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The Steeple



Nov. 25, 2020

A Message from Fr. Nick to the Family of St. Luke's

On Sunday, Nov. 22, the vestry was delighted to announce that Rev. Nicholas Phares had accepted the call to be the rector of St. Lukes's beginning Jan. 24. The slide show that was used to introduce Fr. Nick and his family can be accessed by CLICKING HERE.

The vestry was deeply gratifying by the round of applause that greeted the announcement and by the many supportive comments that have followed. We are confident that St. Luke's has been blessed by this happy joining of families and we, like the congregation, look forward to welcoming the Phares into our community of faith. Below is the message Fr. Nick sent to the congregation on Sunday.



Dear Friends.

It is such a deep honor to be called to be the next rector of St. Luke's in Bartlesville!

I am a cradle Episcopalian, and have many fond memories of being raised at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Battle Creek, MI. My father was a vocational deacon in the church and his life and witness have always been a guiding light in my journey.

My mother, well, I can hardly express tender enough words that might capture the blessing she has been to me and my family. She taught me to love and my life has been enriched beyond measure by her loving presence.

I felt a call to the priesthood at an early age and after many years of various types of formation (as a father, husband, carpenter, and sailor) I was ordained to the priesthood in 2017. For the past four years, I have been serving as the Associate Rector at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Pensacola, Fla.

In my role at St. Christopher's I have been responsible for the oversight of adult and youth formation, parish outreach, pastoral care, and ministry development.

I was a board officer of Freedom Schools of the Central Gulf Coast, responsible for nurturing community relationships and assisting in leadership development. This past year I was awarded one of the Creation Care Grants from the Episcopal Church, specifically engaging in and responding to environmental racism. With this grant I developed the Muscogee Cultural Continuation Project. I was also one of the first people to graduate from the Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing in Atlanta, Ga.

My greatest and most important ministry has always been to my family. My wife, Teresa is the Director of Training Operations for the Godly Play Foundation. What a joy it was to have her attend seminary along with me at The School of Theology at The University of the South in Sewanee! Teresa loves to sing and do puzzles, and has a huge passion for children and family ministry.

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Our oldest daughter, Morgan is now a freshman at The University of the South. Morgan is majoring in anthropology and sings with the University Choir. Alexis (Lexi) is a sophomore in high school. She enjoys soccer and plans to be a nurse someday. Paxton (Pax) is in third grade. He loves to play video games, ride his bike, and spend time with his sisters. We're a very fun, loving, and laid-back family and we genuinely love spending time together.

In my free time, I love to read and bike. Our family enjoys traveling together, when it is possible. I consider myself an outgoing introvert, which means that I am comfortable in social settings but really relish the times when I can sit with a smaller group and have more deep and intimate conversations.

My family feels particularly called to St. Luke's because they are a community who knows themselves well and who are not afraid to live authentically and vulnerably - with arms wide open.

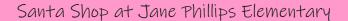
I am grateful to the vestry for their prayerful, serious, and even sometimes playful way of allowing the Holy Spirit to move and reveal itself in this process. Please know that you all continue to be in my prayers, and we appreciate your prayers as our family transitions in the coming months.

The Phares Family cannot wait to arrive home in Bartlesville and to get to know the community better!

There were many neon signs along my journey of discernment with St. Luke's that helped to make it very clear where God was leading us together. I see so much love, enthusiasm, openness, and commitment and I cannot wait to see what we can learn from each other in this new path forward.

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The 8th annual Santa Shop at Jane Phillips Elementary will be held Dec. 19, 9-11 a.m. Due to COVID-19, this year's Santa Shop will be a drive-through "Winter Wonderland, Where Your Dreams Come True."

Monetary donations mailed to Jane Phillips at 1500 S. Rogers, Bartlesville, OK 74003, are requested by Nov. 30.

If you have any questions, call Santa Shop Committee members Karla Cunningham at 918-519-0223 or via email at cunninghaml@bps-ok.org or Melinda Butterfield at 918-331-6407 or via email at butterfield@bps-ok.org.



Angel Tree Tags

The tree is up in the narthex. There are needs and wish items on each Angel Tree tag. Please purchase one or more items for each tag, box or bag with the tag attached and return to St. Luke's by Dec. 8 for delivery to Salvation Army.

Donations will also be gladly accepted this year. Make checks to St. Luke's and put Angel Tree on memo.

Part of the donations will go for Christmas gifts and clothing for Emily's two children.

Please call Steve or Cheryl Van Aken with questions at 918-914-9041.

Dr. Tim Jackson Presents Homily This Sunday

Dr. Tim Jackson, known by many as the long-time senior pastor at Greater First Baptist Church, will deliver the homily at this Sunday's service on Nov. 29.

Now retired as senior pastor after 26 years, Dr. Jackson conducts classes in New Testament, Old Testament, Homiletics, Hermeneutics, and Biblical Theology. His ministry also provides seminars and workshops on marriage, singles and family life.

Timothy Jackson was born in Denver, CO, on July 3, 1953. He was raised in Denver and attended high school at East High, graduating in 1971. He matriculated out of the University of Colorado with a bachelor's of arts in molecular cellular biology. He then attended the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center and did course work in preventative medicine.



He then received his Masters of Systematic Theology (emphasis in pastoral ministry) at Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary in Denver, CO. His studies at International Bible Institute and Seminary gained him a Doctor of theology (ThD). He then attended Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas, MO, receiving his Doctor of Ministry with an emphasis on pastoral counseling.

Thanks go to Katherine Powell of the St. Luke's vestry for arranging for Dr. Jackson to be with us on Sunday. Welcome, Dr. Jackson!



Thanks to everyone who donated to purchase pies to be distributed by CONCERN to local families. We exceeded the need and were able to provide 180 pies for the Thanksgiving dinners and have some left over for next year.

Happy Thanksgiving, Amy Borg

Information from Roseanne, Office Manager:

Roseanne's Updated **Office Hours 9:30 – 1:30 Monday - Thursday.** Note that **church offices are closed Thanksgiving Day.** Please note that even during office hours, the doors are locked per COVID-19 protocol. If you need to come in, just ring the north entrance bell or call the office at 918-336-1212 or Roseanne's cell 918-287-8784.

Agape Mission Volunteer Schedule

Thursday, Nov. 26:

9-11am: Jim Liehr 10:45am – 1pm: Jeff Birk, Dean Zervas Glenda Garrison, Darian Kedy, Jen Peterson, 1:00 – 2:45pm: Carol Murphy, Radomir Petrovich, Becky Olsen

Thursday, Dec.10:

9-11am: Jeanne Julstrom, Becky Liehr 10:45am – 1pm: Kris Bonner, Rita Childers, Becky Liehr, Kathy Zervas, Dolores McCreary

1:00 – 2:45pm: Peter Julstrom, Miriam Petrovich, Wendy Hall



St. Luke's Prayer List

Please keep the following persons in your prayers: Milton, Elizabeth, Georgia, Millie, Suzanne, Linda, Terry, Leaona, Connie, Tracy, Michelle Catherine, Thelma, Sydney, Ed, Cheri, Rhonda, Liz, Evan, Joseph, Belinda, Mary Emily, Madelyn, Maxwell, Bruce, Clara, Juanita, Lynetta, Shellie, Ann, Marty, Peggy, Joe, Dale, Robin, Cindy, Tom and Debbie, and all members of our armed forces and their families. If you have a prayer request,

Bereavement Team 1

Susie Clark, Nancy Woods, Sally Lindsey, Georgia Gates, Jeanne Julstrom.

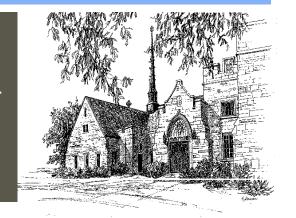
Online & Mobile Giving Available

Online giving application is now available to St. Luke's members through the Tithe.ly mobile application or directly online from your home device. You can utilize either method of giving by going to this <u>Tithe.ly web page</u> (https://get.tithe.ly/download-tithely-app). Complete instructions for using this convenience are provided on the home page of the <u>St. Luke's website</u> (http://episcopalbartlesville.org) or by picking Online Giving in the right-side menu.

Regardless of whether you can manage all or some of your normal giving, please continue to support our community of faith. And if you're not comfortable with virtual giving, you can always mail a check to the church office: St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 210 E 9th St, Bartlesville, OK 74003 *or* drop a check into our locked mail slot near north entrance.

Alert on solicitations...

• Be aware – No one from St. Luke's will request gift cards or other monetary support through email. If you receive such a message in your email, it is spam. All financial requests/special appeals at St. Luke's go through normal channels and any special requests will be made by phone or in person.



Birthdays and Anniversaries Nov. 29 – Dec. 10

Birthdays

Doug Freeburn, Nov. 30 Jacquelean Fowler, Dec. 1 Millie Harrison, Dec. 3 Jen Peterson, Dec. 3 Jo Baughman, Dec. 4 Janice Dreiling, Dec. 7 James Vail, Dec. 8

Jill Pletcher, Dec. 10

Anniversaries

Dr. Joe & Betty Hardin

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Connecting with St. Luke's

To learn various ways to connect at St. Luke's, visit our website at: http://episcopalbartlesville.org/

The First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020 10:00 a.m.



St. Luke's Episcopal Church 210 Southeast Ninth Street Bartlesville, Oklahoma



The First Sunday of Advent

Daily Morning Prayer: Rite II

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Opening Hymn #66 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

See page 16

Officiant

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Phillipians 1:2*

Remain standing

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!

Venite

Come, let us sing to the Lord;*

Let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving* and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,*

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth,*

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,*

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,*

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.* Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice! Our King and Savior now draws near: Come let us adore him.

Sit for the reading of the Psalm and Lessons (including Gospel text), stand for the reading of the Canticles

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; * shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, * stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, *
 how long will you be angered
 despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; * you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, * and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, * the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; * give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

Isaiah 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 forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

The Reader says: Here ends the Lesson.

Please stand

Canticle 10 The Second Song of Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found;* call upon him when he draws near.

Let the wicked forsake their ways* and the evil ones their thoughts;

And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion,* and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,* nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,* so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as rain and snow fall from the heavens* and return not again, but water the earth,

Bringing forth life and giving growth,* seed for sowing and bread for eating,

So is my word that goes forth from my mouth;* it will not return to me empty;

But it will accomplish that which I have purposed,* and prosper in that for which I sent it.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:* As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

Second Lesson - 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Reader says: Here ends the Lesson.

Please stand

Canticle 19 The Song of the Redeemed

O ruler of the universe, Lord, God, great deeds are they that you have done,* surpassing human understanding.

Your ways are the ways of righteousness and truth,*

O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord, and sing the praises of your Name?*
for you only are the Holy One.
All nations will draw near and fall down before you,*
because your just and holy works have been revealed.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.

Amen.

A Reading from the Gospel According to Mark 13:24-37

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the

house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The Reader says: Here ends the Lesson.

Homily - Dr. Tim Jackson

Stand

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

Hymn Gather #143 "God of All People"

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Kneel or sit

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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*.

Suffrages A

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
- R. And grant us your salvation.
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
- R. Let your people sing with joy.
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
- R. For only in you can we live in safety.
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
- R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
- R. Your saving health among all nations.
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
- R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
- R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Prayers

Collect for the First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your 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 living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns will you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

Prayer for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

Prayer for the Human Family

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Prayer for First Responders and Caregivers

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve, bless all first responders and caregivers who, following the example of Christ, are giving themselves to the care and needs of others. Bless them with wisdom, patience, skill and courage so that they may minister your love to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy. Embrace them with your loving mercy so they know they are not alone in the unrelenting challenges they are facing. Bless them with times of rest for the renewing of their physical and spiritual strength. Comfort them when they are burdened with sorrow. And always may your Spirit speak words of encouraging, sustaining love to their hearts. We offer our prayer in the name of your blessed son, Jesus. *Amen.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving for our new Rector

We pray for our Rector, Father Nick Phares and his family. We give you all the glory, thanks and praise for how you so graciously wove the threads of our lives together and set us on this new journey for St. Luke's. Help us all to be of one body and mind and to continue to keep our eyes on you, Father, in all we do. *Amen.*

And let us pray for our own needs and those of others especially: Milton, Elizabeth, Georgia, Millie, Suzanne, Linda, Terry, Leaona, Connie, Tracy, Michelle, Catherine, Thelma, Sydney, Ed, Cheri, Rhonda, Liz, Evan, Joseph, Belinda, Mary, Emily, Madelyn, Maxwell, Bruce, Clara, Juanita, Lynetta, Shellie, Ann, Marty, Peggy, Joe, Dale, Robin, Cindy, Tom and Debbie.

Give to the departed eternal rest; especially Heavenly Father, your loving daughter, Kay Phares.

All Let light perpetual shine upon them.

All May your word be our light, and may we hold fast to your promise that whoever believes in you ... rivers of living water will flow from within them. Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

Announcements: Dan Droege and Doug McIver

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord People Thanks be to God

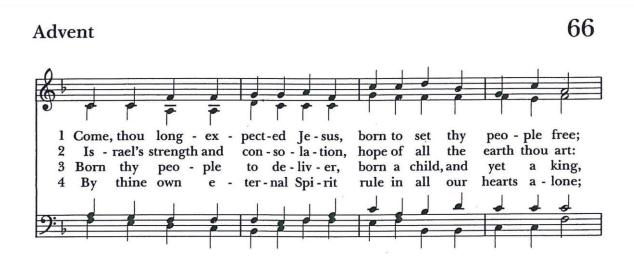
Dismissal

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

Closing Hymn #57 "Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending" See page 18

Usher: TBA

Lay leaders: Jeff Birk and Tom Droege St. Luke's Episcopal Church Bartlesville, Oklahoma 210 East 9th Street Bartlesville, OK 74003





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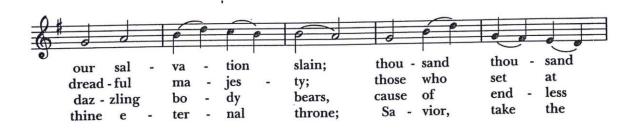
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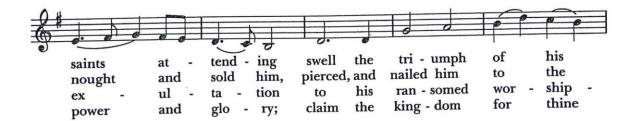
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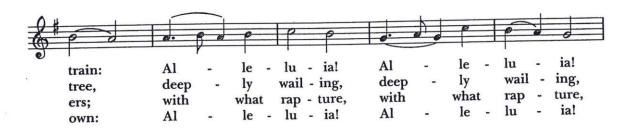
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