org/online-visitor-card](http://gracestlukes.org/online-visitor-card). Our clergy-staff team would like to reach out to learn more about you and to explore how life at Grace-St. Luke's might bless your journey and you bless ours. For more about our thriving faith community including online formation (learning) offerings, please visit [www.gracestlukes.org](http://www.gracestlukes.org).*

**Officiant:** Jessica Abell, Parish Intern  
**Lector & Intercessor:** The Rev. Laura F. Gettys

**Preacher:** The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher

*All are asked to observe silence during the*

**Voluntary:** "INTERLUDE IN F"

A. Hebert Brewer

**Welcome, Announcements and Children's Message**

# The Word of God

Hymn 448, stanzas 1-3, & 6, "O LOVE, HOW DEEP, HOW BROAD, HOW HIGH"

music: *Deus tuorum militum*, from *Antiphoner*, 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt  
text: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and  
4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

*Officiant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Blessing of the Animals

*Officiant* In observance of the life and ministry of Saint Francis of Assisi, we give thanks for the gift of all creation, remembering especially those living and departed animal companions, and those to whom they bring and have brought joy.

*The names of pets submitted in advance to be read aloud are said. Then all are invited to offer additional pet names either silently or aloud. The Officiant then offers a blessing using the following words*

N.N., may you be blessed in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May you and those who care for you enjoy life together and find joy with the God who created you.

*The Officiant offers a concluding prayer before the Collect of the Day*

Lord God, you have made all living things, and you are even more wonderful than the things you have made. We thank you for giving us our pets who are our friends and who give us so much joy in life. We cherish the pets we have now, and we remember the pets we have loved and lost. May we always be reminded of the joy they have given to us. May we likewise, realize that as our pets trust us to take care of them, so we should trust you to take care of us, and in our taking care of them we share in your love for all your creatures. Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Collect for St. Francis of Assisi

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Officiant* Let us pray.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Psalm 80:7-14** *read responsively by whole verse*

- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; \*  
you cast out the nations and planted it.**
- 9 You prepared the ground for it; \*  
it took root and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow \*  
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea \*  
and its branches to the River.
- 12 Why have you broken down its wall, \*  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, \*  
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;  
behold and tend this vine; \*  
preserve what your right hand has planted.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### **The Gospel**

*Priest* A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

21:33-46

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'" So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

*Priest* Here ends the Lesson.

**The Homily:** The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher

*The Priest invites the People to stand or kneel for the*

**The Prayers of the People, Form II**

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*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Diocesan Bishop Phoebe, Presiding Bishop Michael, and the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church. *Silence*  
I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.  
Pray for justice and peace. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Stella Bain, Brian Delloyd Kellett, for those in whose loving memory the altar flowers are given: Mary Frances Statham and Edward A. Wright. Pray for those who have died. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, including those reflected on the Prayer List in this service leaflet; and I ask your thanksgivings for the birth of Gerry Walter Adair, daughter of Stephani and Gerry Adair, Catesby Osborne Simmons, daughter of Rachael and Chilton Simmons, and William Kevin Anderson, son of Whitney and Kevin Anderson and grandson of Hal and Jane Morse, and for the marriage of Selden Elise Humphreys and Erim Sarinoglu, and for Betty Wright in whose honor the altar flowers are given. *Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Silence*

### **A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis**

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

### **The Peace**

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*Officiant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The Officiant and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

### **The Offertory**

*During the offertory music or following this service, your offering supports this virtual ministry and much more of life at Grace-St. Luke's: visit [gracestlukes.org/onlinegiving](http://gracestlukes.org/onlinegiving); text GSLChurch ALMS to 73256 to give to ALMS; text GSLChurch PLEDGE to 73256 to give to 2020 PLEDGE; mail to the church office. We are not closed during this season of physical distancing. Instead, we are becoming more open and creative in how we abide with God, walk by faith, and serve one another. Your gift to the glory of God supports the administration, operations, and life of Grace-St. Luke's Church.*

### **Anthem at the Offertory, "PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS"**

*music: Roland E. Martin (b. 1955)  
text: attr. to St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)*

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### **The Lord's Prayer**

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And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Spiritual Communion Prayer**

*Mindful of COVID-19 pandemic precautions and guidelines that exclude our ability to assemble for the Holy Eucharist, the Officiant and People offer the following prayers as part of a Spiritual Communion. These are recited daily throughout the church catholic (universal) by communities who long for the occasion when all can fully participate in the central practice of both blessing and receiving the Holy Sacrament. Until then, we pray:*

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly Grace-St. Luke's and those worshipping there, I long to offer praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory, and particularly for the blessings given me.

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

**The Blessing**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Hymn 400, stanzas 1, 4, & 7, "ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING"**

*music: Lasst uns erfreuen, melody from Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng, 1623; adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

*text: Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt.*



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us  
 \*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -  
 \*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to  
 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our  
 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your  
 \*6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal  
 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing  
 2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing  
 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -  
 4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and  
 5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that  
 6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back  
 7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,  
 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,  
 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,  
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:  
 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:  
 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:  
 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

*Refrain*



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*The people are dismissed with these words*

*Minister* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Voluntary:** "IMPROVISATION ON *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*"

Patrick A. Scott

*Continue the day, giving thanks to God for blessings known and known, and by reaching out in care for fellow parishioners, neighbors, and any persons in need. Members of the parish with any needs or pastoral concerns: email [pastoralcare@gracestlukes.org](mailto:pastoralcare@gracestlukes.org) or dial 901-252-6320, and for hospitalizations or emergencies, dial the 24/7 Clergy-on-Call phone line at 901-252-6334.*

**Jessica Abell, Officiant**  
**The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher, Preacher**  
**The Rev. Laura F. Gettys, Lector & Intercessor**  
**Dr. Patrick A. Scott, Director of Music & Organist**  
**Elizabeth Hornor, Isabel Wittman, Charles McGowan, & Andrew Carroll, Cantors**  
**Jeff White, Livestream Support**  
**Lucy Owens, Communications Administrator**

## Weekly Message from the Clergy

**God's Peace Will Match Our Present Hour.** Our present hour, the world as we know it, is rich with abundance in ways known and unknown. Equally if not more, our present hour is torn by strife, fear, hate, division, inequity, and devoid of reconciliation among the human family. Thus, followers of Jesus are called by baptism and faith to be peacemakers, courageous partners with God in the making of a new world; to practice radical love, never underestimating its power to heal; and to have hope, trusting that God will do what God always does: make the impossible possible. During this earthly journey, I often turn for encouragement and as a reminder that God is the beginning and the end to The Hymnal 1982 and pray "O day of God, draw nigh." *O day of God, draw nigh in beauty and in power; come with thy timeless judgment now to match our present hour. Bring to our troubled minds, uncertain and afraid, the quiet of a steadfast faith, calm of a call obeyed. Bring justice to our land, that all may dwell secure, and finely build for days to come foundations that endure. Bring to our world of strife thy sovereign word of peace, that war may haunt the earth no more, and desolation cease. O day of God, draw nigh as at creation's birth; let there be light again, and set thy judgments on the earth. Amen.* Indeed, God's peace will match our present hour. – The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher

## Take Note: New Highlights

**In-Person Fellowship Survey.** The Congregational Development committee has a short survey for you to take! Details below under *Community Life*.

**Are You Using REALM Connect?** Details below under *Community Life*.

**Pledging to Our 2021 Stewardship Campaign, Resilience and Connections by Giving.** Update below under *Stewardship: Time, Talent, Treasure*.

**A Kindred Night Out.** Kindred Place is one of Grace-St. Luke's Servant Ministry Partners and they are having a family friendly fundraiser. Details under *Outreach*.

**GSL Sponsors MIFA's Our City, Our Story, October 7.** Look for details under *Outreach*.

**Ongoing events, less recent news, and more, explore below:** *Virtual Offerings, Worship and Music, Stewardship, Christian Formation, Community Life, Outreach, Social Justice, and Stay Informed.*

## Virtual Offerings

**Sunday, October 4,** GSL Celebrates the Feast of St. Francis, 9:15 a.m. on Facebook Live ([www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live](http://www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live)) and on our website ([www.gracestlukes.org/sunday-morning](http://www.gracestlukes.org/sunday-morning)).

**The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 4,** 10:30 a.m. Livestream Service of Morning Prayer including sermon and music via the GSL website ([www.gracestlukes.org/events/sunday-worship](http://www.gracestlukes.org/events/sunday-worship)) and Facebook Live ([www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live](http://www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live)).

**Sunday, October 4,** Musical concert online, 5:30-6 p.m. available on Facebook Live ([www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live](http://www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live)) and YouTube Live ([www.youtube.com/gracestlukes](http://www.youtube.com/gracestlukes)). Details below under *Worship and Music*.

**Tuesday, October 6,** 8 until 8:15 p.m. Compline (Night Prayers) via Facebook Live.

**Wednesday, October 7,** 6-6:45 p.m. Zoom Discussion: From Lament to Hope with Dr. Dan Pigg via Zoom. Third week of four-week series.

**Thursday, October 8, Men's Morning Fellowship,** 7 until 7:45 a.m. via ZOOM. Hosted by Doug Duncan and the Rev. Ollie V. Rencher, all men may join at any time. Follow this link for information. ([www.gracestlukes.org/mens-fellowship](http://www.gracestlukes.org/mens-fellowship)).

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**Event Details.** For important details about each of these and more, follow this link ([www.gracestlukes.org/news/weekly-virtual-offerings](http://www.gracestlukes.org/news/weekly-virtual-offerings)) to Virtual Offerings and watch for the Friday *Looking Ahead* eNews.

## Worship and Music

**Worship: In Person or Virtual.** Join us Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for worship. Limited space is available for in-person worship based on physical distancing guidelines, and online reservations are required. Follow this link to sign up for Sunday, October 11 ([tinyurl.com/GSLWorshipSignup](http://tinyurl.com/GSLWorshipSignup)). For virtual, visit [www.gracestlukes.org/events/sunday-worship](http://www.gracestlukes.org/events/sunday-worship). Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8-8:15 p.m., Compline (Night Prayers) is offered via Facebook Live ([www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live](http://www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live)). Visit [www.gracestlukes.org/worship](http://www.gracestlukes.org/worship) and to explore past and upcoming services, follow this link.

**Musical Concert Online, Sunday, October 4.** This Sunday's 5:30 p.m. prerecorded musical concert will be an organ recital by Dr. Patrick A. Scott featuring music for St. Francis Day: featuring movements from Saint-Saën's *Carnival for the animals* and an improvisation on *All Creatures of our God and King*. This concert will be available on Facebook Live ([www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live](http://www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live)) and YouTube Live ([www.youtube.com/gracestlukes](http://www.youtube.com/gracestlukes)).

**Sunday Evening Eucharist Outdoors, October 4.** Our first outdoor service of the Holy Eucharist on September 27 was beautiful and well attended by 36 individuals socially distanced by household groups. The next service is today, Sunday, October 4, at 6 p.m. on the lawn of Anchor Hill (Peabody at Lemaster). At this time, only bread will be offered and distributed by a priest. Advanced sign-up by noon is required for a maximum number of household groups. For more information including what to expect and sign-up access, follow this link: [www.gracestlukes.org/news/preparing-for-worship-outdoors-at-gsl](http://www.gracestlukes.org/news/preparing-for-worship-outdoors-at-gsl).

## Stewardship: Time, Talent, Treasure

**Pledging to Our 2021 Stewardship Campaign, Resilience and Connections by Giving.** The Stewardship Committee is grateful for each pledge of time, talent and treasure received since the September 13th launch of the stewardship campaign. In preparation for Pledge Sunday, November 1, members of the Vestry, Finance Committee and Endowment Committee are among those who have offered pledges. For information about the campaign, including frequently asked questions about stewardship at GSL and how to pledge, visit [www.gracestlukes.org/pledge](http://www.gracestlukes.org/pledge). Prior pledges are not automatically renewed. If you have questions about your current or future pledge, please contact Stewardship Associate Chapman Morrow (901-252-6328, [cmorrow@gracestlukes.org](mailto:cmorrow@gracestlukes.org)) or Parish Administrator Linda Stine (901-252-6324, [lstine@gracestlukes.org](mailto:lstine@gracestlukes.org)).

## Christian Formation

### Adults.

**GSL Celebrates the Feast of St. Francis, Sunday, October 4.** Today's formation offering of the October 4th feast day of St. Francis of Assisi was presented by the Reverends Laura F. Gettys and Ollie V. Rencher commemorating the commitments of love, simplicity, care for the poor, and animals, commonly attributed to Francis, who prayed that we might become instruments of the peace of God for the world. You can watch it on our website ([www.gracestlukes.org/sunday-morning](http://www.gracestlukes.org/sunday-morning)) and on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/gracestlukes](http://www.facebook.com/gracestlukes)).

**Looking Ahead:** Sunday, October 11, 9:15 a.m., On Politics and Faith Values with Professor Otis Sanford

**Invitation to GSL Reading Together.** During the month of October, all are invited to read *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson, and join the ZOOM discussions Wednesdays, October 14, 21, & 28, 6-6:45 p.m. For sign-up details and more, visit [www.gracestlukes.org/gslreadingtogether](http://www.gracestlukes.org/gslreadingtogether).

Exciting Fall 2020 Lineup of Sunday and Wednesday Formation Offerings and more: visit [www.gracestlukes.org/adult-formation](http://www.gracestlukes.org/adult-formation).

### Youth.

Today, October 4, Grace-St. Luke's and Calvary will gather for a Halloween Movie Night at The Field, located at 2233 Harbert Ave. Come out with your chair or blanket for a socially distanced viewing of the spooky classic, "Halloweentown!" This event, for all youth grades 6th-12th, is from 7-8:30 p.m. For any questions, contact Director of Youth Formation Amzie Williams ([awilliams@gracestlukes.org](mailto:awilliams@gracestlukes.org)).

### Children.

Our Sunday morning Virtual Prayer Tables have been a special way for us to connect, continue on with one of our Sunday routines, and see each other's faces! All children are welcome to participate in this 20-minute virtual gathering for conversation, songs, stories, and prayer via Zoom after the 10:30 service. Zoom links are sent to the Children's Formation email list on Saturdays. If you'd like to have a Prayer Table kit for your family, contact Sharon Campbell, Director of Children's Formation ([scampbell@gracestlukes.org](mailto:scampbell@gracestlukes.org)).

## Community Life

**In-Person Fellowship Survey.** The Congregational Development committee is working to identify ways that we can gather while following safety protocols so that everyone feels comfortable. All parishioners are invited to complete this 2-minute, anonymous survey by Monday, October 5 to help us gauge readiness so we can plan events people want (and are ready) to participate in. The survey can be found here: [tinyurl.com/InPersonFellowshipSurvey](https://tinyurl.com/InPersonFellowshipSurvey). Thank you for your time!

**Vestry Nominations Open Through Today.** In preparation for the Annual Meeting of the Parish on Sunday, December 6, Vestry nominations for five 2021-2023 positions are open through today, Sunday, October 4, and again during the meeting. All process related forms are available online at [www.gracestlukes.org/news/vestry21-23](http://www.gracestlukes.org/news/vestry21-23) or contact Vestry Nominating Committee Chair Simon Wadsworth at (srew at icloud.com).

**Are You Using REALM Connect?** The Clergy, Staff and volunteer Congregational Development Ministry Team Leaders Anna Holtzclaw and Hallie Peyton are actively fostering ways to improve how the parish community connects. If you haven't already done so, please take a moment to access your REALM account. REALM Connect, our secure membership platform, is equipped with many features: update profile including contact information changes; upload individual or household photo; sign-up for ministry teams and events; manage financial giving; and message others based on self-determined confidentiality settings. In this season of physical distancing, increased contact by the clergy-staff team with parishioners as well as ways for parishioners to connect with one another are essential. Visit [www.gracestlukes.org/realm](http://www.gracestlukes.org/realm) or for personal assistance, contact Receptionist and Ministry Associate Abby Huber ([ahuber@gracestlukes.org](mailto:ahuber@gracestlukes.org), 901-252-6336). Spread the word about the benefits of REALM!

**Pastoral Care.** To alert the clergy of a pastoral matter concerning yourself or a parishioner, including any medical procedures, contact the clergy confidentially via 901-252-6320 or [pastoralcare@gracestlukes.org](mailto:pastoralcare@gracestlukes.org). For hospitalizations or emergencies concerning a member, contact the 24/7 Clergy-on-Call phone line at 901-252-6334. This is the best way to communicate pastoral needs and ensure a prompt response from the clergy.

## Outreach

**A Kindred Night Out.** Kindred Place is one of Grace-St. Luke's Servant Ministry Partners. GSL member/Kindred Place executive director Jennifer Balink and her team provide counseling and education for adults and children, helping families navigate the challenges of parenting and partnerships. A Kindred Night Out: Silver Screen Edition (family friendly fundraiser) will take place outdoors where guests will enjoy food and entertainment from the comfort of their own cars. Kindred Night Out is October 17 at Shelby Farms Park. Please see more event information here ([kindred-place.org/events\\_news/zorro](http://kindred-place.org/events_news/zorro)) and consider supporting our partner, Kindred Place.

**GSL Sponsors MIFA's Our City, Our Story, October 7.** All are invited to tune in virtually on Wednesday, October 7 for "Our City, Our Story" ([community.mifa.org/ourcityourstory](http://community.mifa.org/ourcityourstory)) hosted by MIFA (Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association) through help from GSL and other faith partners. Our City, Our Story will build on last year's conversation about homelessness to educate and engage MIFA supporters and the community around this social dilemma. The event will feature Dr. Matthew Desmond, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*. Watch for a login link just a few days ahead of the October 7. GSL is grateful for the longstanding impact of MIFA and to work together as one of our Servant Ministry Partners ([www.gracestlukes.org/outreach](http://www.gracestlukes.org/outreach)).

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**The Messenger Magazine.** The October-November issue is available for download by following this link: [www.gracestlukes.org/the-messenger](http://www.gracestlukes.org/the-messenger). Inside you'll find articles on Outreach, Social Justice, Music, Athletics, Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal School, Adult, Youth, and Children's Formation, Stewardship, and more.

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# The Prayer List

**Our prayers are asked for** Annelise Ware Simmons, Tom Wyatt, Gil Uhlhorn, Aylmarie “Dooney” Twele, Warner Wills King, Ava McDaniel, Kristin, Liz Deeley, Betsy Tate, Nancy Wilkerson, Charles Chandler, Caroline Clay, Kay, John, Patty McManus, and Brad Larson.

**Our prayers are asked for those who have died:** especially Stella Bain, Brian Delloyd Kellett, and those who have died from coronavirus.

**Our prayers are asked for those in whose loving memory the altar flowers are given:** Mary Frances Statham and Edward A. Wright, and **in whose honor they are given:** Betty Wright.

**We give thanks for the birth of** Gerry Walter Adair (September 19), daughter of Stephani and Gerry Adair, Catesby Osborne Simmons (September 26), daughter of Rachael and Chilton Simmons, and William Kevin Anderson (September 29), son of Whitney and Kevin Anderson and grandson of Hal and Jane Morse.

**We give thanks for the marriage of** Selden Elise Humphreys and Erim Sarinoglu, September 26.

**We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays,** especially Stephani Adair, Johnnie Amonette, Astrid Balink, Noah Campbell, Chip Clay, Dan Conaway, Mary Crow, John Dillard, Lane Driscoll, Lisa Fields, Jayne Horn, Margo Huber, Catherine Knoll, Stinson Liles, Margaret Markham, Sam Mascolino, Melisande McCall, Jane McDonald, Lee Nix, Billy Reed, David Rhea, Sandy Riggs, Gretchen Shaheen, William Simpson, Linda Spears, and Wise Stephenson, and **for those celebrating wedding anniversaries,** especially George & Betty Johnson, Larry & Suzanne Busby, Jim & Janette McCall, Bill & Nancy Taylor, and Rick & Christiana Helvie.

**Prayer List and Prayer Requests.** To submit a prayer request for the Prayer List, you may contact Parish House Receptionist & Ministry Associate Abby Huber ([ahuber@gracestlukes.org](mailto:ahuber@gracestlukes.org), 901-252-6336) or complete the online Prayer Request Form ([www.gracestlukes.org/prayerrequest](http://www.gracestlukes.org/prayerrequest)). Names of persons, who have given consent for names to be printed, will be listed for one month, unless a longer period is requested. While certain concerns may be confidential between the clergy and the individual, others may not be. If you are wondering about an individual, please contact the individual directly or a member of the clergy. Intercessions are offered daily by the clergy and lay pastoral care ministers and reflected in the worship service leaflet.

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