



# GRACE-ST. LUKE'S

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

**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY  
LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH MUSIC  
DECEMBER 27, 2020 10:30 AM  
VIA LIVESTREAM**

This service is according to the Liturgy of the Word 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).*

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Laura F. Gettys

**Preacher:** The Rev. Anne S. Carriere

*All are asked to observe silence during the*

**Voluntary:** "IN DULCI JUBILO" BWV 608

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

# The Word of God

Hymn 87, "HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING"

music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847);  
adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)  
text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!  
2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;  
3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!  
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.  
Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!

*Refrain*  
Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**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.**

**Hymn 96, stanzas 1 & 4, "ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH"** music: *Gloria, French carol, arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958);*  
text: *French carol, transl. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt.*

1. An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
4. See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Glo - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o

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## The Collect of the Day

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 147:13-21** *read responsively by whole verse*

- 13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
he has blessed your children within you.**
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
and his word runs very swiftly.**
- 17 He gives snow like wool; \*  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
who can stand against his cold?**
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.**
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
to them he has not revealed his judgments.  
Hallelujah!

**A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians**

3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

**The Gospel**

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

1:1-18

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord

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

**The Homily:** The Rev. Anne S. Carriere

*The Priest invites the People to stand for 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.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

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

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.

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 our School and all schools that serve our community; for the Anglican Communion, The Episcopal Church, and the Diocese of West Tennessee; for the baptism of Ruby Catheryne Ward, daughter of Clair McCalla and Robert Ward, and granddaughter of Mary and Jon McCalla, and for all individuals, communities, and organizations working tirelessly and creatively to respond to the needs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

*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**

*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 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).*

**Anthem at the Offertory**

“WHENCE IS THAT GOODLY FRAGRANCE FLOWING?” *music: French traditional carol, arr. David Willcocks*  
*text: Tr. A.B. Ramsay*

Whence is the goodly fragrance flowing,  
Stealing our senses all away,  
never the like did come a-blowing,  
Shepherds, in flow’ry fields of May,  
Whence is that goodly fragrance flowing,  
Stealing our senses all away.

Bethlehem! there in manger lying,  
Find your Redeemer haste away,  
Run ye with eager footsteps vieing!  
Worship the Saviour born today.  
Bethlehem! there in manger lying,  
Find your Redeemer haste away.

What is that light so brilliant, breaking  
Here in the night across our eyes.  
Never so bright, the day-star waking,  
Started to climb the morning skies!  
What is that light so brilliant, breaking,  
Here in the night across our eyes.

Praise to the Lord of all creation,  
Glory to God the fount of grace;  
May peace abide in ev’ry nation,  
Goodwill in men of ev’ry race.  
Praise to the Lord of all creation,  
Glory to God the fount of grace.

**The Lord’s Prayer**

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 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

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Hymn 105, stanzas 1 & 3-4, "GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN"

music: *God Rest You Merry*, melody from *Little Book of Christmas Carols*, ca. 1850;  
harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)  
text: London carol, 18th cent.



1 God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may;  
2 From God our heaven - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came  
3 "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright;  
4 Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,



re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vior was born on Christ - mas Day,  
and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:  
this day is born a Sa - vior of a pure vir - gin bright,  
and with true love and char - i - ty each o - ther now em - brace;



to save us all from Sa - tan's power when we were gone a - stray.  
how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.  
to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's power and might."  
this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas doth bring re - deem - ing grace.



O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and



joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

## The Dismissal

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*The people are dismissed with these words*

Minister Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Voluntary: "IN DULCI JUBILO" BWV 729

Johann Sebastian Bach

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. Laura F. Gettys, Celebrant**  
**The Rev. Anne S. Carriere, Preacher**  
**Debbie Smith, Assistant Organist-Choirmaster**  
**Shelby Seese, Charles McGowan, André Moore & Andrew Carroll, Cantors**  
**Lucy Owens, Communications Administrator**  
**Jeff White, Abby Huber, Livestream Support**

## Weekly Message from the Clergy

**For Nothing Will Be Impossible With God.** This week's reflection focuses on the Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel informed Mary that she would conceive God's son by the power of the Holy Spirit. Approximately two thousand years ago, Gabriel reminded Mary that nothing will be impossible with God. Bishop Phoebe Roaf will explore how this message of hope continues to inspire faithful believers even when the challenges we face seem insurmountable. – The Rt. Rev. Phoebe A. Roaf (Full text and video available here: [www.gracestlukes.org/news/advent4-clergy-reflection](http://www.gracestlukes.org/news/advent4-clergy-reflection).)

**Creating A Better World.** Christmas, the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, invites us to be and do better in the name of the One for whom we wait during Advent. The birth of Christ the Savior, who was born into conditions that paradoxically mirror modern forms of poverty, division, and exclusion, was the mysterious delivery and revelation of the One we are called to follow. Today, particularly as the world journeys through the COVID-19 pandemic, Christians intentionally are called to ponder how we might respond to Christmas with our own lives. – The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher (Full text and video available here: [www.gracestlukes.org/news/christmas-message-from-the-rector](http://www.gracestlukes.org/news/christmas-message-from-the-rector).)

## Take Note: New Highlights

**GSL Pausing In-Person Services.** The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher, Rector, shared an important message regarding diocesan faith communities pausing in-person offerings effective December 21 and beginning several weeks of virtual only on Christmas Eve. Follow this link for details: [www.gracestlukes.org/COVID19](http://www.gracestlukes.org/COVID19).

### CHRISTMAS EVE, THURSDAY, DEC. 24

**Virtual Video** of Christmas Lessons and Carols. [tinyurl.com/GSLChristmasLessonsCarols2020](http://tinyurl.com/GSLChristmasLessonsCarols2020)

**Virtual Video** of GSL Youth & Children Holiday Greetings, Christmas Pageant and slideshow of Creches (Nativity Scenes) from parishioner homes and GSL.

[tinyurl.com/GSLChristmasPageant2020](http://tinyurl.com/GSLChristmasPageant2020)

**2 p.m.** - Service of Prayers with sermon, choral ensemble, hymns, music for flute and organ, and selected tenor arias from *Messiah* by Handel. Live on the GSL website and Facebook.

**8 to 8:15 p.m.** - Compline (Night Prayers) officiated by the clergy. Facebook Live

**9 p.m.** - Service of Evening Prayers with sermon, choral ensemble, hymns, music for organ, and string quartet with the "Gloria in excelsis" by Vivaldi. Live on the GSL website and Facebook.

**Previously recorded live services may be viewed at** [gracestlukes.org/virtual-offerings/worship-music](http://gracestlukes.org/virtual-offerings/worship-music).

### CHRISTMAS DAY, FRIDAY, DEC. 25

**10 a.m.** - Service of Morning Prayers with homily, hymns and music for organ. Live on the GSL website and Facebook.

### FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY, DEC. 27

**10:30 a.m.** - Service of Morning Prayers with sermon and music. Live on the GSL website and Facebook.

### SECOND AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY, JAN. 3

**10:30 a.m.** - Service of Morning Prayers with sermon and music. Live on the GSL website and Facebook.

**What Can I Give Christ?** Read more under *Stewardship*.

**Christmastide into Epiphany.** Our updated schedule of offerings for Christmastide into Epiphany is available online at [www.gracestlukes.org/news/advent-christmas-epiphany](http://www.gracestlukes.org/news/advent-christmas-epiphany).

**Parish Office Holiday Schedule.** The church office will be closed December 25, 28, 29, 30, and January 1. The Office will be open December 31 and resume regular hours on January 4. For pastoral or hospital emergencies concerning a member or after-hours parish facilities management matters, contact the Clergy-on-Call at 901-252-6334.

**1 Week, 1 Day at a Time at Mid-South Sober Living.** Sponsor a one-week scholarship. Details below under *Outreach*.

**The Feast of the Epiphany, Wednesday, January 6, 6 p.m.** Virtual Burning of the Greens with homily and music will be available live on the GSL website and Facebook. The Advent-Christmas greenery used to decorate our buildings will be burned by the clergy.

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

## Worship and Music

### SUNDAY

**10:30 a.m. Virtual Service of Morning Prayers with sermon and music.** Live on the GSL website and Facebook. **Sunday morning adult formation (9:15 a.m.) and Sunday evening contemplative events (5:30 p.m.) will resume on January 10.**

### WEEKDAYS

**Tuesdays and Thursdays, Compline (Night Prayers), 8 until 8:15 p.m. via Facebook Live.** There will be no Compline on New Year's Eve.

**For more information about worship,** visit [www.gracestlukes.org/worship](http://www.gracestlukes.org/worship); **music,** visit [www.gracestlukes.org/music](http://www.gracestlukes.org/music); and **sacramental life events,** visit [www.gracestlukes.org/connect/in-the-church/life-events](http://www.gracestlukes.org/connect/in-the-church/life-events).

## Stewardship: Time, Talent, Treasure

**What Can I Give Christ?** One of the most moving poems associated with Christmas is Christina Rossetti's "In the Bleak Midwinter," which speaks movingly of Christ's gift to us and our response. As we pray this Christmas, let us remember all of the ways we give through and to our parish church, Grace-St. Luke's. In the bleak, seemingly endless season that has been 2020, Grace-St. Luke's has sought to be both a source of community and connection as well as a beacon of hope. So many have come together to find creative ways of supporting one other and those in need. Now, as we look to the future with the light of Christ in us, we do so in hopes that with God's help and your support, the fullness of our community will be restored in 2021. As we long for that future, we rejoice in the ways our parish stands together, provides for one another, and gives to the church. The next year may continue to look different for a while, but our call and our response as followers of Christ remain the same. With your generous and faithful gifts, Grace-St. Luke's can continue doing what love requires of us by nurturing ministries both inside and outside our parish walls. Please prayerfully consider how you can serve and give to our church and make a pledge for 2021 at [www.gracestlukes.org/pledge](http://www.gracestlukes.org/pledge).

## Christian Formation

### Adults

**Sunday morning and weekday formation offerings** resume on January 10 according to the new and developing Winter 2021 Adult Formation schedule at [www.gracestlukes.org/discover/adult-formation](http://www.gracestlukes.org/discover/adult-formation).

### Youth

**Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you and your family!** EYC and youth formation will reconvene on Sunday, January 10. If you wish to be added to the Youth Formation email list, contact Director of Youth Formation Amzie Williams ([awilliams@gracestlukes.org](mailto:awilliams@gracestlukes.org)).

### Children

Thank you so much, families of Grace-St. Luke's! Your photo and video submissions for our special Christmas Eve video premiere are wonderful, and we're so excited for you to see the final product on Facebook, YouTube and [www.gracestlukes.org/childrens-formation](http://www.gracestlukes.org/childrens-formation). Note: No Virtual Prayer Table on Sunday, December 27. Resumes Sunday, January 3. For more information or to be added to the Children's Formation email list, please contact Director of Children's Formation Sharon Campbell ([scampbell@gracestlukes.org](mailto:scampbell@gracestlukes.org)).

## Athletics, Recreation, and Wellness

**The GSL Church Walking Group is canceled until further notice.**

**YOGA WITH SHANTIH.** No need to let holiday stress get under your skin - join us for a weekly yoga class to help combat the holiday-crazy! The benefits of yoga range from stress reduction, physical balance and strength to improved energy, flexibility and relaxation. Shantih's class is distinguished by the knowledge, experience and practice that only 19 years of teaching can provide. Class will focus on proper body alignment while practicing the traditional yoga postures. Options will be offered to make the poses more or less demanding depending one's personal interest/ability level. Come join us! Follow this link ([www.gracestlukes.org/events/yoga-with-shantih](http://www.gracestlukes.org/events/yoga-with-shantih)) for signup details and Zoom info.

**2021 WINTER BASKETBALL PROGRAM.** This Winter, GSL Church is offering a 7-week (8 Sessions) Basketball Program to include Fundamental Training & Skill Development/Skill Stations/Contests/Scrimmages & Tons of FUN! Follow this link for details: [www.gracestlukes.org/youthbasketball](http://www.gracestlukes.org/youthbasketball).

## Community Life

**2021 Firepit Soirees: Leap Into the Light of Epiphany.** Bundle up and join us to celebrate Epiphany around the fire pits of fellow GSL members from 6-7 p.m. on three evenings in January & February. Bring your own beverage, chair, blanket, mask, and visit for an hour with new and old friends. We will randomly assign you to three soirees on your chosen weekday evening so it's an opportunity to meet different Episcopalians at each soiree. Additional details and signup link here: [www.gracestlukes.org/news/2021-firepit-soirees](http://www.gracestlukes.org/news/2021-firepit-soirees).

**The December-January edition of *The Messenger*** includes news about Worship for Advent-Christmas-Epiphany, Pastoral Care, Formation for Adults, Youth and Children, Stewardship, Social Justice, Outreach, Music, Athletics, Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal School, and more. Read online at [gracestlukes.org/the-messenger](http://gracestlukes.org/the-messenger) or download a copy.

## Outreach

**1 Week, 1 Day at a Time at Mid-South Sober Living.** We've all had our challenges this year, but take just a minute to think about those who have taken that brave first step away from addiction in such a stressful time. Servant Ministry Partner Mid-South Sober Living provides transitional housing centers for people who are new in recovery. Time spent in one of their centers provides individuals with the opportunity to learn to live outside of the structure of a rehabilitation program while maintaining their alcohol and drug free lifestyle. You can have a direct, positive impact on one of Mid-South Sober Living's clients by sponsoring a one week housing scholarship. See details here ([midsouthsoberliving.org/donate.html](http://midsouthsoberliving.org/donate.html)).

## Quick Links

**Follow these links to frequently visited pages on our website and Facebook.**

- Facebook LIVE  
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# The Prayer List

**Our prayers are asked for** Brad Larson, Patty McManus, Kaye, John, Caroline Clay, Betsy Tate, Nancy Wilkerson, Kristin King, Charles Chandler, Michael Wills, Jake Seymour, Alymarie “Dooney” Twele, Annelise Ware Simmons, Felix Dae Sanders, Price Hays, The McKissack Family, Robert Harrison, Carolyn Wills, and Amanda Adams.

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

**We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays**, especially Phil Ashford, Mark Billions, Martha Billions, Marty Carr, Mary Coleman, Amelia Cowan, Allison Harris, John Hartney, Charles King, Lisa Landman, Mary Lovelace, Hope McClew, Elizabeth Mercer, Tem Mitchell, Jack Montgomery, Mary Katherine Thinnies, and Susanna Weston, Nelson Adrian, David Brown, Anna Margaret Burnett, Alice Burruss, Karen Clark, Olivia Gooch, Lucy Leitzell, Henry McGehee, Jim Moore, Mat Parker, Alice Ray, Jackie Standridge, Sharon Taylor, Clara Tragesser, Selden Tual, Faith Van Doren, Marci Woodmansee, Kathy Berrie, David Cheatham, Gabrielle Davidson, Vera Rosato, Barbara Viser, Fairfax Wynne, **for those celebrating wedding anniversaries**, especially Amy & Brooks Smythe, Webster & Sandy Riggs, Mark & Debbie Herr, Rodgers & Nancy Menzies, Jet & Betsy Tate, Lee & Mary Linda Wardlaw, Hal & Jane Morse, Jon & Faith Van Doren, Brett & Stephanie Hughes, Buddy & Barbara Adams, Richard & Ann Sullivan, and Howard & Baylor Stovall, for the December 23 baptism of Ruby Catheryne Ward, daughter of Clair McCalla and Robert Ward, and granddaughter of Mary and Jon McCalla.

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