

Thad's Thoughts

Rory McIlroy is a professional golfer who has certainly seen his share of ups and downs around the golf course. On the up side, he won three of the four major tournaments before he was twenty five years old. On the down side, he slumped into an eleven year dry spell after that. Year after year he came so close to winning that elusive fourth major only to fall short time and again. The elusive fourth major was of course, The Masters. However, in 2025 Rory McIlroy finally conquered his goal by winning The Masters. He became one of only six golfers to ever win a career "Grand Slam." This year, he topped himself by winning a second green jacket in as many years. By accomplishing that feat, he became one of only four men to do the same. Over the past eleven years, Rory McIlroy felt defeat to the point of almost walking away from the sport that he loves so deeply. However, by remaining patient and sticking with his dream of winning the career grand slam he overcame the obstacles and reached enormous highs. Have you ever been defeated by life?

Anyone who reaches the top of the ladder, no matter what that ladder might be, has had to endure defeat. No one gets to the top unscathed, and those who reach the top know that it was those very scars that helped them to grow and mature.

Isaiah 40:31 says, "Those who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength. They will mount up with wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint." The top of the ladder of faith is actually the lowest rung. The higher we climb with the Lord, the deeper we grow in our faith, hope and trust. When life knocks us down or we get attacked by the enemy, we learn to hold even tighter to our Savior and allow him to renew our strength. Jesus is our only true Master, and if we wait patiently on him we will accomplish our goal of heaven. There is no higher high than to be with Jesus for eternity. Are you waiting patiently upon the Lord?



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OUR WORSHIP SERVICES

Traditional Service 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Contemporary Service 9:00 a.m. (Ministry Center)

Worship in Spanish 12:30 p.m. (Turner Chapel)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The 11:00 a.m. service is streamed live at www.stlukecolumbus.org and broadcast live at WLTC 103.7 Lite FM • Taped broadcast on WTVM Channel 9 at 11 a.m.

April 26, 2026

4th Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Prelude.....“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”..... arr. Ron Mallory

Welcome and Opening Prayer

*Hymn “Christ Is Alive”.....Number 318

***The Affirmation of Faith..... “The Apostles’ Creed”Number 881

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic*** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The Gloria Patri (Glory Be to the Father)Number 70

Anthem.....“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”.....Kathryn Bonner

“Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and power. *I will arise and go to Jesus; He will embrace me with His arms; in the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.* Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall; if you tarry till you’re better, you will never come at all. Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God’s free bounty glorify; true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream; all the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him.”

Pastoral Prayer and 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, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Choral Prayer Response.....“Threefold Amen”.....Philip Baker

*Hymn “O Jesus, I have Promised”.....Number 396

Offertory.....“Fantasia on *Ebenezer*”.....Tammy Waldrop

The Dedication of Offerings..... “The Doxology”Number 95

The Written Word.....Ephesians 2:19-22 (*p. 181, NT in pew Bible*)

The Spoken Word..... **“A PLACE TO CONNECT”**.....Rev. Thad Haygood

*Hymn.....“Blessed Be the Tie That Binds”.....Number 557

*The Benediction

Choral Benediction Response (11:00).“Sevenfold Amen”.....John Rutter

Postlude.....“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” arr. Phil Lehenbauer

Standing as able.* * *quick* means “living”; *catholic* means “universal”

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, April 26

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)
- 9:00 a.m. The Nine - Contemporary Service (MIN)
Live streamed at www.stlukecolumbus.org
K-5th Grade Worship (MIN)
- 10:00 a.m. Pre-recorded broadcast of worship service on WTVM Channel 9
(Broadcast over WLTC 103.7 Lite FM and at www.stlukecolumbus.org
beginning at 11:00 a.m.)
Worship in Spanish (Turner Chapel, Main)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)/K-5th Grade Worship (MIN)
- 5:00 p.m. Student Ministry (Youth Room)
Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 6:00 p.m. St. Luke Orchestra Rehearsal (Room 110)
- 11:30 p.m. Pre-recorded broadcast of The Nine worship service, WTVM Channel 9

Monday, April 27

- 12 Noon Alzheimer's Community Support Group (Respite)
- 5:30 p.m. M2540
- 7:00 p.m. College House Ministry (College House)

Tuesday, April 28

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (SD, MIN)
- 8:30 a.m. Prayer Moms (History Room)
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 1:30 p.m. Soul Sisters Bible Study (College House)

Wednesday, April 29

- 7:00 a.m. Youth Girl's Bible Study (Corner Café)
- 8:30 a.m. SLS Chapel (Sanctuary)
- 9:00 a.m. Preschool Field Day (Fountain Area)
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 10:30 a.m. Preschool and ELC Chapel (Sanctuary)
- 12 Noon Men's Young Professional Bible Study (Youth Room, MIN)
- 3:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study (College House)
- 5:45 p.m. Midweek Supper, program immediately following supper (LD, MIN)
- 6:00 p.m. Student Ministry (Gym, Youth Area)
- 6:15 p.m. CMDA Weekly Bible Study (SD, MIN)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room, Main)
College House Ministry (College House)

Thursday, April 30

- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Room 110)
- 11:30 a.m. Right From the Start Fundraiser (LD, MIN)
- 12 Noon College House Lunch (College House)
- 3:30 p.m. JrK Jump Bunch (Youth Room)

Friday, May 1

- 8:30 a.m. Military Ministry Weekly Bible Study (MMC, 1022 2nd Ave.)
- 12 Noon Men's Ministry Fish Fry (LD, MIN)

Main (Main Building). MIN (Ministry Center). LD (Large Dining Room). SD (Small Dining Room). MMC (Military Ministry Center). Contact the Ministry Center for information about renting or reserving rooms, 706-256-1017.



CONNECT with one another

OUR KNOWN SICK: Piedmont Encompass Rehab: Loretta Dunbar, 106. **Piedmont Midtown:** Lee Hutchins, ER. **St. Francis Hospital:** Mary Bailey Wickham Bryan, OB 1.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Wynelle T. Foster
April 21, 2026



APRIL 29: St. Luke Orchestra Concert

Menu: Smothered chicken, Mashed potatoes, Rolls, Broccoli casserole, Salad bar, Assorted desserts

Coming Soon!
to the St. Luke Ministry Center

- **Fellowship of Christian Athletes**
Spring Banquet
Monday, April 27, 6:00 p.m.
Contact www.westcentralgafca.org
- **Right From the Start Annual Lunch**
"The Rom Con" with
Lauren Reitsema
Thursday, April 30, 11:30 a.m.
Tickets available at
www.rightfromthestart.org

OUR PHONE NUMBERS

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Free Spirits Day Trip Touring..



FORT MITCHELL NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

Tuesday, May 19 • Cost: \$12

The bus will leave the church at 10 a.m. (EST)

Reservations must be made by phone RSVP by calling Julie @706.327.4343
or Email: jwidener@stlukecolumbus.org **Reservations Due Monday, May 11.**

ST. LUKE ORCHESTRA
RHAPSODY IN BLUE
GERSHWIN

with guest soloist Dr. Esther Park
Also featuring American Songs
from the "Jazz" Era

April 29, 2026 • 6:00 PM

St. Luke Church Ministry Center
Concert Admission Free • Dinner \$9

MEN'S FRIDAY FISH FRY

Friday, May 1st
12 p.m. • Ministry Center
\$15 per person

Guest Speaker: Steve Butler

Please register and pay in advance
with the QR code. (You can pay at
the door, but advance registration is
very helpful!) Call the church office at
706.327.4343 if you need assistance.





For more information, contact Maddie Kratchman, *Director of Children's Ministries*, mkratchman@stlukecolumbus.org

ALL THINGS KIDS!

Scan the QR code to find information and register for all upcoming St. Luke Kids events.



ST. LUKE SUMMER CAMP

July 6-10

Rising 4th and 5th graders
Scan QR code to register.

St. Luke Vacation Bible School



July 13-17

Pre-K - rising 5th graders.

Scan the QR code to register!

Volunteers Needed for VBS!

Scan QR code to sign up.



College House

For more information contact Kami Davidson kdavidson@stlukecolumbus.org

Sunday School

@ College House after The Nine

Mon. 7:00 p.m. Dinner and Bible study

Wed. 7:00 p.m. Dinner, worship, message

FREE LUNCH Noon-1:30 p.m.

(stay and eat or take a plate to go)



APR. 26 - Service and Soft Serve!
Join us for a service day with unlimited soft serve! 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room at the Ministry Center.
Dinner provided.



ERVE others in response to Christ's call

ACOLYTE MINISTRY

If you have a 4th, 5th, or 6th grader interested in serving as an acolyte in 2026, please contact: Laurie Dudley @704-891-7837 DudleySL99@yahoo.com

Honor Mothers by Serving Women

This May, we're recognizing Mother's Day by caring for women and families in tangible ways through Belize and our Uptown Outreach Center.

Please bring feminine products, pull-ups, and diapers (size 4-adult). Place donations outside worship throughout May in the provided baskets.

WANT TO HAVE A GREAT DAY?

SERVE ON THE HOSPITALITY TEAM!

There are a variety of places to serve, from greeting to driving golf carts. Please contact Corrin Duckworth (corrinriley@hotmail.com) follow the link below, or scan QR code to volunteer.
<https://signup.com/go/EtJUqVD>



MISSION OPPORTUNITY - VBS WITH WILSON HOMES

Monday - Thursday, June 8 - 11th

We are excited to share the gospel by doing a mini VBS (2 hours per day) with our friends at Wilson Homes this summer. Please let Laura know if you would like to volunteer. Need to be high school age or older.

Contact Laura Haygood lhaygood@stlukecolumbus.org

ABIDING GIFTS

If you wish to honor or remember someone, please attach to your check the name of that person and the address to which you wish the acknowledgment sent, and mail or bring to the church office. Contact maggie@stlukecolumbus.org.

Organ Fund: In memory of Mr. Monty Thorne by the Bereavement Committee.

Music Scholarship Fund: In memory of Mr. Tony Dimitri by the Bereavement Committee.

Music Fund: In memory of Dr. William Cunningham by the Bereavement Committee.



MILITARY MINISTRY

MILITARY FAMILIES! GET ON THE ROSTER!

The Military Ministry invites all of our St. Luke Church and St. Luke School military families to step up to the plate and knock it out of the park with us at the Columbus Clingstones baseball game! A perfect night to connect, encourage one another, and cover all the bases together in a suite. Choose which game you want to attend from our five available dates: May 1, May 15, May 29, July 10, or August 7. Space in the suite is limited and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact Tony Mayne today to learn more and secure your spot before it's game over at tony@gallantfew.org.



RESPITE CARE

JOB OPENING: RESPITE CARE PROGRAM ASSISTANT

Part-time position, 21 hours a week, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Assist with the planning and daily operations of Respite Care's programs' services and activities. High school diploma required, college degree preferred. The Respite Care Ministry's focus is working with the geriatric population with dementia or Alzheimer's disease. Position location: 1021 Third Avenue, Columbus, GA. Contact Kathryn Fussell with questions kfussell@stlukecolumbus.org



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Music Box

Marc F. Boensel, DMA; Director of Music Ministries, mboensel@stlukecolumbus.org

The Music Scholarship Fund needs your support! We are able to offer a modest scholarship to music students from CSU who participate in our Music Ministry only through the generous donations of the congregation to the Music Scholarship Fund. Please help as you are able.

Please consider supporting the Music Ministry by making a donation to the Music Fund, Organ Fund, or Orchestra Fund.

Join the Music Ministry! Children, youth, and adults are welcome in the Music Ministry. The Chancel Choir meets on Wednesdays at 7pm, and sings at the 8:30 or 11am services weekly. The Handbell Team meets on Wednesdays at 5:00pm, and plays at the 8:30 and 11am services monthly. The Children's Choir meets on Sunday afternoons. The St. Luke Orchestra is a wind and percussion ensemble that meets periodically throughout the year.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The beautiful flowers in the chancel area are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Tom and Edna Kendrick by the family.

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES: May 3; June 28; July 5; August 23; September 13, 20, 27; October 11, 25; November 15, 22, 29.

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE (THE NINE): 9:00 a.m., Ministry Center, Rev. Thad Haygood, preaching.