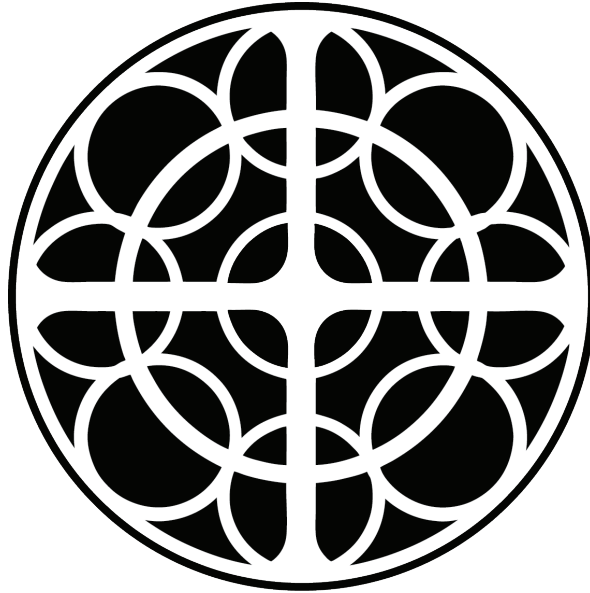


ST. LUKE'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



January 5, 2014
11:00 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

Our Mission: Responding to God's call and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we invite all to join us in knowing, serving, and sharing Jesus Christ here and around the world.

Our Vision: To be a beacon of faith, hope, and love—every member an active disciple in Christ's ministry.



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1978 Mt. Vernon Road

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770-393-1424 www.slpres.org

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service

Nursery provided for all services and Sunday School

OFFICE HOURS:

Mon. - Fri., 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Dr. Jason Whitener, Pastor

Rev. Shannon Dill, Associate Pastor

Rev. Phil Brown, Associate Pastor

Dr. E. Moss Robertson, Pastor Emeritus



That All May Worship: St. Luke's strives to be a welcoming church for all. Assistive hearing devices, large print hymnals, large print bulletins and pew cushions are available. Please contact an usher for further assistance.

Parents: During the worship service, if necessary, the parlor is a comfortable place to be with your child and still see the service. Children's Worship Notebooks are available for all ages on the shelves in the Narthex (Sanctuary lobby), along with activity sheets pertaining to today's scripture. An usher can assist you.

JANUARY 5, 2014

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the 65th Wedding Anniversary of Dr. Lou and Lila Jean LaMotte on December 31, 2013.

SERVING TODAY

Acolytes

Supervisor Cailin Thelen
Crucifer..... Reagan McGurk
Candle Lighter Thomas Rice
Bell Ringer Trey McGurk
Bible Bearer..... Elliott McGoldrick

Communion Servers.....Dave Elkins, Captain;
Rosemary Armstrong-Burton, Steve Klein,
Ellen and John Massey, Mary Nielsen, Jennifer Price

Chancel Guild.....Rob and Sarah Caverhill

Continental Breakfast..... Niki Rabren

Greeters.....Ken and Lucy Painter

Open/Close..... Bruce Jones

WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are delighted you are worshipping with us! As a guest, you are invited to:

1. During the **Celebration of Community**, please print the requested information on the Friendship Pad and pass the Friendship Pad down the pew.
2. After the worship service, please join Deacon Rebecca Strickland, Elder Parker Cutler, and our Pastors in the Narthex (Sanctuary lobby). They will answer questions and provide you with a Guest Packet and a loaf of bread lovingly made by St. Luke's member, Cindy Nunez.
3. If you are interested in learning more about St. Luke's or are interested in joining, please contact Jason Whitener: jasonwhitener@slpres.org or 770-393-1424, ext. 223.

In Preparation for Worship

“Nothing packs up and leaves town quicker than the Christmas spirit. On this Second Sunday after Christmas we begin to ask ourselves, Why? Why the tinsel and bells, why the presents and parties? There must be more. Yes, there is much more... God has not left us alone to our own devices, nor are we left without meaning and direction for our lives... We are part of God's great enterprise of redemption, reconciliation, and healing of God's broken world.” *William L. Self*

Gathering Prayer of Adoration

Phil Brown

Prelude

Prelude on the Introit for the Epiphany / Maurice Duruflé

* Call to Worship

Jeremiah 31

Leader: Hear the word of the Lord, all nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away.

People: They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion; they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord.

Leader: I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

People: For thus says the Lord: proclaim, give praise, and say, “Save, O Lord, Your people, the remnant of Israel.”

All: Let us worship God!

* Processional Hymn #59

While Shepherds Watched

Celebration of Community

Jason Whitener

* Invitation to Confession

* Call to Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

* Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, You chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless, yet we do not love our brothers and sisters as He taught. You destined us for adoption as Your children through Jesus Christ, yet we take our status for granted and fail to obey Christ when He calls us to follow. With all wisdom and insight You have made known to us the mystery of Your will, yet we stubbornly refuse to study Your Word. Forgive our sin, O God, and help us set our hope on Christ that we may live for the praise of His glory. Amen.

* Assurance of Forgiveness

* Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

Children are always welcome to stay in worship. However, parents may take your child(ren) to the nursery. Parents of children in pre-k, kindergarten, and first grade may take them to the Faithful Friends Class in Room 121.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 147:12-18

Carol Sweigert

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

A New Year Carol / Benjamin Britten

Chancel Choir

Here we bring new water from the well so clear, for to worship God with, this happy New Year. Sing levy-dew, sing levy-dew, the water and the wine, the seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine. Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her toe; open you the West Door and turn the Old Year go. Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her chin; open you the East Door and let the New Year in.

Walter de la Mare

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 1:4-14

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

God Chooses You

Phil Brown

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Statement of Faith

Confession of 1967 / 9.15

Shannon Dill

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of man's mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals His love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of His love.

Offertory

Brightest & Best of the Sons of the Morning, arr. Paul Manz

* 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.

The Lord's Supper

When coming forward for Communion, please kneel at the closest available space to the center aisle. If you would like to be served where you are sitting, please raise your hand as the communion servers come down the center aisle and you will be served by intinction (dipping the bread in the cup). Everyone is invited to participate in the sacrament. Children who have discussed the sacrament with their parents and/or a pastor are welcome. A server with gluten-free bread will be standing toward the center aisle on the pulpit side of the communion rail. If you prefer gluten-free bread, please indicate your preference to this server. Parents, please note the center rings of the communion are filled with wine. Only the outer ring is filled with grape juice.

Communion Music

Morning Prayer & 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Sending Hymn #339

Be Thou My Vision

* Benediction

* Postlude

Postlude on "Hyfrydol" / Ralph Vaughan Williams

WORSHIP NOTE: The New Year Carol was included by Walter de la Mare in his anthology of poems for children, *Tom Tiddler's Ground* (1931). In 1936, Benjamin Britten composed a tune for it. The "levy dew" in the chorus may be a corruption of either Old English levedy ("lady") or French Levez à Dieu ("Raise to God"), used for the elevation of the host at communion. The latter also explains the water and the wine in the following words. The "seven bright gold wires" might be the strings of a golden harp.

Adult Sunday School ~ 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Contact: Shannon Dill, shannondill@slpres.org; 770-393-1424 ext. 229.

Faith Foundations, Room 232: We are studying the Gospel of Matthew with emphasis on the Church as an earthly manifestation of the kingdom of God.

FINCH (Families in Christ), Room 203: This class brings together parents and adults to learn and grow in their faith and their ability to share that faith with their families.

The New Testament, The Historical Jesus, Room 145, Parlor

Seasons of the Spirit, Room 231-233: A biblically-based discussion class following the revised common Lectionary.

Soul Food, Finding Sustenance for Faithful Living, Room 235: Fellowship, study and discussion on a range of topics related to spirituality in our lives. The “Thoughtful Christian” curriculum provides the source material for this class.

News from SPLASH! Children’s Ministries

Contact: Catherine Anne Thomas, cathomas@slpres.org, 770-393-1424 ext. 228.

Jan. 24, Movie Night in the Great Hall, 6:30 p.m.: We’ll be watching Monsters University; wear your pajamas, and bring a picnic, and join the fun!

We need volunteer teachers for **Faithful Friends**, our worship education class for PreK, K and first graders. See Catherine Anne for details.

Youth Connection (SLYC)

SLYC Contact: Phil Brown, philbrown@slpres.org; 770-393-1424 ext. 238.

Youth Sunday School: Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Youth rooms

Youth Choir: Sundays, 7-8 p.m., Choir Room.

Confirmation information has been sent out to our 8th graders. Questions? Contact Phil Brown.

Jan. 12: Sunday night youth group resumes. Join us 5-7 p.m. for a Youth and Parent potluck and Summer trip informational meeting

Jan. 19, preparations for Tartan Trot: we will deliver note cards about the race to the neighborhood around the church. Bring a flashlight and wear reflective clothing. Also, we need some extra parent help this evening while we are out and about. If you can help drive a group of youth around the neighborhood that would be great.

Jan. 26: pack race bags for the Tartan Trot.

Jan. 27: Summer Trip registrations and deposits due.

KNOW

Mark Your Calendars for the 2014 Women's

Retreat: We will gather together on Friday afternoon, March 14, and return home on Sunday, March 16, 2014. Details will be coming in January so mark your calendars and plan to join us.

St. Luke's Presbyterian Women (SLPW)

SLPW Contact: Ellen Womack, Moderator, epwomack@bellsouth.net; 770-913-0314.

JANUARY, 2014

Circle item: Gloves and money for MARTA Breeze Cards for Crossroads Community Ministry

Book Study: "Namesake: When God Rewrites Your Story" by Jessica LaGrone

Lesson: Chapter 4: "Remember that God is Always at Work" (Naomi)

SCHEDULE

(All Circle meetings are held in the Parlor, Rm. 145)

Jan. 6 Monday	9:30 a.m.	Circle 1
Jan. 6 Monday	7:30 p.m.	Night Circle
Jan. 7 Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Circle 2
Jan. 26 Sunday		Sandwich Project

Men's Bible Study: Meets every Friday, year round, 6:40-8 a.m. in the Parlor, Room 145, and is led by Dave Elkins. Gather with other men before you start your day to share in Bible study and fellowship. We are studying First John.

FEAST for ALL! Register now for our Wednesday night fellowship and learning program, which begins **Wed., Jan. 15.** Please leave your completed registration form and payment in the picnic basket in Sheppard Hall or in Liz Catlett's mailbox. Note the family dinner deal! More details are in the brochures which can be found on our website, www.slpres.org, in the lobby, in the narthex, or in the Sheppard Hall lobby. Don't forget: you can also sign up for dinner weekly on the blue pew cards, or call Sally Hawkins in the church office by noon on Monday.

Visit St. Luke's Library! The library elves have gathered up all the Christmas books for your convenience. From stories to read to kids to adult books of all kinds, there is something for everyone.



Tartan Trot needs you! It's not too late. Please sign up to run, walk, sponsor and/or volunteer! Registration forms are available in the lobby or online at tartantrot.com. To volunteer, sign up in the lobby or contact Jennie Burroughs or Krissy Williams. For sponsorship questions contact Laura Singley.

SHARE

Next Men's Breakfast is at 8:00 on Jan. 11, 2014.

All St. Luke's men and their guests are welcome to come and enjoy an excellent breakfast and program. Fran Millar, Tom Taylor and Wendell Willard will join us and share their insights into what is ahead for the 2014 legislative session in Georgia. It is truly a privilege and an honor to have them be a part of our program each year. Plan to attend this triple treat event: delicious food, good Christian fellowship and stimulating learning. You will leave the church feeling energized and informed. Questions? Please contact Daryl Moore: 404-993-6203 ddmoore@yahoo.com

Marriage Enrichment Group

New couples or couples with questions may contact Kimey and Mark Reed at kimeyreed@gmail.com or 404-441-8614.

Jan. 26	5:00-6:30 p.m. (Childcare available 4:45-6:30 p.m.)	FINCH / Rm. 203
Feb. 14-16	Marriage retreat (see below)	
March 16	5:00-6:30 p.m. (Childcare available 4:45-6:30 p.m.)	FINCH / Rm. 203

Better Marriages Getaway Weekend: Registration is underway for the Better Marriage Getaway Weekend, "Pathways to the Heart," **Feb. 14-16, 2014**, at the Sea Palms Resort in St. Simons Island, GA. Registration fee is \$225 per couple before Jan. 13, then \$255. The hotel room is booked separately at \$129 per night. Registration forms can be found at www.BetterMarriagesGA.org or contact Kimey and Mark Reed at kimeyreed@gmail.com or 404-441-8614. This would be a fantastic Valentine's gift.

OWLS (Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors) Meeting,

January 28: Join us at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 28. We start with lunch at \$7 per plate as usual. Our speaker is Jeff Clemmons, who will share with us the History of Rich's Department Store, headquartered in Atlanta from 1867 until 2005 when it was replaced by Macy's. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet on the lobby bulletin board.

The Worship Exploratory Task Force:

We are engaged in ongoing discussions on how we can better serve our congregants in worship and we want to hear from you! Please contact a member of the committee or Bruce Jones, chair: stratocaster2@comcast.net or 404-304-5346, with your comments, concerns, and suggestions. Members of the committee are Mary Louise Connor, Parker Cutler, Debi Elkins, Jim Giesler, Jill Hudson, Tom Loftis, Clair Maxwell, Wendy Moreland, Paula Morris, Roby Price, Kimey Reed, Edna Schell, Jim Schell and Jason Whitener.

2014 Flowers: To give flowers in memory or in honor of someone or for a special event, sign up now! Cost is \$80. The calendar is located on the main lobby bulletin board. Questions? Call Celeste Fischer, 404-434-8099 or Faye Cashwell, 770-409-1960.

Mark Your Calendar: Annual Chili Dinner!

This fun, adults-only event is scheduled for Saturday, **Jan. 25**. A sign-up poster will be in the lobby later in January, but we wanted to make sure you save the date! It will be held from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. at the home of Mary and Billy Martin. Cost is \$7.50 per person. Chili with all the fixings, appetizers, desserts and drinks will be provided. This is hosted by the Martins and the Cashwells.

From the Choir Loft

Thank you choirs for a wonderful season of great music in worship! Make your New Year's resolution now to join us in 2014. Contact Clair Maxwell (clairmaxwell@slpres.org or 770-393-1424 ext. 227) about participating and sharing your musical gifts.

Chancel Choir
adults

resumes Jan. 8
Wednesdays, 7:30-9 p.m.

Festival Ringers
youth & adults

resumes Jan. 8
Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Youth Choir
6th-12th grades

resumes Jan. 12
Sundays, 7-8 p.m.

Westminster Choir
2nd-5th grades

resumes Jan. 15
Wednesdays, 5-5:45 p.m.

Cherub Choir
4 years -1st grade

resumes Jan. 15
Wednesdays, 5:15-5:45 p.m.



Returning to St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, Russian School #1 presents:

Nadir Khashimov Today at 4:00 p.m.

Nadir Khashimov is a virtuoso violinist and the owner of a violin made by the famous French luthier, J.B. Vuillaume. He is the winner of many prestigious international violin competitions, and has performed with the world's leading orchestras. Nadir was born in 1990 in Uzbekistan and is a graduate from Uspensky School of Music, class of Dr. V. Khashimov. His amazing talent, virtuoso performance, deep understanding of music, and personal charm make him unforgettable!

Khashimov will perform with another winner of the Liszt Competition, pianist Alexander Ullman. Both musicians combine a busy tour schedule with studying at the Curtis Institute of Music.

A donation will be taken at the entrance.

SERVE

Buy Some, Share One: St. Luke's ongoing food drive supports local organizations. You can help fill the pantry by buying an extra non-perishable item every time you go to the grocery store, and placing your donation in the carts in the main lobby. We are now collecting for the Community Assistance Center. The most needed items are canned meats such as chicken and tuna, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, rice, canned vegetables, cereal and toilet paper.

Volunteers Needed to Provide Dinner at IOH:

Interfaith Outreach Home (IOH) provides transitional housing for homeless families. St. Luke's provides and delivers a meal on the third Thursday of each month. Reimbursement for IOH meals is budgeted. This typically involves approximately 10 adults and 15 children. If you, your family, or group are willing to provide and serve a meal for IOH, please put your name on the sign-up sheet on the lobby bulletin board or contact Al Bridges at 770-394-6581. We still need someone to sign up for the dinner on May 15, 2014. If you would like to help with a dinner for another night, please contact the person already signed up.

Looking to serve your church? There is a need for those willing to serve in a friendly and welcoming way as ushers. Duties include greeting everyone, passing out bulletins, taking up the offering, directing congregants during communion, and tidying up after worship. Questions? Contact John Tienken, 770-394-1104, tienkenj@gmail.com.

Share a Dinner at Journey Night Shelter:

St. Luke's provides dinner on the fourth Sunday of the month for 26 homeless men at Journey (formerly Druid Hills). Volunteers are needed for each month, from now through August 2014. The following dates in 2014 are still available: April 27, May 25, June 27, July 27. If you, your family, or group are willing to provide a meal one month, please sign up on the sheet on the lobby bulletin board or you may call Al Bridges at 770-394-6581.

Looking for a great way to meet other St. Luke's members while serving our congregation?

St. Luke's meal ministry provides meals for families or individuals who are recovering from a recent surgery or illness, suffering from the loss of a loved one, or celebrating the birth or adoption of a new baby. If you are interested in delivering a meal to a congregation member or would like more information, please contact Krissy Williams at bkcook71@yahoo.com.

Helping Hands: This ministry matches short term or emergent needs in the congregation with available resources. Could you use your time and talent to assist someone in the congregation? Examples are setting up or assisting with a computer, driving a member to an appointment, helping change light bulbs. If this interests you, contact Billy Martin, billybeer214@yahoo.com or 770-441-0373. If you need the Helping Hands team, contact your Deacon.

Today after the 11:00 service:

We sure could use some helping hands to "undecorate" the church today. If you have a few minutes to spare, please meet Jan Slater at the front of the sanctuary after the service. Thank you!

SERVE

Get together with some friends for a continental breakfast here at St. Luke's every Sunday morning and welcome folks as they arrive. If you and your friends could furnish one of these breakfasts, we will be glad to reimburse you. Please sign up on <http://bit.ly/slpcbrkfst> or contact Jay Burton, jburton@mflaw.com. We also need volunteers to greet folks as they come in through the lobby and narthex. All you need is a smile and to be able to open a door! Families are encouraged to help. Sign up to be a greeter at <http://bit.ly/slpcgreet2> or contact Jay Burton, jburton@mflaw.com.

Prayer Ministry: Our St. Luke's Prayer Ministry Team is involved in intercessory prayer. Intercessory prayer is the act of praying on behalf of others. The Bible is clear that Christians are called to be intercessors. If you would like to become a part of the Prayer Ministry Team, contact Paula Barbin, barbin@fulton.k12.ga.us or 678-297-9877.

R.O.C.K. (Reaching Out Through Crocheting & Knitting): Wednesdays, 10 a.m. - noon. Men and women, young and not quite so young, of any skill level, are welcome! We make prayer shawls, layette sets for preemies, squares for blankets, and other items for outreach projects.

SLPC Friends:

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and now a happy new year. Many of you are including "staying really active at St. Luke's" in your new year's resolutions; we are here to help!

Our next opportunity to host homeless children and their parents is the **week of February 2-9**. The first Sunday is Scottish Heritage Sunday—the day after the Tartan Trot.

The signup link is just like the last one except that the URL ends with 5 (for our fifth hosting week):

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/805084CAFAF28A75-slpc5

Or, go to www.signupgenius.com, search for slpcfamilypromise@yahoo.com, and sign up.

We are continuing with the November changes to the schedule based on your feedback. Guest families now usually have cars... often very basic, but a car nonetheless. This has reduced the need for driving the van and there is less 'afternoon hosting' on weekdays. Because guests seem to arrive later for dinner, we have pushed the dinner slot to 6:30-8:30 (plan to eat closer to 7:00). We want to keep bedtime the same, so we are going to remove the evening host slot after dinner.

Thank you for all you do for these families. See you in 2014!

David King

770-598-8682 (mobile) / 770-394-2742 (home) / cardheel@yahoo.com

LAST SUNDAY

Tithes & Offerings	\$13,586
8:30 attendance	53
11:00 attendance	159
Nursery	2

Financial reports available online.

Each Sunday, many of our pews will have first-time or repeat visitors. Your warm welcome to our guests expresses the inviting and hospitable character of this congregation. Your smile and welcoming word make a difference.

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Dr. Jason Whitener
Associate Pastor	Rev. Shannon Dill
Associate Pastor	Rev. Phil Brown
Pastor Emeritus	Dr. E. Moss Robertson
Dir. of Music & Organist	Clair Maxwell
Dir. of Children’s Ministries	Catherine Anne Thomas
Dir. of St. Luke’s Little Saints Preschool & Kindergarten	Carol Perry
Dir. of Communications	Tina Knoedler
Administrative Assistants	Liz Catlett & Bonnie Farrar
Receptionist	Sally Hawkins
Facilities Manager	Roby Price
Treasurer	Gary Phipps

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Parker Cutler (Youth Elder),
Annie Hardy, Sally Joyce,
David King, Dick Miller, John Ray

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Jennie Burroughs, Jared Elliot,
Tricia Igleheart, Fern Mitropoulos,
Mark Reed, Chris Wiseman,
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Wayne Radloff, Mark Ryan,
David Tharp, Allison Thornton

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