

WELCOME, GUESTS!

Children: Thank you for bringing your children with you!
Restrooms: In the hallway outside the sanctuary and the hallway by the kitchen ADA accessible.
Giving: Our ministries are grateful for all your gifts.
Communion: All are welcome to participate. We have an open table.

Church Planning Day
A time to come together to:

- Share ministries we love
- Get creative about new ways to serve
- Evaluate what we have done.

Everyone is welcome to attend

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

All are welcome to join us in the Sanctuary for our Ash Wednesday worship service

Wednesday February 22, 2023
6:30 p.m.
Imposition of the Ashes

Your Generosity Makes A Difference In This Community!

Don't forget that you may also visit our website to give your contributions through the secure tithe.ly system.
st-lukesumc.com/give-online
Or scan this code with your smartphone—>



Don't forget to support the food pantry with donations of shelf stable foods, paper grocery bags, and/or cash donations (marked food pantry). All your efforts help keep our ministry to our community going. Thank you!!

Thrift Store

Our Thrift Store can always use more helping hands. Please contact Nina Hartley to volunteer

In Ministry Together

Senior Pastor
Rev. Victoria Guthrie

Finance Secretary
Kristina Kemp

Lay Leader
Sunny Roberts

Treasurer
Kristine Holton

Director of Traditional Music/Organist:
Peggy BeVille

Administrative Council Chair
Dale Swartzmiller

Staff/Parish Chair
Helen Sweatt

Trustees Chair
Mariella Stevens

Finance Chair
Jennifer Coddling

Food Pantry
Theresa Scinta

Thrift Store
Nina Hartley

Nursery
Barb Snead

United Women In Faith
Helen Sweatt

United Methodist Men
Timon Brown

Calendar

Sunday, February 19
10:00 Sunday School
10:45 Choir Rehearsal
11:15 Worship

Monday, February 20
1:00 Parkinson's Support
5:00 Food Pantry
5:00 Karate
8:00 AA Meeting

Tuesday, February 21
5:30 Youth & Children
Finance Meeting on Feb. 28

Wednesday, February 22
9:00-1:00 Thrift Store
10:30 Al-Anon
6:30 Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, February 23
9:00-1:00 Thrift Store
12 Noon Al-Anon Begin
12:45 Al-Anon
5:00 Karate
6:30 ACA Group 3
7:00 AA Meeting
7:30 AA Meeting

Friday, February 24
6:30 ACA Group 2
7:30 ACA Group

Saturday, February 25
9:00-1:00 Thrift Store
9:00 -12 Church Planning Day

Sunday, February 26
10:00 Sunday School
10:45 Choir Rehearsal
11:15 Worship

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St. Luke's United Methodist Church

St. Petersburg, Fl.
Making God's Love Known

Transfiguration Sunday

11:15 A.M. Service February 19, 2023

"Prelude Reflection on an Appalachian Tune by Rick Parks Peggy BeVille

Welcome/Ministry Opportunities

Passing of the Peace
Share a greeting in whatever way you are comfortable

Call to Worship

Leader: As we prepare for worship, God bring us to the mountain top

People respond: bring us to the mountain top so that we may be inspired to do your work in the valley below.

Hymn of Praise #2272 Holy Ground

We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around; let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

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Prayer of the People

Loving God, we come before you, many of us feeling like we have climbed just a part of the mountain, and there is so much more of a climb left to even get to point to dream that we might be dazzled by what is Divine. Our loads are heavy, with worry, with regret, with fatigue, with illness, with despair for all in the world that is hurting, in danger, in bondage and more. We trudge ahead, following you, stumbling, hoping, praying... breathing hard, hearts pounding, and yes, even some of us are nimble and skipping. Lead us Lord, to the top of that mountain, where we might be dazzled by your Light, lifted by what is Divine, filled by the sheer delight of what is numinous and ethereal and grounded and real. We pray this, for ourselves, for one another and for the world in which we live in. Amen.

Moment of Silence/Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Victoria

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 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Special Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory
by Thomas H. Troeger and George Henry Day*

Children's Moment

In today's Bible lesson, something happened that is called "transfiguration." Transfiguration means a complete change of appearance to be more beautiful. As Jesus prayed, His face was changed and His clothes became a dazzling white.

The Apostle Paul said in a letter he wrote to the church at Corinth, "For God, who said, 'Let there be light in the darkness,' has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ."

Others can see that we have the love of Jesus in our heart by seeing his reflection shining bright in us!

Offertory The Mystery of the Trinity Peggy BeVille
by Peter Burkhardt

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.

Offertory Prayer

God of power and love, we come to worship this day in anticipation: to hear the music, to be fed with the word, to reconnect with family, but most of all to listen to your voice as it might speak to us in the silent moments. May your goodness and caring be affirmed in the gifts we give, and as worship comes to an end, may we hear Jesus' voice sending us out into the mission field, and may we listen and go. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Scripture: Matthew 17: 1-9

17 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. 3 Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 4 Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 5 While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. 7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." 8 And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. 9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Message The Transfiguration of Jesus Pastor Victoria

Closing Hymn #173 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

2. Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see;
till they inward light impart,
cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

3. Visit then this soul of mine;
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

Sending Forth

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, here and in the world.
Amen.

Postlude Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him
Peggy BeVille