## The Offering

#### He Shall Feed His Flock G.F. Handel Lindsey Sanders and Morgan Potts

All are invited to participate in support of God's work at Saint Luke's, in one of three ways:

1) Giving envelopes, available in each pew, may be placed inside the Friendship Pads or in the offering plate in the narthex,

2) Give online via slpres.org/giving,
3) Send a text message to 73256, starting with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.

Closing Hymn\* 92

While We Are Waiting, Come

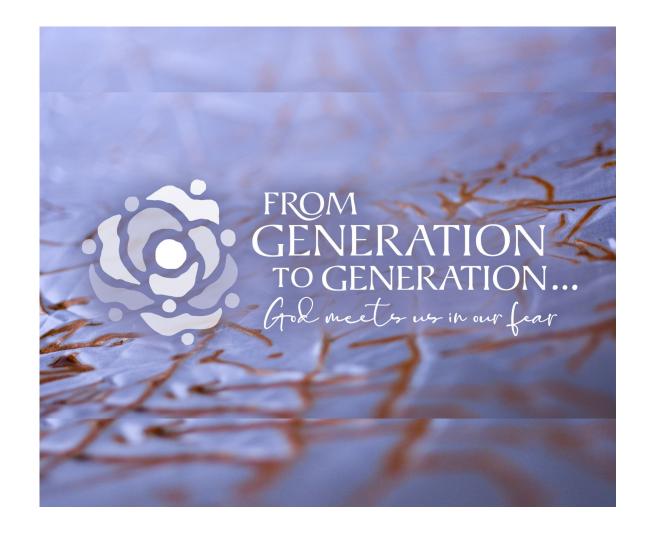
**Benediction\*** 

Postlude\*

Hark! The Herald Angels Gordon Young

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# In Preparation for Worship

"From Generation to Generation... reminds us of the ways our lives, histories, actions, and stories are interconnected and woven together. The work of God is always unfolding—in and through us. This Advent, may you remember that you belong—to a story etched into the wrinkles of time, to generations that have come before and will come after, to a love that won't let you go."

	Di chi istile ji fiong, sunctifica fit
Prelude	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel arr. Joey Raney Kelly Sloan and Randy Romig, piano
Welcome and Announcements	
Lighting of the Advent Candle	Humer and Robeson Families
Opening Hymn* 83	Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

#### **Prayer of Confession\***

Patient God, you know just how often we make decisions from a place of fear rather than love. You know just how often we allow fear to take the place of logic, fanning unhealthy fires in our lives. You know just how often we tuck your words, "Do not be afraid" on dusty shelves and in the back of closets, stubbornly holding onto our own point of view.

Forgive us for giving fear the microphone. Silence the voices of scarcity, shame, and rejection, which spark and feed so much of our fear, to recenter us in love. With hope we pray, now silently... (a moment of silence is kept for personal prayers)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy **People: Hear our prayer. Amen.** 

#### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

## Song of Praise\* 609

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

**Prayer for Illumination** 

Isaiah 11:1-10

Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

## **Tell Us Our Story**

Scripture Reading

All children are invited to come forward for Tell Us Our Story. Afterwards, parents will walk their children via the covered sidewalk to Room 119 for "Frolic" (ages PreK and K) or Room 117 for childcare (birth through 3's.) Since this is Family Worship Sunday all elementary children will remain in worship with their families so that they may participate in Communion. Worship books and other faith formation resources are available on the worship carts and ledges in the narthex. At the conclusion of worship, any family seeking to learn more about children and communion may come to the front of the sanctuary to learn more about communion from a pastor and receive resources to continue the conversation at home.

#### Sermon

"The Roots and Shoots of Hope" David Lower

## **Affirmation of Faith**

David Lower Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **Holy Communion**

Invitation to the Table

# Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Words of Institution

Communion Music	Angels We Have Heard on High arr. Trevor Manor Beth Eisenmesser, flute
loment for Tartan Trot	TJ McGoldrick

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