



FROM
GENERATION
TO GENERATION...
We see God in each other



SAINT LUKE'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 18, 2022 10:30 am



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.”

- Dr. Christine J. Hong, *Sanctified Art*

Prelude

Noel en Musette
Louis Claude D'Aquin

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle The Babcock, Harvey, Troha and Richardson Families

Introit

Away in a Manger
Mueller/Luther
Children's Choir

Opening Hymn* 113

Angels We Have Heard On High

Prayer of Confession*

Loving God of today and tomorrow,
When Mary was pregnant and afraid, she ran to her cousin Elizabeth's house.
Elizabeth threw open the door with joy and showered blessings upon her.
How often do we have that same opportunity?
How often do we shower critique or judgment instead of blessings and joy?
Gracious God, forgive us for our wrongs. We want to see you when we see our neighbor. Hear now the prayers on our hearts...
(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* 606

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayer for Illumination

Ann Richardson

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:39-45 and 46-55

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story - Chrismons from Presbyterian Women

Children are welcome to come forward for Tell Us Our Story. After Tell Us Our Story, parents will walk children across courtyard to Room 117 (3 and under) and Room 119 (PreK and K). 1st through 5th graders will gather in the narthex and walk with leaders to 252Kid and 252Preteen. Parents will pick up from The Dock and The Lighthouse. Of course, all children are always welcome to remain in worship with their families.

Anthem

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light
J. S. Bach
From Christmas Oratorio
Chancel Choir

Sermon

"We See God In Each Other"
Shannon Dill

Affirmation of Faith*

We believe that creation is inextricably linked.

We belong to one another in an undeniable way.

We are bone of bone and flesh of flesh, life breathed into dust.

**We believe that God invites us to live into that truth— to love without abandon,
to see the good in one another,
to trust that all belong to God.**

**We know that this life of connection is easier said than done, which is why we
gather in this space, week after week, generation after generation, to be reminded:
We see God in each other. This we believe. Amen.**

Prayers of the People 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.

The Offering

Pastorale on "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"
David Lasky

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* 136

Go Tell It On the Mountain

Benediction*

Postlude*

Voluntary on French Carols
Michael Helman

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