

# *St. Luke's Episcopal Church*

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Sunday Eucharist: . . . . . 9:00 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Adult Sunday School: . . . . . 9:50 a.m.

Wednesday Eucharist: . . . . . 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 pm.

**Nursery Available Sundays 8:50a.m.-12:15p.m.**

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## **December 2nd- The First Sunday of Advent**

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

Processional Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - #73 “The King Shall Come”

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

*The people standing:*

**People: *We open our hearts to the Word in the words.***

Leader: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah, Chapter 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

***People: As we begin our journey to the light, we confess that our lives have not always been lived in ways pleasing to God. Our shame has left us feeling distant from the One who is both Mother and Father to us, the One in whose hands we are like clay. Yet even now, our longing for the One who tears open the heavens and comes down kindles like a fire in our soul. Even now as we wait, we dare to hope.***

Leader: We who are full with anticipation feel hope rise up within us.

And so we light this first candle and name it hope.

## The Word of God

*The people standing, the Celebrant may say*

*Celebrant*        Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

*People*            ***His mercy endureth for ever.***

*The Celebrant says*

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

*Then the following is said:*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the prophets.

***Kyrie - Hymnal 1982 – S 92*** (*service music is located in the front of the 1982 Hymnal and prefixed with the letter “s”*)

*Here is sung or said*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

***Christ, have mercy upon us.***

Lord, have mercy upon us.

## The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People*            ***And with thy spirit.***

*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

## The Lessons

First Reading - A Reading from the Prophecy of Jeremiah (33:14-16)

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: ***Thanks be to God***

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \* *let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.*
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \* **let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \* *and teach me your paths.*
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \* *for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.*
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \* *for they are from everlasting.*
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \* *remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.*
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; \* *therefore he teaches sinners in his way.*
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \* *and teaches his way to the lowly.*
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \* *to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen*

## Epistle

A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians (3:9-13)

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader: Here endeth the Epistle.

People: ***Thanks be to God***

**Gradual Hymn – Hymnal 1982 -# 601(v.1-3) “O Day of God,  
Draw Nigh”**

*Then, all standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (21:25-36)

People ***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be

shaken. 'Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* ***Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

**Sermon Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - # 632 “O Christ, the Word Incarnate”**

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. George L. Hinchliffe

## **The Nicene Creed**

***I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,***

*maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;*

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.*

*And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

# The Prayers of the People

*The Leader says*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to

comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

*Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here.*

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Luke and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. ***Amen.***

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Deacon says the following, Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.*

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

***Almighty God,***

***Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,***

***maker of all things, judge of all men:***

***We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins  
and wickedness,***

***which we from time to time most grievously have committed,***

***by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,***

***provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.***

***We do earnestly repent,***

*and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,  
the burden of them is intolerable.*

*Have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter  
serve and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of thy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*The Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Minister may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

## **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **Dedication of Altar Hangings and Vestments in honor of Ellen Cory**

This is the offering which you shall receive from the people gold, silver, and bronze, blue and purple and scarlet cloth, and finely woven linen.

Priest: O Lord my God, how Excellent is your greatness.

People: ***You are Clothed with Majesty and splendor.***

Priest: Let us pray.

*(Silence)*

O glorious God, all your works proclaim your perfect beauty: Accept our offering of these Advent altar hangings given in memory of your servant Ellen Cory, and grant that they may adorn this sanctuary and show forth your glory; O God, before whose heavenly throne your servants minister to you, clothed in robes: Accept these Advent vestments which we also dedicate in memory of Ellen Cory, for the use of the ministers of your Church, that serving before your earthly throne, they may worship you in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

# The Holy Communion

**Offertory Hymn - 1982 Hymnal - # 60(v.1-3)** “Creator of the Stars of Night”

## The Great Thanksgiving

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them says*

The Lord be with you.

*People*                ***And with thy spirit.***

*Celebrant*           Lift up your hearts.

*People*                ***We lift them up unto the Lord.***

*Celebrant*           Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People*                ***It is meet and right so to do.***

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

*Here a Proper Preface said on all Sundays,*

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Sanctus – Hymnal 1982 – # S-114** *(service music is located in the front of the 1982 Hymnal and prefixed with the letter “s”)*

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people kneel, then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with

these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.  
**AMEN.**

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

*People and Celebrant*

***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.*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

**Agnus Dei – Hymnal 1982 - #S-157** (*service music is located in the front of the 1982 Hymnal and prefixed with the letter “s”*)

*The following or some other suitable anthem may be sung or said here*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.*

*The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer*

*We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and  
great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the  
crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose  
property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious  
Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to  
drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in  
us. Amen.*

*Facing the people, the Celebrant may say 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.

**The Communion of the People**      *(All Baptized Christians are invited and  
encouraged to receive the Holy Sacraments of Bread and Wine)*

**Communion Hymn – 1982 Hymnal - #324** “Let all Mortal Flesh  
Keep Silence”

Let us pray.

*The People may join in saying this prayer*

*Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.*

*The Priest, gives the blessing*

The peace of God, which passeth 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 amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn – WLP #721 “Signs of Ending All Around Us”**

*The Deacon may dismiss the people with these words*

*Deacon*            Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

**PRAYER LIST** The prayers of the parish are requested for: Morgan Shrubbs, John Evan Burt, The family of Lew Walters, The family of Anthony Richichi, Flora McCall, Barbara Leone, , the survivors and families of victims of Hurricane Michael, Raymond George, Jeannie Bey, The Rev. Godsmark, Dotty Stone, Lucy DeMartino, Dina James, Bob Davis, Jim Poulos, Terrance Webb, James and Jackie Kent, Eleanor Bennett, Sue Mobley, Elaine Fletcher, Craig Jacobsen, Bill & Diana Kosty, Mildred Weaver, Tyla Edwards, Marjorie Harner, Jean Peters, Jane Davis, Gail Mickel, Martie Erskine, Laura Ann Fouraker Gardner, Linda Sealy, Austin Richmond, Hasan, Sister Maria Ann, Susanne Walters, Russell Johnson, Don Noel, Nikki Landrum, Phyllis Taylor, Bob Stross, Janice Revet, Pat Ritter, Robert Cannon, Chris and Kathy Thomas, The Thomas family, Cole Thomas, Gwyn Herrington, Carolyn Crosby, Mendy Morgan, Darlene Jones, Christine Bush, Mary Giddens, and Nick Poulos

Our soldiers deployed: Jonathan Richichi, James Smith, Casey Brewer, Sean Beegle, Cody Beegle, Edward Owen and stateside; Marshall Boggus, Lincoln Queale, Brent Trost, Dillon Ellis, Andy Chamberlain, and Robert Ice.

Pray for the Diocese of Cuba, our companion church: Fielés á Jesus, and their rector Mtr. Tulia. Pray for Dukatole and the children. St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Madison, The Shepherd's Hands of the Suwannee Valley Free Clinic, St. Joseph's Episcopal Church - Newberry and their new school.

**CYCLE OF PRAYER:** Chapel of the Resurrection in Tallahassee, St. Gabriel's in Jacksonville, St. Luke's in Jacksonville, Church of the Redeemer in Jacksonville, St. James in Lake City, Grace Mission in Tallahassee, and St. Columba's Correctional at Baker Work Camp

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** are given by John and Gale Dickert in thanksgiving for the St. Luke's Family

**DEACON'S CORNER** Because of your faithfulness, we have always been able to send money to Mother Tulia for her ministry and for the completion of the renovation. They are now working on the last room upstairs which is a dormitory that will sleep 8 people and a large bathroom. Prices for building materials skyrocketed after the hurricane last year, so they waited to see if the prices would come down. Of course, they haven't, but they are going to continue with the reconstruction now anyway.

Also, I just received word for prayer request for Bishop Griselda's husband, Rev. Gerardo. He is having surgery and is in need of prayer that the tumors are not malignant.

On November 19 we celebrated our last ESL class for the Fall Semester. We had a celebration party to give the students their certificates and celebrate all they have learned this semester. Twenty-five of them received certificates! They know that this may be the last semester unless we add more qualified personnel to the teaching staff and to the child care staff. We have interviewed a person, Yvette Perez, for the job of administrator, so there is a good possibility that we will be able to continue the classes in January. Please keep this ministry in your prayers.

**LABYRINTH COMMUNITY EVENT** is postponed to a later date.  
More details to follow

**BUSY HANDS HANDMADE SALE** on **today** from 8:30 am through the coffee hour. Please come support this mission and get some lovely gifts for

Christmas.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** today is the last day to order a memorial/thanksgiving poinsettia for the Christmas service. There is a sign-up sheet in the church. You can make your check payable to St. Luke's with "poinsettias" in the memo. They are \$14 this year.

**WOMEN'S DINNER** Tuesday, **Dec 4th** at 6:00, all women are invited to enjoy an evening of dinner along with a time of sharing. This year we've entered into an ongoing discussion about the ways in which God is able to use the ordinary stories of our lives to make extraordinary connections with Christ and our world. Please come be a part of this unfolding story that is quite simply - our life in Christ. Hosted by The Daughters of the King, Contact Maureen Menosky with inquiries. 706-658-4030 text

**FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT** for Lew Walters will be at St. Luke's on **December 6<sup>th</sup>** at 11 am. Following the service, there will be a meal for the family. Contact Maureen if you would like to help (386)776-1817 or [menosky66@gmail.com](mailto:menosky66@gmail.com)

**PANTRY SUNDAY** The next Pantry Sunday is scheduled for **Dec 9<sup>th</sup>**.

**ANNUAL RECTORY CHRISTMAS ADVENT OPEN HOUSE**

Father George and Mary Ellen would like to invite everyone to the annual rectory open house on **December 9<sup>th</sup>** from 5:00 pm until 7:00pm. Finger foods, beverages, and great fellowship.

**YOUTH CAROLING** Mark your calendars for **Dec 12th** and join the youth of St. Luke's to bring Christmas spirit to those who are homebound. We will leave St. Luke's immediately following the 6pm Eucharist on the Suwannee Valley Transit Trolley and return to the church around 8pm, where we will enjoy hot chocolate and treats. Please let Fr. George or Katie know ASAP if you know someone who would like a visit from the carolers. Plenty of room so come join the fun!

**BISHOP'S VISIT** - Bishop Dorsey Henderson, Assisting Bishop of the Diocese of Florida and retired Bishop of Upper South Carolina will be visiting St. Luke's on **January 13th**. Confirmation classes for those wishing to be confirmed, received into the Episcopal Church, or renew their baptismal covenant will be held on December 5th, 12th, and 19th at 10:00, between the two services. Please let Father George know of your interest.