



# SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Holy Eucharist II - 10:00 O'clock AM

The Reverend Rebecca A. Barnes, Rector

## Our Mission Statement

To spread the Gospel to all people through hospitality, service, and spiritual growth.

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 28)

November 19, 2023

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*(Please silence all cell-phones & digital devices until after the Service! Thank you.)*

## SUNG LITURGY OF THE DAY

Mass by Susan Calvin Fletcher (b. 1940)

*The Musicians of Saint Luke's*

*Mrs. Lauren Piccotti, Soprano; Mrs. Carol McMullen, Alto;*

*Mr. Max Roche, Tenor; Mr. Francis McMullen, Baritone; Mr. Christopher Gallo, Bass;*

*Ms. Maria Zengion (Organist and Choirmaster)*

Hymns, in numerical order, are in the 1982 Hymnal; service music is listed on the service leaflet and may be found in the front of the 1982 Hymnal, with "S" before the number. "BCP" with a page number, refers to The Book of Common Prayer.

## PRAYER BEFORE THE SERVICE

O Almighty God, *who pourest* out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to *thee*, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship *thee* in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRELUDE

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 634

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #680 O God, our help in ages past

*St. Anne*

*All stand as the procession enters the nave.*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

S78

*Celebrant*

Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.

*People*

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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THE KYRIE ELEISON

Susan Calvin Fletcher (b. 1940)

Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy. \_\_\_

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THE GLORIA

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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*The Celebrant*           The Lord be with you.

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

*The Celebrant*           Let us pray.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*All sit.*

THE FIRST READING    Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

*Reader* A reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah.

**B**E SILENT before the Lord GOD!  
 For the day of the LORD is at hand;  
 the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,  
       he has consecrated his guests.  
 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,  
       and I will punish the people

who rest complacently on their dregs,  
those who say in their hearts,  
“The LORD will not do good,  
nor will he do harm.”  
Their wealth shall be plundered,  
and their houses laid waste.  
Though they build houses,  
they shall not inhabit them;  
though they plant vineyards,  
they shall not drink wine from them.  
The great day of the LORD is near,  
near and hastening fast;  
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,  
the warrior cries aloud there.  
That day will be a day of wrath,  
a day of distress and anguish,  
a day of ruin and devastation,  
a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness,  
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry  
against the fortified cities  
and against the lofty battlements.  
I will bring such distress upon people  
that they shall walk like the blind;  
because they have sinned against the LORD,  
their blood shall be poured out like dust,  
and their flesh like dung.  
Neither their silver nor their gold  
will be able to save them  
on the day of the LORD's wrath;  
in the fire of his passion  
the whole earth shall be consumed;  
for a full, a terrible end  
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
***People***            **Thanks be to God.**

**THE SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

*Reader* A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

**N**OW CONCERNING the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**SEQUENCE HYMN #631 Book of books, our people’s strength***Liebster Jesu**All standing, as able***THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30***All stand, as able*

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

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

**J**ESUS SAID, “It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five

more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

*Reader*            The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **THE SERMON**

**Father Trygar**

*All sit.*

## **THE NICENE CREED**

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*All stand, as able.*

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

*Intercessor* As we wait for the Master’s return and do the work given us to do, let us pray on behalf of all the human family, saying: *Hear us, O Holy One.*

For the Church: especially Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that we may trust God’s faithfulness and love as we live life each day. ***Hear us, O Holy One.***

For this parish family, that God will inspire us with new visions of how to use our gifts and meet the greatest needs of the world around us in the service of God and our neighbors. ***Hear us, O Holy One.***

That peace, reconciliation, justice, and hope may come to be the only way forward in the Holy Land. ***Hear us, O Holy One.***

For those who live and work in places of danger, those recovering from natural disasters, and for victims of violence, that they may be strong in the face of adversity and keep safe in the refuge of God's hands. ***Hear us, O Holy One.***

For those in our nation who are deeply divided one from another, that they may see each other as God's beloved children regardless of different opinions or experiences, and that God will enable their hearts to listen deeply and speak honestly with love and compassion. ***Hear us, O Holy One.***

For all those without family or friends, for the homeless and unemployed, and also for those who are ill, remembering Jordan, Beverly & Frank, Elaine, Jennifer, Lynn, Rich, Mary Jane, Bill+, Robin, Heather, Chase, Francis, Carol, Althea, Stacy, Isabella, Will, Jodie, Naomi, Richard, Philomena, Kenneth, Betty, Bobby, Jesse, Dave, Rebecca, Mike, and Willis, that God will bring light and strength to their spirits. ***Hear us, O Holy One.***

For all the departed, remembering especially Raymond, Jim, and Linda, that having rejoiced in God's gifts in this life, they may enter into the joy of the Master. ***Hear us, O Holy One.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. ***To you, O Lord our God.***

*Celebrant* God of abundance, hear our prayers and grant that the gifts you have graciously bestowed on us may be used to your glory, so that being faithful to your purpose we may become sharers in your heavenly kingdom. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. ***Amen.***

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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## THE PEACE

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

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

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. In an effort to observe social distancing when passing of The Peace, we ask that you please remain in your pew and exchange with those immediately near you or with a wave or bow.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

OFFERTORY HYMN #584 God, you have given us power

*Culross*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A*

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SURSUM CORDA

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SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Fletcher

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
 God of pow - er and might, \_\_\_\_\_ hea - ven and earth are  
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na \_\_\_\_\_ in the high - est.  
 Blessed is the one  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
 Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - san - na \_\_\_\_\_ in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Fletcher

*Celebrant*

There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:  
*All*  
 Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

## THE GREAT AMEN

S142



*The Celebrant then continues*

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

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

S119

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*A period of silence is kept*

## THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Fletcher

Musical notation for 'THE FRACTION ANTHEM'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.'

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*We welcome all baptized persons, regardless of age or denomination to receive communion at Saint Luke's. If you do not wish to receive communion, we invite you to come forward to a blessing. To show that you wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest.*

*We invite those who are joining via livestreaming to make an Act of Spiritual Communion*

<https://news.forwardmovement.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Spiritual-Communion.pdf>



**COMMUNION ANTHEM**

**With awe approach the mysteries**

*Helensong*

*With awe approach the mysteries  
and wrestle with the Word  
like Jacob, bruised yet strangely blest.  
Servanthood is pain.*

*Reach out to those diseased, alone,  
to those confused opposed;  
and like a mother, heal, forgive.  
Servanthood is grace.*

*With wisdom teach, with courage preach;  
like Deborah, lead your flock  
inside the culture's danger zone.  
Servanthood is faith.*

*Fill tirelessly your call's demands,  
then rest, like Christ, apart,  
refreshed by God's renewing strength.  
Servanthood is love.*

**THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

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**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE BLESSING**

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**THE FINAL HYMN #473 Lift High the Cross**

*Crucifer*

**THE DISMISSAL**

**S174**

<i>Deacon</i>			<i>People</i>
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.			

**POSTLUDE**

**Voluntary**

**PRAYER AFTER THE SERVICE**

Grant, we beseech *thee*, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through *thy* grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of *thy* Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of their 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by  
**Mario and Lucetta Savinelli.***

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## **SPECIAL MINISTERS**

**Saturday, 5:00 pm:** M. Savinelli, L. Savinelli (Altar Guild); M. Savinelli, L. Savinelli (Ushers); D. Kraus (Acolyte & Crucifer); TBD (Lectors); TBD (Intercessor); TBD (Chalice Bearer).

**Sunday, 10:00 am:** TBD (Altar Guild); **TBD** (Ushers); A. Guthrie (Crucifer and Acolyte); M. Baccoli, B. Ott (Lectors); E. Rayburn (Intercessor); D. Kraus (Chalice Bearer); **TBD** (Counters).

**\*Servers are needed at every service:** Readers, intercessors (prayers of the people), ushers, and coffee hour hosts are needed on a regular basis. Sign-up sheets are located in Israel lounge. If you are interested in serving, please contact Mother Barnes.

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## **THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S**

**Welcome to St. Luke's as we return to in-person worship! Live streaming and zoom gatherings continue from St. Luke's.** Please join us on our **Facebook page** for the streaming of the services.

\*\**(Note: if you are NOT a Facebook member, when you click on the link it will ask you to sign in or create an account, which you can ignore and just scroll down the page a bit till you see the service.)*

Click **here** for a copy of the Book of Common Prayer!

Click **here** for a copy of Enriching Our Worship 1. This contains supplemental liturgical materials (i.e. Canticles) we occasionally use for Morning and Evening Prayer.

**Daily Office: Morning and Evening Prayer** – Morning Prayer at 9 AM; Evening Prayer at 5PM are live-streamed on Sunday; Tuesday through Saturday morning.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**



### **Fall Stewardship Campaign – Rooted in Abundance (September 17 – November 26)**

Our annual fall Stewardship Campaign is underway. The Campaign is running from **September 17<sup>th</sup> – November 26<sup>th</sup>**. On the 26<sup>th</sup> we will have the ingathering of pledges followed by a potluck dinner. The main dish will be provided. Please sign up and indicate a side-dish or dessert you would like to bring for all to share.

We ask that you pray about how God is calling you to give this year and keep your pledge cards until the ingathering and blessing of pledges on November 26<sup>th</sup>. In recent weeks, we have learned more about the campaign in the insert in the service leaflet. “Our generosity is informed by the simple theological truth that God has blessed us infinitely with all of the gifts of Creation. Our lives, our labor, our love is devoted to the mission of the Church when we take stock and realize that our lives and our response to God’s generosity are Rooted in Abundance. Mother Barnes; Senior Warden, Mickey Baccoli; Vestry Clerk, Kathy Selemba; Treasurer, Tom Zurla; and Sharon Sollami serve on the stewardship team and are happy to answer any questions you may have about stewardship and service.



**Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and Archbishop Hosam Naoum  
in Conversation  
Tuesday, Nov. 21, 11 a.m. Eastern time**

Join Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and Anglican Archbishop Hosam Naoum of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem for an update on the conflict in the Holy Land.

To register [click here](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tQSjt5Q5TwahLURlfoDM6A#/registration) or go to:  
[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_tQSjt5Q5TwahLURlfoDM6A#/registration](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tQSjt5Q5TwahLURlfoDM6A#/registration)

The conversation will be recorded for later distribution, and there will be some time for Q&A.

## **Christian Education and Formation**

### **► Children**

**Sunday School: Sunday School Returned on September 10!** St. Luke's uses the **GODLY PLAY**, a Montessori-based curriculum with our younger children, ages five to ten years old. Sunday School is held at 9:30 AM every Sunday, except the first Sunday of the month. Please see Rick Ammenhauser or Mother Barnes to register your children for classes.



**Resources for Children:** We have new welcome bags for our youngest attendees to enjoy during Mass. The bags are filled with sensory engaging toys and books and are available from an usher. Weekly lectionary materials are also available for our youngest members and visitors

### **► Youth**

This fall we will continue in the momentum of our Youth Confirmation Program and offer **Journey to Adulthood** (J2A) a youth ministry program of spiritual formation for 6th-12th grades. Fully revised and updated, it is centered on inclusive, relational ministry and uses Bible study, prayer, rites of passage, and outreach ministries. Creative, developmentally appropriate lessons are arranged within three categories of Self, Society, and Spirituality. For the benefit of our youth who have just been confirmed, we will use the **4Ward** cohort of J2A which is an inclusive, engaging, relational youth ministry program in a two-year cohort for ages 15-18, concluding with the 4Ward ceremony. Stayed tuned for more information!



► **Adult**

**Wednesday Bible & Book Study** - Each week, following the 12:10 Healing Eucharist the Wednesday Bible/Book Study group meets at 1:15 PM. Beginning in September, the midweek Bible study will begin *The Path: A Journey Through the Bible*. *The Path* is the story of the Bible excerpted from the New Revised Standard Version so that it is clear and easy to read. Follow the path of God's love all the way from the beginning to the end from creation and John's revelation. With informative trail signs to help one see how each piece of the narrative fits together, *The Path* is an overview of the vast, sweeping story of God's love for ordinary people. *The Path* is available through Forward Movement (<https://www.forwardmovement.org/>); pdfs will be distributed for the weekly class.



**Centering Prayer Group:** Each Thursday evening at 5:30PM an ongoing weekly Centering Prayer group meets. Centering Prayer is a contemplative form of prayer geared toward the cultivation of interior silence or “centering.” For more information, contact Mother Barnes at [mthrbarnes@gmail.com](mailto:mthrbarnes@gmail.com).

► **Intergenerational**

**December Holy Hike** – On Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 10am Holy Hikes Northeast Pennsylvania will hike the Lackawanna State Park Campground Trail. Ample parking is available. Carpooling will be available from the St. Luke's parking lot at 9:30am.



**Advent Wreath Workshop – Sunday, December 3:** On Sunday, December 3, following we will have a multigenerational advent wreath workshop. There will be the opportunity for all to make an advent wreath to take home, followed by a blessing of the wreaths. Devotional materials for home use will be provided to help us and mark the season and prepare our hearts for Christmas and the coming of the Christ child. A suggested \$20 donation is requested to cover supplies; scholarship is available by speaking with Mother Barnes. A sign-up sheet will be available in Israel Lounge shortly.

**Women of St. Luke's Christmas Gala** Mark your calendars and watch for more information from the women of St. Luke's regarding their gala to be held on **Saturday, December 16, 2023 at Cooper's Seafood House.**

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**Wear Your Evangelism:**

Thank you to everyone who has supported St. Luke's with your purchase of t-shirts, hats, and polos. **Sweatshirts are on the way!** We hope that wearing St. Luke's apparel continues to invite you to engage with people about who and what The Episcopal Church and especially St. Luke's is all about. Items are on display in Kreitler Hall along with pricing information and order forms. If you have questions, or would like to place an order, please see Mother Barnes, Mickey Baccoli, Rick Ammenhauser, Tom Zurla, and Sharon Sollami. Wear your evangelism!

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**DOK Service Project** (*Submitted by Carol Winn*) St. Luke's St. Elizabeth of Hungary Chapter of the Daughters of the King will begin collecting items for the Women's Resource Center this September. The Women's Resource Center provides services including emergency shelter and safe housing for those affected by domestic violence in Lackawanna and Susquehanna Counties. A collection box will be available at the back of the nave. Donations of the

following items would greatly assist those in need:

- Full-size personal hygiene items (deodorant, soap, shampoo, lotion)
- Combs, brushes, nail clippers, etc.
- Twin and queen bedding in good condition (blankets, sheets, pillowcases)
- Towels and washcloths
- Laundry detergent
- Size 6-7 toddler's diapers (no infant diapers please)
- Suitcases
- Fabric tote bags
- Non-perishable food items (canned meats, vegetables, peanut butter, noodles, pasta, spaghetti sauce, etc.)

The DOK greatly appreciate your participation in this ongoing service to our community.



### **Cypress House Featured in UTO Webinar**

On Wednesday, November 15, 2023 @ 1:00PM the United Thank Offering November webinar was aired nationally. The live streamed webinar featured grant recipients, amongst whom was our own Cypress House Bakery. Grant recipients in conversation with one another discussing the work each is engaged in around the worldwide incarceration crisis. St. Luke's Rector and Cypress House President & CEO, The Rev'd Rebecca Barnes and Dr. Helen Wolf, Secretary, represented the Cypress House Bakery on the webinar. The recording of the webinar will be available as of November 28<sup>th</sup> and be posted on the parish website.

**In a Pastoral Emergency, please contact**—The Reverend Rebecca A. Barnes, Rector at 646-533-1836/e-mail at [mthrbarnes@gmail.com](mailto:mthrbarnes@gmail.com). If you, or a family member, are in the hospital, a health care facility, or are home bound and would like to have a visit from Mother Barnes or a member of our Pastoral Care Committee, please contact the parish office. Due to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, commonly known as HIPAA, hospitals no longer automatically provide churches with names of admitted parishioners. If you or a family member are hospitalized or in a health care facility someone acting on your behalf will need to notify the church to assure that proper pastoral care may be offered. St. Luke's church complies with all HIPAA requirements and cannot provide personal information for sick or injured members without permission of the member or his or her close family member. Additionally, if you or a loved one are hospitalized or homebound and desire regular Eucharistic visitation, please notify the parish office. Eucharistic Visitations are customarily made once per month; weekly visits may be scheduled upon request.



Upcoming Concerts at St. Luke's


*Arcadia*  
CHORALE  
Matthew Supcich, Music Director  
presents

*A*  
*Christmas Rose*

*Presenting musical texts that use the image of the rose as a symbol for the Virgin Mary. The Choral also invites our audience to sing along to favorite Christmas carols.*

**December 2, 2023 at 7:30 pm**  
*St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Scranton*

**December 3, 2023 at 3:00 pm**  
*First Presbyterian Church, Wilkes-Barre*



*Tickets:*

Adults \$15,  
Seniors/WVIA \$12,  
Students are always free

Scan the QR code,  
or visit [arcadiachorale.org](http://arcadiachorale.org)



**A LYRIC CONSORT**  
**CHRISTMAS**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023  
8:00 PM

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
OF SCRANTON

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW  
\$10.00 GENERAL ADMISSION

*The*  
*Lyric*  
*Consort*  
Since 1993





Rooted <sup>in</sup> Abundance  
Deep Roots

Roots run deep in Appalachia. A college graduate was asked why she returned to Harlan, far from opportunities to use her degree. Smiling she said, "I came home because I want to pick blackberries off of the same bush my grandparents picked from." Another graduate returned home and explained, "If I don't come home, who will take care of grandma?"

This rootedness reminds the Venerable Bryant Kibler, Priest-in-Partnership with St. Timothy's Outreach Center in Estill County, KY, of the Syrian commander and leper Naaman, who took loads of dirt back to Syria with him because God's healing presence was rooted in that soil (2 Kings 5). As Bryant ministers alongside communities in Appalachia, he witnesses how deeply rooted God's people are to the land where they have known God's healing through community and family. A place where abundance is known in caring for loved ones and tasting berries from ancestral bushes.



**Questions for Reflection:**

Where do you plant your roots? How does your location and history of being in or from a place impact your ministry?

The mountains and valleys of Appalachia have abundantly provided resources to the rest of the world, especially coal that is used to create electricity elsewhere. Companies have taken from the abundance and cleared out as soon as resources grew scarce, leaving whole communities unemployed. Some families migrate elsewhere. Others stay on the land they love, in mountains and valleys abundant in natural beauty and family connection.

St. Timothy's partners with many congregations to explore Appalachian culture and to repair homes during summer work weeks. When a team came to assist a homeowner rebuild after the devastating recent flooding along the Kentucky River, the homeowner graciously pointed the team to a neighbor's house, whose home was more destroyed. "They need you more than we do," the homeowner announced.

In this place, abundance is rooted in a community that trusts God's grace to heal what is broken. [TENs.org](http://TENs.org)



*The Venerable Bryant Kibler serves as the Archdeacon for the Mountain Region and as Director of Mountain Ministry for the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington.*



THE EPISCOPAL NETWORK FOR STEWARDSHIP



**November 19, 2023 – Pentecost 25 (A)**

**Meet Your Episcopal Service Corps Programs: Servant Year, Philadelphia, PA**

Young adults joining Servant Year commit to a year of volunteer local service, as well as a common rhythm of life, spiritual companionship, and asking big questions.

**Spiritual Life**

Community life is shaped by a daily round of prayer. Each community has its own regular pattern for this prayer, established at the start of the year. In addition, worship is a central charism of the Servant Year community. As such, Corps members actively participate in the larger worshipping community of nearby Episcopal Churches: Saint Mark's or St. James.



For eleven months, Servant Year members form a community within the community of either Saint Mark's or St. James School, which is larger and more dispersed. It is home to others who live there, and in some ways a home for the people who work, learn, pray, and have fellowship in its broader community. A home is a safe place by definition, and we commit to safeguarding one another's safety in every reasonable way, primarily by taking responsibility for ourselves and our own actions.

**Volunteering**

Through Servant Year, corps members embody the idea that Christian service begins with the recognition that we are called to service through our baptism, locating all work in response to the echoing command of Jesus to his disciples to "go" and do something! Servant Year members serve either at St. James School or St. Mark's Church, according to their gifts discerned during the interview process.

Servant Year members receive housing at either St. James School or St. Mark's Church, in individual rooms. Members also receive a \$600 monthly stipend, and are encouraged to participate in a retirement savings plan in which the program matches member contributions up to \$1,100. Members receive health insurance with no charge to themselves, and the program covers all co-pays for care. A \$5,000 education award to help with student loans or continued education after the program is available to all members. The program also covers travel costs for arrival and departure for the year of service and one trip during the service year. The program also supplies each member with a \$500 clothing allowance at the beginning of the year.

Applications for the 2024-2025 Corps will open December 1. Visit ESC's website to learn more about Servant Year or to take the ESC Discernment Quiz, [EpiscopalServiceCorps.org](https://www.episcopalServiceCorps.org).

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**ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**"In the heart of things"**

**HOLY EUCHARIST**

**Saturdays: 5:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist (Said)**

(Followed by Coffee Hour in Kreitler Hall on the first week of the month.)

**Sundays: 10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist (Sung)**

(Please join us each week for Coffee Hour in Kreitler Hall  
following the Sunday service)

The first Sunday of each month we offer a "Family Eucharist" with special participation by our youth. On all other Sundays, Sunday School is offered for younger children at 9:30 A.M.

**Wednesdays: 12:10 P.M. Holy Eucharist with prayers  
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