

Please join us for a Retirement Reception  
honoring

# MITCH WATTS



Celebrating 35 years of faithful ministry at St. Luke Church.

Sunday, May 31, 2026 - 12 Noon  
Stockwell Hall



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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](http://www.stlukecolumbus.org) and broadcast live at WLTC 103.7 Lite FM • Taped broadcast on WTVM Channel 9 at 11 a.m.

May 31, 2026

Trinity Sunday

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

Prelude....."There Is a Balm".....arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome and Opening Prayer

\*Hymn ..... "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name".....Number 79

\*\*\*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....."Holy, Holy, Holy!".....Franz Schubert  
"Holy is the Lord! One to be adored! One without beginning, one who's ever been. Everlasting glory, one who has no end. Wonder, love, and power, one forevermore."

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 ..... "For the Beauty of the Earth" .....Number 92

Offertory....."Grace" .....Mark Hayes

The Dedication of Offerings..... "The Doxology" .....Number 95

The Written Word.....Philippians 2:12-16: (*p. 186 NT in pew Bible*)

The Spoken Word.....**"BE LIKE MITCH"** .....Rev. Thad Haygood

\*Hymn....."Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" .....Number 64

\*The Benediction

Choral Benediction Response (11:00)."Sevenfold Amen".....Peter Lutkin

Postlude....."There is a Balm in Gilead" .....Mark Hayes

\**Standing as able.* \*\*\* *quick* means "living"; *catholic* means "universal"

## OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

### Sunday, May 31

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)
- 9:00 a.m. The Nine - Contemporary Service (MIN)  
Live streamed at [www.stlukecolumbus.org](http://www.stlukecolumbus.org)  
K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Worship (MIN)
- 11:00 a.m. Pre-recorded broadcast of worship service on WTVM Channel 9  
(Broadcast over WLTC 103.7 Lite FM and at [www.stlukecolumbus.org](http://www.stlukecolumbus.org)  
beginning at 11:00 a.m.)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)/K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Worship (MIN)
- 12 Noon Mitch Watts' Retirement Celebration (Stockwell Hall)
- 12:30 p.m. Worship in Spanish (Turner Chapel, Main)
- 11:30 p.m. Pre-recorded broadcast of The Nine worship service, WTVM Channel 9

### Monday, June 1

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Chapel (Chapel)

### Tuesday, June 2

- 9:00 a.m. Volleyball Cub Camp (Gym)
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)

### Wednesday, June 3

- 8:30 a.m. Strategic Planning Meeting (Conference Room)
- 9:00 a.m. Volleyball Cub Camp (Gym)
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 12 Noon Men's Young Professional Bible Study (Youth Room, MIN)  
Locals Lunch and Bible Study (The Corner)
- 3:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study (College House)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room, Main)  
College House Ministry (College House)

### Thursday, June 4

- 9:00 a.m. MomCo Bible Study (Off campus)  
Volleyball Cub Camp (Gym)
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 12 Noon Who's on the Couch (LD, MIN)

### Friday, June 5

- 8:30 a.m. Military Ministry Weekly Bible Study (MMC, 1022 2nd Ave.)
- 9:00 a.m. Volleyball Cub Camp (Gym)

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.

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## SANCTUARY USHERS NEEDED

We are currently seeking additional volunteers to serve as Sanctuary Ushers during the worship services. Ushers play an important role in welcoming and assisting our church family and guests each Sunday.

If you are interested in serving or would like more information, please contact Wayne Bond, [wsb0075@gmail.com](mailto:wsb0075@gmail.com) OR @201-704-5312.  
Thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity to serve!

# GUIDING PEOPLE IN A B

**OUR KNOWN SICK: Orchard View Rehabilitation:** Bryan Sargent, 116.

## 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](mailto:maggie@stlukecolumbus.org).

**Respite Care:** In memory of Mrs. Wynelle Foster by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hett.

**Samaritan Fund:** In honor of Dr. Robert Wood by the Seekers Sunday School Class.

**Memorial Maintenance Fund:** In memory of Mrs. Angie Hart by Mr. and Mrs. Al Ramsay and Ms. Iva Hudson.

## JUNE MISSION BASKET



**Supporting Wilson Homes and the FAM Closet, serving foster families.**

We are collecting new and gently used summer clothing for children and youth, including croc-style shoes, T-shirts, and shorts. If your children have outgrown their clothing, please consider donating them.

**Donation baskets will be located outside both services.**

## Ministry Staff Contact List:

**Director of Children's Ministries,** Maddie Kratchman  
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ST. LUKE CHURCH WOMEN'S MINISTRY

*Breathe*  
making room for sabbath

Step into a summer of renewal and discover the gift of rest God intends for His people. Through the study *Breathe*, by Priscilla Shirer, women will explore freedom from busyness, the blessing of Sabbath, and how making margin for God can reshape daily life.



Join Kent Butler and Suzanne McCluskey, as they lead this 5-week study, June 16–July 14, Tuesdays from 1:30–3:00 PM at the College House.

Registration is open through June 1.  
Contact Doris Reid to sign-up at 706.888.9172 or [dorishreid@gmail.com](mailto:dorishreid@gmail.com)  
Use the QR code to order your study book.

**Book Link**

THE ST. LUKE CHURCH WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**SUMMER BOOK CLUB**

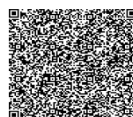
**BOOK:** *The Hiding Place* by Corrie Ten Boom...

a true story that invites us to SEE differently and LIVE differently.

**Stay Connected This Summer**

Read our selected book over the summer at your own pace and join us on July 29th for conversation and connection!

Two identical morning/evening sessions will be planned for the 29th. Book link QR code below!





**ALL THINGS KIDS!**  
Scan the QR code to find information and register for all upcoming St. Luke Kids events.



## ST. LUKE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 13-17 / Pre-K - rising 5th graders.  
**The deadline to signup for VBS is June 7<sup>th</sup>.**



There will be an information table in the lobby of the 9:00 service to answer any questions about VBS, help with signing up, as well as an opportunity to sign up to volunteer.

**Volunteers Needed for VBS!**  
Scan the kids QR Code to Sign up



CampConnect

## ST. LUKE SUMMER CAMP JULY 6-10

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

**This is the LAST WEEK to register!**



## College House

**Sunday School**  
@ College House after The Nine

**Wednesdays @7:00 p.m.**  
Worship and bible study

## STudents LUKE COLUMBUS, GA



**JUN. 3 - Locals Lunch & Bible Study**  
12:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
Eat lunch, play games, and open scriptures together.

## 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](mailto:DudleySL99@yahoo.com)

## BE A PART OF ST. LUKE'S MINI MISSION

All shoes have been covered - Praise God for a generous church!! If you would like to go on the half day trip to place the shoes on their feet, please sign up at the QR code.

**Details: St. Luke buses leave the church at 3:30pm on June 10th, drive to Camp Grace in Roberta, GA, and return that evening.**

Questions? Contact [LHaygood@stlukecolumbus.org](mailto:LHaygood@stlukecolumbus.org) or 706.256.1310



**WED, JUNE 10**



REGISTER FOR DAY TRIP HERE

## Who's on the Couch?

PRESENTED BY THE ST. LUKE CHURCH WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Join us for a lunch where stories take center stage! A green couch, **A SURPRISE GUEST**, and a powerful testimony you won't hear anywhere else.

Take a seat, share a meal, and be part of the story. Each gathering brings a different voice; honest, encouraging, and rooted in what God is doing in real life.



Scan QR code or call Julie @706-327-4343 to register

Thursday, June 4th  
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm  
Ministry Center, Large Dining Room  
Cost: \$15 includes lunch



LOVE, AND FOLLOW JESUS.

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## FREE SPIRITS LUNCH & ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM OF

 "...bits and pieces" 

June 16, 2026

St. Luke Ministry Center - 11:30 a.m. - Cost \$12.00

A bit of jazzy sax, tapping, musical theatre, and old fashioned Gospel singing. Reservations must be made by phone. RSVP by calling Julie @ 706.327.4343  
OR Email: [jwidener@stlukecolumbus.org](mailto:jwidener@stlukecolumbus.org) Reservations Due on June 9th

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## RESPITE CARE

### DIRECTOR OF RESPITE CARE MINISTRY OPENING

St. Luke Church is seeking a Director for our Respite Care Ministry - a compassionate leader who will help support families and create a welcoming, caring environment for those we serve. To view the full job description, visit the Careers section at the bottom of the website: [stlukecolumbus.org/careers](http://stlukecolumbus.org/careers).

Questions may be directed to Andy Hidle at [ahidle@stlukecolumbus.org](mailto:ahidle@stlukecolumbus.org).

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## MILITARY MINISTRY

Warriors Battle brings together a community of brave individuals who share a bond forged by honor, sacrifice, and service. Offering a supportive environment where these courageous individuals can share their experiences, be heard, and receive encouragement and empathy from their peers through a proven biblical faith-based approach. Join Warriors Set Free in one of their upcoming Men's Encounters (Warriors Battle) from August 12 - 15, 2026, in Brandenburg, KY, or November 4-7, 2026, in Lake Allatoona, GA. There is also a devoted Women's Encounter (Heroes Reflect) from November 18-21, 2026, in Lake Allatoona, GA. Learn more at [warriorsetfree.org/battle/](http://warriorsetfree.org/battle/).

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## MUSIC BOX

**Thank You** to the Faithtones for singing in the offertory today!

**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 Mr. Jerry Elmore by Mrs. Nina Elmore.

**OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES:** June 28; July 5; September 13, 20, 27; October 25; November 15, 22, 29.

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