



# GRACE-ST. LUKE'S

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

**THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
MORNING SERVICE OF EUCHARIST, PRAYERS, MEDITATION & MUSIC  
NOVEMBER 8, 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](https://www.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](https://www.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](https://www.gracestlukes.org).*

**Celebrant & Preacher:** The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher  
**Assisting:** Jessica Abell

**Lector & Intercessor:** Nora Conaway

*All are asked to observe silence during the*

**Voluntary:** "ARIA"

Craig Phillips

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

# The Word of God

## Hymn 436, stanzas 1-2 & 4-5, "LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES"

music: Truro, melody from *Psalmody Evangelica, Part II, 1789*; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)  
text: Georg Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the  
2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the  
3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a  
\*4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to  
5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and

1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is  
2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and  
3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for  
4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner  
5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit

1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.  
2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!  
3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.  
5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

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

### The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Song of Praise *said three times*

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, **Have mercy upon us.**

### The Collect of the Day

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

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O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon**

(6:12-16)

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

*Lector*        **The Word of the Lord.**

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence*

**Psalm 70** *read responsively by whole verse*

- 1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; \*  
O Lord, make haste to help me.
- 2 **Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; \*  
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.**
- 3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, \*  
because they are ashamed.
- 4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; \*  
let those who love your salvation say for ever, "Great is the Lord!"**
- 5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; \*  
come to me speedily, O God.
- 6 **You are my helper and my deliverer; \*  
O Lord, do not tarry.**

**The Gospel**

*Gospeller*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

25:1-13

*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

*Gospeller*    The Gospel of the Lord

*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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

*The Priest invites the People to stand for the*

### **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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

### **The Prayers of the People, Form III**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Remembering especially those reflected on the Prayer List as named in the service leaflet, the widowed and orphans, all whose lives are affected due to the COVID-19 pandemic and those who now care for them, and those we now name either silently or aloud [N.N.] Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Remembering those who have died, for those who have died from coronavirus, and those we now name either silently or aloud [N.N.] Give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, including thanksgivings for the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that support life at Grace-St. Luke's; for the birth of Wesley Alexander Johnson, for our School and all schools that serve our community; for the Anglican Communion, The Episcopal Church, and the Diocese of West Tennessee; and for all individuals, communities, and organizations working tirelessly and creatively to respond to the needs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

*Silence is observed. Then, the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Priest says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

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

**The Offertory**

*The Celebrant first offers instructions about the ministration of communion and the consecration of pledges to the stewardship campaign. Then the Celebrant and Assisting Priest wash their hands with soapy warm water and sanitize them. During the setting of the Holy Table and the choral anthem, your financial offerings may be made to support 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 your PLEDGE; or you may mail offerings to the church office. Our 2021 stewardship campaign, Resilience and Connection by Giving, is seeking 100% participation from all parishioners: visit [gracestlukes.org/pledge](http://gracestlukes.org/pledge). For information about worship, formation for all ages, ways to connect, serve and more, visit [www.gracestlukes.org](http://www.gracestlukes.org).*

**Music at the Offertory****The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth: For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

### **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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Anthem at Communion, "KEEP YOUR LAMPS!"**

*music: spiritual, arr. André Thomas (b. 1952)  
text: paraphrase from Matthew 25:1-13*

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.  
Children don't get weary 'til your work is done.  
Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.  
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

### **Spiritual Communion Prayers**

*While the congregation gathered in person receives communion, the congregation worshipping via livestream offers the following prayers. These rich words are recited daily throughout the church catholic (universal) by individuals and communities unable to gather for public worship for whatever reason, while also longing for the occasion to participate in the Episcopal Church's central practice of receiving the Holy Sacrament.*

**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 Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## The Dismissal

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*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.**

## Hymn 620, stanzas 1-3, & 5, "JERUSALEM, MY HAPPY HOME"

*music: Land of Rest, American folk hymn; adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)*

*text: F. B. P. (ca. 16th cent.), alt.*

1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when  
2 Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they  
3 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as  
4 Our La - dy sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with  
5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God

1 shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows  
2 see God face to face; they tri - umph still, they  
3 mas - ter of the choir: ten thou - sand times would  
4 tune sur - pass - ing sweet, and bless - ed mar - tyrs'  
5 grant that I may see thine end - less joy, and

1 have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?  
2 still re - jice in that most hap - py place.  
3 one be blest who might this mu - sic hear.  
4 har - mo - ny doth ring in ev - ery street.  
5 of the same par - ta - ker ev - er be!

## Voluntary: "PROCESSIONAL"

William Mathias

*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.*

**The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher, Celebrant & Preacher**  
**Nora Conaway, Lector & Intercessor**  
**Assisting, Jessica Abell**  
**Dr. Patrick A. Scott, Director of Music & Organist**  
**Shelby Seese, Isabel Wittman, Daniel Massey, Andrew Carroll, Cantors**  
**Lucy Owens, Communications Administrator**  
**Ramsey Rule, Livestream Support**

## Weekly Message from the Clergy

**Deep Peace, Now and Always.** God, in whom we live and move and have our being, offers a peace that surpasses all understanding. This certain peace is a “deep peace” that the world cannot give. I suspect that a majority of the members of our restless, fearful, unreconciled, and perhaps hope-filled human family is seeking deep peace. I, for one, am seeking it and have no doubt that God will do what God always does: make the impossible possible. On November 3, Election Day, my friend Ethan kindly reminded me of the timely prayerful words of a Gaelic blessing “Deep Peace” that have been set to music by John Rutter. (Search and listen online.) Trusting in God, our refuge and strength, our hope for years to come, to do what God does, let us spend time often with these words. May our praying truly shape our believing. “Deep peace of the running wave to you, Deep peace of the flowing air to you, Deep peace of the quiet earth to you, Deep peace of the shining stars to you, Deep peace of the gentle night to you, Moon and stars pour their healing light on you, Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you.”

– The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher, Rector

## Take Note: New Highlights

**Trunk & Treat 2020 was a BIG Success!** See below under *Community Life* for details.

**GSL Church Walking Group: Come One Come All Beginning November 8!** See below under *Community Life* for details.

**Patient COVID Screening Connectors Needed.** See below under *Outreach* for details.

**Ongoing events, less recent news, and more, explore below:** *Virtual Offerings, Worship and Music, Stewardship, Christian Formation, Community Life, Outreach, and Quick Links.*

## Virtual Offerings

**The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost, November 8,** 9:15-9:45 a.m., Building Compassion and Resilience in Beloved Community: A Conversation with Dr. Susan Campbell and The Rev. Laura F. Gettys on the Methodologies of Dr. Brené Brown, Facebook ([www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live](http://www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live)) and YouTube ([www.youtube.com/gracestlukes](http://www.youtube.com/gracestlukes)).

**Morning Service of Eucharist, Prayers, Meditation and Music, November 8,** 10:30 a.m., Livestream Service of Morning Prayer including music and sermon 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, November 8, 5:30-6 p.m.** Contemplative Prerecorded Service with the Rev. Laura F. Gettys and Jeanne Simmons, flute, Facebook ([www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live](http://www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live)) and YouTube ([www.youtube.com/gracestlukes](http://www.youtube.com/gracestlukes)).

**Tuesday, November 10, Compline (Night Prayers),** 8-8:15 p.m. via Facebook Live ([www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live](http://www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live)).

**Wednesday, November 11, 6-6:45 p.m.** *Learning to Walk in the Dark* discussion via Zoom, details below under *Adult Christian Formation.*

**Thursday, November 12, Men’s Morning Fellowship,** 7 until 7:45 a.m. via ZOOM. Follow this link for what to expect and ZOOM access information. ([www.gracestlukes.org/mens-fellowship](http://www.gracestlukes.org/mens-fellowship)).

**Thursday, November 12, Compline (Night Prayers),** 8-8:15 p.m. via Facebook Live ([www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live](http://www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live)).

**The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Morning Service of Eucharist, Prayers, Meditation and Music, November 15,** 10:30 a.m., Livestream Service of Morning Prayer including music and sermon via the GSL website ([www.gracestlukes.org/live](http://www.gracestlukes.org/live)) and Facebook Live ([www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live](http://www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live)).

**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 Online.** Join us Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for Eucharist, Prayers, Meditation and Music. Limited space is available for in-person worship based on physical distancing guidelines, and online reservations are required. Visit [tinyurl.com/GSLWorshipSignup](http://tinyurl.com/GSLWorshipSignup) to sign up for Sunday, November 15. For virtual, visit [www.gracestlukes.org/events/sunday-worship](http://www.gracestlukes.org/events/sunday-worship).

**Outdoor Eucharist.** Join us at 4 p.m. for an Outdoor Eucharist on Anchor Hill. For more information including what to expect, follow this link ([www.gracestlukes.org/news/preparing-for-worship-outdoors-at-gsl](http://www.gracestlukes.org/news/preparing-for-worship-outdoors-at-gsl)). The signup deadline is noon.

**Contemplative Prerecorded Worship,** Sunday, November 8, 5:30-6 p.m. will be available on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live](http://www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live)) and YouTube ([www.youtube.com/gracestlukes](http://www.youtube.com/gracestlukes)). This Sunday’s service will be a contemplative service with spoken word by the Rev. Laura F. Gettys and musical offerings by guest musician Jeanne Simmons, flute.

### Online Giving

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### Recurring

Set up recurring 2021 pledge payments by scanning the QR code with your phone!



**Compline (Night Prayers)**, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8-8:15 p.m., 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) for more about worship, and to explore past and upcoming services, follow this link [www.gracestlukes.org/events/sunday-worship](http://www.gracestlukes.org/events/sunday-worship).

## Stewardship: Time, Talent, Treasure

**Resilience and Connection by Giving | 2021 Stewardship Campaign.** All Saints' Sunday was such a full and joyous day for our parish! Our 10:30 service marked the first celebration of indoor Holy Eucharist since March 15. We remembered the saints who've come before us, welcomed the newly baptized, and celebrated the commitments of time, treasure, and talent that our parishioners make in support of the mission and ministries of Grace-St. Luke's. Your pledge to GSL (simply a considered estimate of what you expect to give and how you wish to serve in 2021) helps the parish plan and budget for expenses—from salaries to maintenance to our wonderful programs and essential ministries. If you've not already done so, please make your 2021 pledge online at [www.gracestlukes.org/pledge](http://www.gracestlukes.org/pledge) or mail a pledge form to the church office. For those who've already made pledges—thank you! We're so grateful for the gift of yourselves and your generous support of Grace-St. Luke's.

## Christian Formation

### Adults.

**A Conversation with Dr. Susan Campbell and The Rev. Laura F. Gettys on the Methodologies of Dr. Brené Brown**, this morning's formation offering, is available on our website ([www.gracestlukes.org/sunday-morning](http://www.gracestlukes.org/sunday-morning)), on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/gracestlukes](http://www.facebook.com/gracestlukes)), and YouTube ([www.youtube.com/gracestlukes](http://www.youtube.com/gracestlukes)). Susan K. Campbell, PhD, is a psychologist, certified Daring Way™ and Dare to Lead™ facilitator, and fellow Episcopalian from North Carolina. The interactive conversation will focus on the call to love our neighbors as ourselves and on the links between self-awareness, self-compassion, resilience, and vulnerability. The focus is on us as adults, and how important it is to show up as the people God created us to be, and to be generous with others as they do the same. If you have enjoyed or heard of Brené Brown, Dr. Campbell is certified according to Brown's experiential methodologies and gifted in offering inspiration.

**Looking Ahead:** Join us for a livestreamed conversation on Sunday, November 15, at 9:15 a.m. when Paula Barnes will facilitate a discussion with Memphis-based journalist and author, Emily Yellin, about her journey as a white female writer and her 25-year journey covering Race and Social Justice issues in the South. Her most recent work was for the 50th anniversary of the Memphis Sanitation Strike, for which she helped produce *Striking Voice* in partnership with [TheRoot.com](http://TheRoot.com). Emily has been a longtime contributor to *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Time*, and others and has two published books. You can read more about her extensive work at [emilyyellin.com](http://emilyyellin.com). **Important to Note: This class will not be recorded ahead of time, but it will be a live class via Zoom. All are welcome to attend. Please sign up at [www.tinyurl.com/Nov15Formation](http://www.tinyurl.com/Nov15Formation) by November 14 in order to receive the Zoom ID and password for this 9:15-9:45 gathering.**

Check out the exciting fall lineup of Sunday Formation offerings and more: visit [www.gracestlukes.org/adult-formation](http://www.gracestlukes.org/adult-formation).

**GSL Reading Together, Zoom Discussions.** During the month of November, all have been invited to read *Learning to Walk in the Dark* by Barbara Brown Taylor, and join the ZOOM discussions. The final two discussions are November 11 & 18, 6-6:45 p.m.. For more information, including signup details, visit [www.gracestlukes.org/gslreadingtogether](http://www.gracestlukes.org/gslreadingtogether).

### Children.

Parents, please mark your calendars for our next **Outdoor Gathering for Families & Children** on Sunday, Nov. 15, 1:00-3:00 pm on Anchor Hill. Connect with other GSL families along with Children's Formation Director, Sharon Campbell, and Children's Formation Assistant, Julie O'Bryan, and enjoy children's free play, adult conversation, and the next element of our amazing GSL Family Tree communal artwork!

**The Traveling Model Altar** has now visited seven homes and awaits its next destination! If you'd like your child/ren to have a week with this beloved work of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in your home, please sign up here: [tinyurl.com/TravelingModelAltar](http://tinyurl.com/TravelingModelAltar).

Every Sunday morning at 11:30, all children are invited to attend a 20-minute **Virtual Prayer Table** with Ms. Sharon. Together, we share stories, a brief lesson on one of the day's scripture readings, songs and prayers. Look for the Zoom link sent by email each Saturday evening.

**Prayer Table Kits** are still available for any family who would like to create a sacred space for children's prayer at home. Please sign up here ([tinyurl.com/PrayerTableKits](http://tinyurl.com/PrayerTableKits)) to receive everything your child needs to get started!

The **Advent & Christmas Children's Activity Bag** will be delivered Sunday, November 29. Sign up here ([tinyurl.com/ChildrensActivityBags](http://tinyurl.com/ChildrensActivityBags)) by November 22 to reserve one for your child!

For details about these or any Children's programs at GSL, or to be added to the Children's Formation email list, contact Sharon Campbell ([scampbell@gracestlukes.org](mailto:scampbell@gracestlukes.org)).

## **Youth.**

**Confirmation Class:** Sundays 11-11:45 a.m.

**EYC Times & Location Change.** We are shaking things up a bit for November! We will be partnering with Calvary for the remainder of November. On November 8 and 15, we will meet in Overton Park at the Pavilion by Rainbow Lake. 6th-8th graders are invited from 3-4 p.m. and 9th-12th graders from 4-5 p.m. On November 22 we will have another socially distanced movie night at The Field from 5-6:30 p.m. If you have any questions or wish to be added to the Youth Formation email list, contact Amzie Williams ([awilliams@gracestlukes.org](mailto:awilliams@gracestlukes.org)).

## **Community Life**

**Trunk & Treat 2020 was a BIG Success!** We were blessed with a gorgeous fall day to give a LOT of Trick-or-Treaters a safer, happier Halloween, and it was one for the record books! We gave out OVER ONE THOUSAND goody bags to the children of GSL, our partner congregations, and the midtown Memphis community, and we couldn't have done that without abundant support. Thanks be to God and... THANK YOU to every person who donated candy and trinkets to help fill our bags and said a prayer for a safe, successful event. THANK YOU to each parishioner, staff member, and friend who decorated their trunks and gave their Saturday afternoon to this cause: Pete Shearon, Jennie & Zoe VanDeveer, The Shipleys, The Nixes, Julia Ramos, Lori Ingram, Darling Thomas, Julie O'Bryan, Teresa Betts, Myles Land, and Cable & Parker Campbell. THANK YOU to our clergy, the Rev. Ollie V. Rencher and the Rev. Laura F. Gettys, Parish Administrator Linda Stine, and my fellow staff members for encouraging our participation in this event and extra thanks to Father Ollie for being a great exit director! And finally, thanks to the Children's Ministry teams at our partner congregations: Idlewild Presbyterian, St. John's UMC, Immaculate Conception, First Congo, and Lindenwood Christian. We're so very fortunate to serve these remarkable and resilient children, and we weren't about to let Halloween go on the list of things they had to give up in 2020. I'm so glad we joined forces, worked together, raised the bar, and made it happen! – Sharon Campbell, Director of Children's Formation

**GSL Church Walking Group: Come One Come All Beginning November 8!** It's time to put on your walking shoes, 'cuz we're gonna walk-off these Covid-19 blues! What better way to stay fit, connect with friends, and enjoy the great outdoors than joining the GSL Church Walking Group. Starting this Sunday, November 8, GSL Church will begin a Walking Group, led by GSL Parishioner, Bev Trojan. The group will meet every Sunday, (weather permitting) and walk 2.5 miles around scenic Central Gardens. I hope you can join us for a little fellowship, fresh air and self-care!

**WHAT:** GSL Church Walking Group

**WHEN:** Sundays at 2 p.m.

**WHERE:** Meet in GSL Church Main Parking Lot- off Peabody Ave.

\* Please bring your mask and physical distancing is required. For more information, please contact Athletics Director Christi Authement (901-825-7353) or GSL parishioner, Bev Trojan. HAPPY WALKING!

**Concert in Snowden Field, November 13.** GSL Parishioners, Grab your blankets, chairs, picnics, and masks, and GET OUT OF THE HOUSE! Come enjoy the musical talents of Posey Hedges, Jim Spake, and John Gaskill as they play a genre-bending mix of tunes for your listening pleasure with fellow GSL parishioners in Snowden Field on Friday, November 13, from 5-7 p.m. There will be designated areas for you and your group to sit that will be big enough to spread your blanket and kick back while being socially distanced from your fellow attendees. Please sign up soon by following this link ([tinyurl.com/SnowdenFieldConcert](http://tinyurl.com/SnowdenFieldConcert)) as space is limited to 50 households/groups. Please bring what you plan to eat or drink as there will not be any food or drink options offered for purchase. Restrooms will be available. Masks are required. We look forward to seeing you soon!

**Advent Wreath-Making Event, November 29.** Kick off your Advent Season by making a Wreath. Sign up for Sunday, November 29, in Trezevant Hall at either 1 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. Please bring your own clippers and/or scissors and we will provide the rest! Spend time with family and friends as we prepare for the Christmas Season! There will be designated areas for you and your group to sit while being socially distanced from your fellow attendees. Please sign up soon as space is limited to 14 households/groups per session: [tinyurl.com/GSLAdventWreaths2020](http://tinyurl.com/GSLAdventWreaths2020).

## **Outreach**

**Patient COVID Screening Connectors Needed.** I'm sure you have seen the news. No, not the election, but the news of the pandemic. Servant Ministry Partner Church Health is looking for Patient COVID Screening Connectors. The Screening Connector Volunteer/Intern will be responsible for administering COVID questionnaires to assess potential risk factors and determine protocols. This is an excellent opportunity to enhance face to face communication skills within a wide population base. Shifts choices are Monday-Friday 7-10 a.m., 10 a.m.- 1 p.m., 1 - 4 p.m. We are asking volunteers for 1 or 2 shifts per week and a three-month commitment. Please check their website ([churchhealth.org/volunteer/nonmedicalvolunteers](http://churchhealth.org/volunteer/nonmedicalvolunteers)) for more information. – Outreach Team

**Multi-National Memphis World Soup Fest, November 18-20.** MNM's annual World Soup Festival is "taking it on the road" this year – to your house! For a \$50 donation, you pick a time slot from 18 to 20 November, and they'll deliver a thank you gift which includes 8 different international soups, an insulated tote, a recipe book, and – for the first 100 donors – a stainless steel Multinational Memphis travel mug. Details available here ([www.gracestlukes.org/news/multi-national-memphis-world-soup](http://www.gracestlukes.org/news/multi-national-memphis-world-soup)).

While you're there, check out their other needs, including volunteer opportunities. And try not to spill any of that soup!

## Quick Links

Follow these links to frequently visited pages on our website.

- Hope and Good News: [www.gracestlukes.org/discover/spiritaul-guidance](http://www.gracestlukes.org/discover/spiritaul-guidance)
- Pastoral Care, Prayer List, and Prayer Requests: [www.gracestlukes.org/prayerrequest](http://www.gracestlukes.org/prayerrequest)
- Subscribe to GSL, Diocesan & The Episcopal Church eNews: [www.gracestlukes.org/enews](http://www.gracestlukes.org/enews)
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- The Messenger, Bi-monthly Magazine: [www.gracestlukes.org/the-messenger](http://www.gracestlukes.org/the-messenger)
- Realm Connect: GSL Directory & More: [www.gracestlukes.org/realm](http://www.gracestlukes.org/realm)

## The Prayer List

**Our prayers are asked for** Jake Seymour, Michael Wills, Felix Dae Sanders, Tyler, Joanna Byrnes, Annelise Ware Simmons, Tom Wyatt, Alymarie Dooney Twele, Charles Chandler, Kristin King, Nancy Wilkerson, Betsy Tate, Caroline Clay, John, Kaye, Patty McManus, and Brad Larson.

**Our prayers are asked for those who have died:** especially for those who have died from coronavirus.

**We give thanks for the birth of Wesley Alexander Johnson** born November 4, son of Erin and James Johnson and grandson of Brenda and Bill Maguire.

**We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays,** especially Jon Bagwell, Evelyn Bartlett, Helen Brafford, Leigh Carter, Molly Cline, The Rev. Laura Gettys, Jacob Horn, Owen Howell, David Jefcoat, Carter Johnson, Sallie Johnson, Carol McCrudden, Jim Mertzluft, Holly Miller, Graham Mitchell, Scott Moore, Jane Morse, Graham Nichols, Jay Perkins, Lauri Prather, Wesley Richards, Stephen Roberts, Amy Rust, Jackson Springer, Morgan Tate, Louise Tual, Betsy Walton, Lyle Wardlaw, Gavin Wigginson, and Preston Wilson, and **for those celebrating wedding anniversaries,** especially Felicia Willett & Clay Schuchardt and Breen Bland & Jeanie Mercer.

**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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