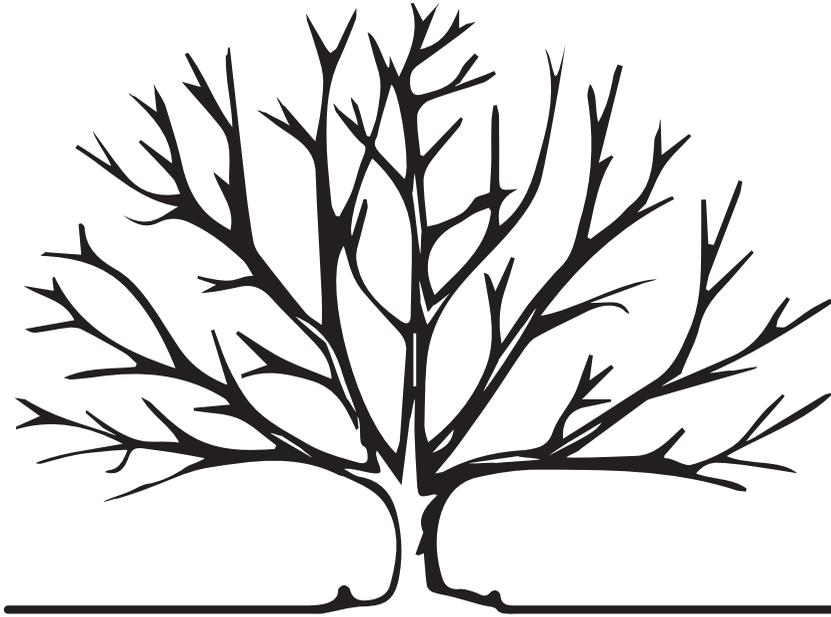


ST. LUKE'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



March 9, 2014
11:00 a.m.

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

MARCH 9, 2014 • 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE

Purple marks the seasons of penitence and preparation, Advent and Lent.

SERVING TODAY

Acolytes

Crucifer.....Valentina Thelen

Candle Lighter Ansley Wassell

Bell RingerEmily Vail

Bible BearersAnsley Crutchfield, Emma Parker

Special thanks to **Jack Troha** for serving last weekend.

Nursery Supervisor Leslie Hamlin

Chancel Guild.....Roby & Andrea Price

UshersAndrea Price, Captain;

Emily Anderson, Amy Parker, Eliza Thatcher with

Richard Thatcher, Cameron Wescott, Emily Vail

Continental Breakfast..... Julie Knotts

GreetersShawn Hamlin, Jane Bouchard

Open/Close.....Josh Nunez

WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are delighted you are worshiping 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 Meg Wallace, Elder Dick Miller, 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.



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 and activity sheets are available for all ages on the shelves in the Narthex (Sanctuary lobby). An usher can assist you.

For your convenience, there is a **Family Restroom** located in the hallway of the administrative offices, on the first floor, near the main lobby.

In Preparation for Worship

In times of distress You do not forsake us, O God. Amid the intrusions of life You comfort Your people. When we find ourselves in whatever wilderness we wander, Your Spirit is there to guide us correctly. Your eye is ever upon us as a mother watches over her brood. In Christ's name we gather as those You have made righteous. Hear our shouts of joy with our hearts made upright! Amen.

Gathering Prayer of Adoration

Madeleine Douglass

Prelude

Preamble / Percy Whitlock

* Call to Worship

Psalm 32

Celia Carter

Leader: Let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

People: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

Leader: I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go. I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

People: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

All: Let us worship God!

* Processional Hymn #476

O Worship the King

Celebration of Community

Shannon Dill

* Invitation to Confession

Forgive Us, Lord / Jorgé Lockwood

Sophie Price

(Last time only)

For-give us, Lord. A - men.

All: Forgive us, Lord.

Leader: In your eternal mercy,

All: Forgive us, Lord.

Leader: In your sustaining grace,

All: Forgive us, Lord. Amen.

* **Call to Prayer**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

* **Prayer of Confession**

Hannah Price

When confronted by temptations, we are easily overcome. They allure us with promises we find hard to resist. We harbor fantasies of how our lives might have been. Our dreams become pervasive, hiding the truth of your love. Gracious God, have mercy upon us; enable us to discern deception when it appears. Enlighten us to your genuine renewal in Christ. 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

Emily Vail, Cameron Wescott

Children are always welcome to stay in worship. However, parents may take your child(ren) to the nursery. Children ages three and under may go to child care, as always. For children ages 4 through 3rd grade, today is the first of two **Children's Communion workshops**. Parents should take their Communion students to the chapel and sign them in there. Parents are welcome to stay in the workshop, or pick-up their child in the Great Hall at the end of worship.

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Rebecca Miller

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

Psalms 32

Casey Singley

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, arr. Paul Weber

Chancel Choir

A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious. He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious. The old evil foe sworn to work us woe with dread craft and might he arms himself to fight. On Earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected. But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected. You ask who this may be. Lord of Hosts is he! Christ Jesus, our Lord, God's only son, adored. He holds the field victorious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land, all threatening to devour us, we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower us. This world's prince may rage; in fierce war engage! He is doomed to fail, God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.

God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes who fear it, for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit. If they take our house, goods, fame, child or spouse, our life be wrench away, they cannot win the day. The Kingdom's ours forever.

Martin Luther

New Testament Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

Allie Unold

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Phill Brown

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Apostles' Creed

Elliott McGoldrick

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

Katie Miller

Offertory

Pastorale / Percy Whitlock

* **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.

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Caroline Samuelson

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

* **Sending Hymn #363**

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

* **Benediction**

* **Postlude**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God / Helmut Walcha

SHARE

Lent is a time of reflection, so why not check out a book from the St. Luke's library (upstairs, above the main lobby)? For adults, there many excellent books about the life of Jesus and His final week, such as, "And the Angels were Silent" by Max Lucado. We also have many beautifully illustrated children's books that explain Easter in age-appropriate ways.

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 on the main lobby bulletin board. Questions? Call Celeste Fischer, 404-434-8099 or Faye Cashwell, 770-409-1960.

The joyful way to get fit! Christian Music Zumba meets here Thursdays, 8-9 p.m. \$6 per class or 5 classes for \$25. For more info, contact Chris Wallace: clw7324@comcast.net or 770-395-7324 or 404-432-0090.

Curious about Tai Chi? It's lots of fun and great for improving muscle strength, flexibility and balance. Join Sam Evans and friends Tues. or Thurs. at 12:30.

OWLS (Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors) Our Palms and Pizza meeting is Mar. 25 at 11:30 a.m. At the meeting, we will make crosses from palms to be given out on Easter Sunday. They are to be brought back the next year before Ash Wednesday to be burned for ashes.

Faith & Film

Fri., March 21, Sheppard Hall, 207

7:00 p.m., Potluck dinner RSVP to Nick and Connie Nicholson at connie@salesfitness.com to let them know you are coming. Bring a friend!

7:45 p.m., Movie: Coach Carter A 2005 film based on the true story of Richmond High School Basketball coach Ken Carter (played by Samuel L. Jackson), who made headlines in 1999 for benching his undefeated high school basketball team due to poor academic results.

Sat., Mar. 22: Supper Club Come join with fellow St. Luke's couples and singles for a potluck style dinner at a member's home! It's a great evening of food, fellowship, and fun. Sign up on the poster in the lobby to host or participate. Call Fern Mitropoulos (770-343-8996) or Sally Joyce (770-390-9743) with any questions. **Please RSVP by Mon., Mar. 17.** Hope to see you there!

Marriage Enrichment Group Meets monthly, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Finch Room (203). Childcare available 4:45 - 6:30 p.m. Spring schedule: **Mar. 23, Apr. 13, May 18.** Questions? Contact Kimey and Mark Reed: kimeyreed@gmail.com or 404-441-8614.

St. Lukes is considering an upgrade to our ALS (Assisted Listening System). If you are currently using our ALS, we would like your input before we make any decisions. Please see Roby Price to share your thoughts on how this system could be improved.

KNOW

FEAST for ALL! Register now for our Wed. night fellowship and learning program. More details are in the brochures in the lobby, narthex, Sheppard Hall lobby and on our website. You can sign up for dinner weekly on the blue pew cards, or call Sally Hawkins in the church office by noon on Mon.

Menu for Mar. 12: Baked ham, macaroni & cheese, Italian beans

Kids' Menu: Baked ham, macaroni & cheese, beans, applesauce (Also available: PB&J, baby carrots & Ranch dressing)

Wednesday Morning Moms Group Spiritual parenting is not about perfect behavior, it's about vibrant faith! Join us each Wed. through Apr. 2, 10-11 a.m., as we share, laugh, and grow together. Preschool-age childcare is available by reservation. Contact Shannon Dill for more info.

Men's Bible Study: Start your morning with fellowship and Bible study (I Samuel). Join Dave Elkins **every Fri.** from 6:40-8 a.m. in the Parlor.

St. Luke's Presbyterian Women (SLPW)

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

MARCH, 2014

Circle item: Easter Bags & Money for CHRIS Kids

Lesson: "Embrace God's Grace" (Peter)

SCHEDULE

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

March 10 Monday	9:30 a.m.	Circle 1
March 10 Monday	7:30 p.m.	Night Circle
March 11 Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Circle 2
March 30 Sunday	3:00 p.m.	Honorary Lifetime Member Tea

News from SPLASH! Children's Ministries

For all children's ministry questions, contact Catherine Anne Thomas: cathomas@slpres.org, 770-393-1424 ext. 228.

Touch the Water, Taste the Bread!

Children ages three through third grade are invited to join us for our Communion workshop. This will take place on Sundays after *Tell Us Our Story*, on Mar. 9 or Mar. 16. (Children only need to attend ONCE). Parents are welcome to join the experience, or they may return to worship and pick up their child in the Great Hall at noon.

The Children's Closet is seeking a "head bunny"

for our Easter Egg Hunt! It's an easy job that mostly involves counting eggs and making sure they get hidden on the day of the hunt, which is April 13. It's a fun job for two people to share, also.

Nursery Committee meeting has been changed to Mar. 16 (previously scheduled for Mar. 9). If you would like to meet young families at St. Luke's, there's no better way than by serving through the **Nursery Committee!** Join us for an informational meeting on Sun., Mar. 16, after the 11:00 worship in the church Parlor. This meeting is for current members of the committee and anyone interested in becoming involved!

Vacation Bible School, "Weird Animals," is June 9-12. Campers and volunteers should register online: www.slpres.org.

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

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

Resources for Lent

Here are three links for daily devotions during Lent (actually, you can use them every day of the year!). Each of these have scripture passages, devotional reflections, and prayer – it really is a matter of personal preference on which one you use.

<http://d365.org/>

<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/lenten/>

<http://daily.upperroom.org/>

Lent is an ideal time to pray and reflect on the gift of life God offers to us through Jesus Christ. Traditionally, it is a time of repentance, fasting, and preparation for the coming of Easter. In Larry Beman's book, *God's Gift of Life*, we are invited to open our hearts and minds through self-examination and reflection so that we might grow in our faith.

In worship and Sunday School, we will explore the blessings of the life given to us through the ministry, suffering, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Faith Foundations..... Room 232

FINCH (Families in Christ) Room 203

The Story of the Bible... Room 145 (The Parlor)

Seasons of the Spirit..... Room 231-233

Soul Food Room 235

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 Connect: No regular youth group tonight.

Mar. 9: Hunger Walk TODAY at Turner Field. Carpool from the church after the 11:00 service; return around 5:00.

Mar. 23: Druid Hills Night Shelter.

From the Choir Loft

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

Wednesday Rehearsals:

Chancel Choir 7:30-9:00 p.m. *adults*

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

Westminster Choir 5:00-5:45 p.m. *2nd-5th grades*

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

Youth Choir rehearses on **Sundays**, 7:00-8:00 p.m. (no rehearsal tonight) *6th-12th grades*

Monmouth College Chorale Don't miss your opportunity to hear this Internationally-known mixed ensemble: **TONIGHT** at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Russian Masterpieces The Choral Guild of Atlanta, St. Luke's Chancel Choir, and Ensemble Kalinka combine for a unique concert of Russian music: choral music, works by Rachmaninov and Stravinsky, the Moscow Cantata by Tchaikovsky, and Russian folk music sung by The Atlanta Russian School's Children's Choir. **Sun., March 16, at 4:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary.

SERVE

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.

Buy Some, Share One: Support food pantries at local organizations 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. This month we are collecting for the CAC (Community Assistance Center). Thank you!

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 is budgeted. If your family or group can 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. **Volunteers needed for May 15, 2014.**

Get together for breakfast here at St. Luke's every Sunday morning and welcome folks as they arrive. If you and your friends could furnish a continental breakfast, we will be glad to reimburse you. Please sign up on <http://bit.ly/slpbrkfst> or contact Jay Burton, jburton@mflaw.com.

Mission Trip to spectacular Guatemala: We are planning a mission team from St. Luke's to work with long-time Mission partner, AIR-Guatemala for this summer (2014). We have a SLPC group May 31-June 7, but individuals are welcome any Sat. to Sat., from May 25-July 6. You must be over 18. For more info, contact Anne Hallum at ahallum@stetson.edu by **March 15th**. Anne and AIR staff members will meet you at the airport and handle every detail of an unforgettable week!

Share a Dinner: St. Luke's provides dinner on the fourth Sunday of the month for 26 homeless men at Journey Night Shelter (formerly Druid Hills). Please sign up on the lobby bulletin board or call Al Bridges at 770-394-6581. **Volunteers still needed for April 27, May 25, June 27, and July 27.**

Serve your church with your smile! There is a need for those willing to serve as ushers or greeters:

Greeters greet members and guests as they come in through the lobby and narthex. (This is a great thing to do as a family!) Sign up to be a greeter at <http://bit.ly/slpcgreet2>

Ushers greet everyone, pass out bulletins, take up the offering, direct congregants during communion, and tidy up after worship.

Questions? Contact John Tienken, 770-394-1104, tienkenj@gmail.com.

R.O.C.K. (Reaching Out Through Crocheting & Knitting): Every Wed., 10 a.m. - noon in the Parlor. Men and women of any age and any skill level are welcome to join us in making prayer shawls, layette sets for preemies, squares for blankets, and a variety of other items for outreach projects.

Looking for a great way to serve your church family? 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.

Prayer Ministry: Our St. Luke's Prayer Ministry Team is involved in intercessory prayer (praying on behalf of others). 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.

Family Promise: Our next week to host homeless families starts on Easter Sunday: **April 20-27**. There are many ways you can help make their experience at St. Luke's feel a little more like home. Go to www.signupgenius.com, search for slpcfamilypromise@yahoo.com, and sign up.

Another year. Another home. Another dream fulfilled! Beginning Mar. 29, we will be helping another Atlanta Habitat for Humanity family fulfill their dream of home ownership. Joining us in this close-to-home Christian mission are Dodd-Sterling United Methodist (St. Luke's partner in building 17 houses over as many years) and **NEW** partners, Episcopal Cathedral of St. Phillip, Big Bethel AME and Wiecua Road Baptist churches. Look for more information in the weeks ahead. Contact Daryl Moore with questions: Home 770-395-6278; Mobile 404-993-6203; ddmoore@yahoo.com.

Presbyterian Women Easter Bags for CHRIS KIDS

Here comes Peter Cottontail... The season of Lent is here and PW is excited and ready to partner once again with CHRIS Kids to provide Easter bags and joy to children and youth residing in foster care. It is only with YOUR GENEROSITY that St. Luke's has done this for the past 12 years, with over \$34,000 in total giving.

Next Sunday, 3/16, be on the lookout for bunny-wearing Presbyterian Women handing out 103 Easter bags to be filled. You will find easy-to-follow directions with each bag. Simply fill your bag(s) and return to the CHRIS Kids receptacle in the church lobby **NO LATER than 1:00 pm on Sunday, March 30**. We will also be collecting monetary contributions towards purchasing and filling Easter bags: checks can be made to "St. Luke's PW;" just write CHRIS Kids on the memo line.

The name is an acronym that represents the organization's core values: Creativity, Honor, Respect, Integrity and Safety. Providing an integrated and holistic approach, the mission of CHRIS Kids is to HEAL children, STRENGTHEN families, and BUILD community. This is a simple and impactful family service project and we are hoping to provide more volunteer opportunities later this year. Thank you in advance for your support!

For questions or more information, please contact Stephanie McGoldrick (tsmcgoldrick@gmail.com) or Krissy Williams (bkcook71@yahoo.com).

LAST SUNDAY

Tithes & Offerings..... \$23,184

8:30 attendance..... 67

11:00 attendance..... 243

Nursery 46

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

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