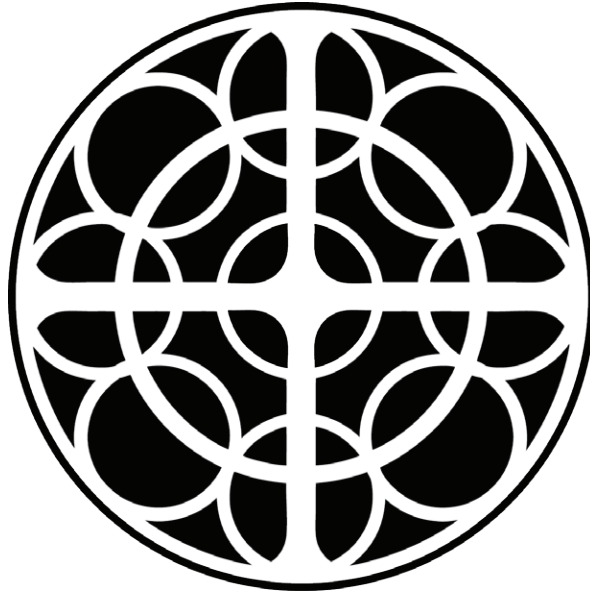


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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



January 12, 2014
11:00 a.m.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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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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 12, 2014
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SERVING TODAY

Acolytes

Supervisor Rebecca Strickland
Crucifer..... Emma Troha
Candle Lighter Grace Strickland
Bell Ringer Trey McGurk
Bible Bearer..... Marjee Williams

Chancel Guild..... Linda & Jared Elliot

Sound Crew Gordon Owens

Nursery Supervisor Marcy Williams

Faithful Friends Jenny Price

Continental Breakfast Chris Wallace & Carol Sweigert

Greeters Ted & Carly Guerrant

Open/Close..... Meredith & Steve Klein

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 Carol Sweigert, 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

O God of all power and majesty, You created the heavens and stretched them out. You spread forth the earth and what comes from it. You give breath to the people and spirit to those who walk on the face of the earth. You are our Lord: glory is due Your name. The former things have come to pass; we now await the new things You shall bring forth. We do indeed cry "Glory!" as we gather to worship Your name. Amen.

Gathering Prayer of Adoration

Jason Whitener

Prelude

Prelude / Oskar Lindberg

* Call to Worship

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings; ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

People: May the Lord give strength to His people! May the Lord bless the people with peace.

All: Let us worship God!

* Hymn 229

From All That Dwell Below the Skies / LASST UNS ERFREUEN

* Celebration of Community

Phil Brown

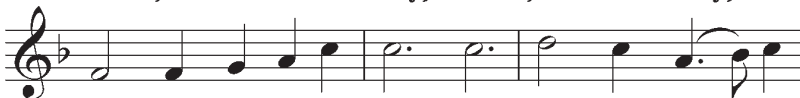
* Invitation to Confession

Lord, Have Mercy / LAND OF REST

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Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy;



Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;



Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

* Call to Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

*** Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, in baptism You grafted us into the body of Christ, promising us forgiveness of sin and newness of life. But we fail to live as forgiven people. We keep destructive habits and hold grudges. We allow our past to hold us hostage and are reluctant to welcome newness. In Your loving-kindness have mercy on us and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises You have made to us in baptism so that we may live as Your people, claimed in the waters of promise. Amen.

*** Amen**

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A - men, a - men,
a - - - - men.

*** Assurance of Forgiveness**

*** Gloria**

Glory to God / Jacques Berthier

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Glo-ry to God, glo ry to God, glo - ry in the
high - est! Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Tell Us Our Story

Phil Brown

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.

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.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

David Stover

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

The Only Son from Heaven / J. S. Bach
arr. K. Lee Scott

Chancel Choir

The only Son from heaven, foretold by ancient seers, by God the Father given, in human form appears. No sphere His light confining, no star so brightly shining as He, our Morning Star. O time of God appointed, O bright and holy morn! He comes, the King anointed, the Christ, the virgin born. Grim death to vanquish for us to open heaven before us and bring us life again. *Elizabeth Cruciger*

New Testament Reading

Matthew 3:13-17

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Remember Who You Are

Jason Whitener

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Apostles' Creed

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering & Offertory

I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light, arr. Wayne Wold

* Response

We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

* **Prayer Of Dedication**

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

* **Sending Hymn #345**

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind / REST

* **Benediction**

* **Response**

Blest Are They / David Haas

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Re- joice ___ and be glad! ___ Bless-ed are
you; ho - ly are you! Re - joice ___ and be
glad! ___ Yours is the king-dom of God!

* **Postlude**

O Zion, Haste; arr. Mark Sedio

Feb. 2 is **Scottish Heritage Sunday**

Please join us as we celebrate our Scottish history and heritage as
Presbyterians with bagpipes, tartan banners, and more!
A reception in the Great Hall will follow the 11:00 a.m. service.

WORSHIP NOTE: All service music printed in the bulletin today is taken from the new Presbyterian hymnal *Glory to God*.

SHARE

Next Men's Breakfast is at 8:00 a.m. on Feb. 8, 2014. 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**, 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.

FEAST for ALL! Register now for our Wednesday night fellowship and learning program, which begins **Wed., Jan. 15**. Leave your completed registration form and payment in the picnic basket in Sheppard Hall or in Liz Catlett's mailbox. More details are in the brochures on our website, in the lobby, in the narthex, or in the Sheppard Hall lobby. You can sign up for dinner weekly on the blue pew cards, or call Sally Hawkins in the church office by noon on Monday.

OWLS (Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors) Meeting, January 28: Join us at 11:30 a.m., Tues., 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

Contact: Clair Maxwell (clairmaxwell@slpres.org or 770-393-1424 ext. 227).

Chancel Choir Wednesdays, 7:30-9 p.m.
adults

Festival Ringers Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15 p.m.
youth & adults

Youth Choir *resumes today*
6th-12th grades Sundays, 7-8 p.m.

Westminster Choir *resumes Jan. 15*
2nd-5th grades Wednesdays, 5-5:45 p.m.

Cherub Choir *resumes Jan. 15*
4 years -1st grade Wednesdays, 5:15-5:45 p.m.

Chastain @ St. Luke's, our annual outdoor church and community event, is scheduled for Sun., April 27 at 6 pm. Once again, we invite our talented church members to participate! If you have an idea or song suggestion, please contact Clair at the church office. **We need to know your ideas and suggestions by February 1** so we can put the program together and have time to rehearse. We look forward to hearing from you!

Faith & Film Fri., Jan. 17

Sheppard Hall 207 (Senior High Room)

7:00 p.m., Potluck dinner

RSVP to Nick and Connie Nicholson at connie@salesfitness.com to let them know you are coming. You are welcome to bring a friend!

7:45 p.m., Movie: Chariots of Fire

A 1981 British historical drama that tells the fact-based story of two athletes in the 1924 Olympics. One man runs for the glory of God, and one runs to overcome prejudice.

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.

Jan. 12: 5-7 p.m., 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. We need some parents to help drive groups around the neighborhood.

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

Jan. 27: Summer Trip registrations and deposits due.

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: What does it mean to keep the Sabbath, and what does that look like today? Join us for discussion and learning.

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.

Scout Sunday is Jan. 26: Visit the Bake Sale

On the 26th, lots of homemade treats will be for sale in the lobby before and after worship.

Thank you for supporting Scouting!

Visit St. Luke’s Library! To start the new year, the library elves have displayed some books donated by Kitty Ketcham:

- all 8 books of Jan Karon’s delightful *Mitford* series
- *Your God is Too Small*, by J. B. Phillips
- *The Precious Present*, by Spencer Johnson
- *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*, by Mitch Albom

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. 26 Sunday		Sandwich Project
Feb. 4 Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Coordinating Team Meeting
Feb. 10 Monday	9:30 a.m.	Circle 1
Feb. 10 Monday	7:30 p.m.	Night Circle
Feb. 11 Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Circle 2

The Sandwich Project

Join the Presbyterian Women in the Great Hall on Jan. 26, 9:30-2:30, as we make **10,000 sandwiches** for Atlanta homeless shelters and food kitchens. The Sandwich Project is the single largest budget item for PW; we appreciate any financial contributions to help defray the costs. Also, we are also collecting mittens to be handed out at the shelters; there is a mitten box in the lobby. Thank you!

8th Annual Women’s Retreat: “Reflecting the Beauty of the Lord”

When: Friday evening, March 14, through Sunday morning, March 16, 2014

Cost: \$230 (early registration deadline Sun. Jan. 26th)

Where: Mountain Laurel Lodge at Forrest Hills Resort, Dahlonega, GA

Details: Available in the lobby or contact Debi Elkins (678-640-0808 or debi.elkins@att.net).

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.

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.

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: 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, 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 volunteers for May 15, 2014.**

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). Please sign up on the sheet on the lobby bulletin board or call Al Bridges at 770-394-6581. **Volunteers are still needed for April 27, May 25, June 27, and July 27.**

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.



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.

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.

Smiles needed! Volunteer to greet members and guests as they come in through the lobby and narthex. 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.

Dear SLPC Friends:

Our next opportunity to host homeless children and their parents is the **week of February 2-9**. 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 have adjusted 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.

David King

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



LAST SUNDAY

Tithes & Offerings..... \$17,664

8:30 attendance..... 71

11:00 attendance..... 248

Nursery 51

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.

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