

ST. LUKE'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



July 13, 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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1978 Mt. Vernon Road

Dunwoody, Georgia 30338-4617

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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 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.

JULY 13TH, 2014 • 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

Green is used to represent spiritual growth.

The flowers are given today for the Glory of God in celebration of the marriage of Caroline Perry, daughter of Langley and Carol Perry, to Drew Beaver and with love and gratitude for the ministry of Jason Whitener.

SERVING TODAY

Nursery Supervisor Anna Ferretti

Chancel Guild..... Mark & Kimey Reed

Greeters Shawn Hamlin, Rebecca Strickland

Continental Breakfast..... Gena Spears

Sound Crew Roby Price

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 Keith Williams, Elder Chris Wallace, 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

Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Like a beacon You lead us to safe havens. Like a laser You discern the thoughts of our hearts. You enlighten our darkness and clarify our confusion. You, indeed, rescue us when we are bewildered and lost. Accept now our offerings of praise and thanksgiving as we open Your word and learn of Your ways. Amen.

Gathering Prayer of Adoration

Jason Whitener

Prelude

Air / George F. Handel

* Call to Worship

Psalm 119

Leader: Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

People: Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me Your ordinances.

Leader: Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

People: I incline my heart to perform Your statutes forever, even unto the end.

All: Let us worship God!

* Hymn #361

How Firm a Foundation / FOUNDATION

Celebration of Community

Phil Brown

* Invitation to Confession & Call to Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

* Prayer of Confession

God of love, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done, we have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness; we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to You. Forgive us and renew our lives through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

** Please stand*

* 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

Phil Brown

We always encourage children to remain in worship. However, we currently provide child care for infants through young elementary children in the event that families wish to use it. All classes meet in Sheppard Hall, which is located just across the garden.

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Shannon Dill

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

Faye Cashwell

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Jason Whitener

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Shannon Dill

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

Aria / George F. Handel

* 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

Commissioning of July Mission/Conference Groups

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Sending Hymn #442

The Church's One Foundation / AURELIA

* Benediction

* Postlude

Overture / George F. Handel

Worship Note: Today's organ selections are excerpts from the popular *Water Music* set of ceremonial music for orchestra arranged for organ.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING. You are invited to remain in the Sanctuary immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service today for a congregational meeting. The purpose for this meeting is to vote upon the request of Dr. Jason Whitener to have the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta dissolve the pastoral relationship.

KNOW

Summer Sundaes: TODAY and every Sunday in July at 6:30 p.m., join the Fellowship Committee at St. Luke's for ice cream sundaes!

This Sunday (July 13), in the Chapel after Summer Sundaes (around 7:15 p.m.), Rev. Gray Norsworthy, pastor of John's Creek Presbyterian Church, and a General Assembly Commissioner who served on the Committee on Marriage, will be with us to discuss and answer questions. Childcare will be provided in the Great Hall.

We invite all "newer" members who would like to get to know other members of St. Luke's to join us on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in room 230. We will study *Making Sense of the Christian Faith*, through engaging conversation and exploration of the basic doctrines of the Christian faith. Please contact Shannon Dill (shannondill@slpres.org) with questions. Feel free to invite a friend!

Friday Morning Men's Bible Study: join us every Fri. for fellowship and Bible study from 6:40-8 a.m. in the Parlor with Dave Elkins.

From the Choir Loft (Music Ministry)

Contact Clair Maxwell: clairmaxwell@slpres.org, 770.393.1424 ext. 227

Summer Music Sundays: The choirs take a break over the summer, but music is still needed at the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services. If you play an instrument, take lessons, or sing, this is your chance to share your gifts with the congregation— all singers and instrumentalists are welcome and appreciated! Contact Clair Maxwell for more information.

Pipe Organ Rebuilding: Our sanctuary organ is undergoing a significant rebuilding this summer, thanks to your financial support of the *Foundation for the Future* campaign. Robert Coulter Organbuilders has developed an exciting design, including a complete renovation of the organ console from analog to digital. This will greatly enhance our sanctuary worship and ensure that our fine instrument continues playing well into the future. Stop by the organ and talk to Clair about the details any Sunday after 11:00 worship.

Youth Connection (SLYC)

Contact Phil Brown: philbrown@slpres.org, 770.393.1424 ext. 238

August 17th: Serve dinner at Druid Hills Night Shelter, Journey. More details to come.

August 24th: St. Luke's Pancake Breakfast. More details to come.

Adult Sunday School (9:30-10:30 a.m.)

Contact Shannon Dill: shannondill@slpres.org, 770.393.1424 ext. 229

The Story of the Bible (Room 145, The Parlor) Each Sun. includes a 30 min DVD lecture by Dr. Luke Timothy Johnson, followed by class discussion.

F.I.N.C.H (Room 203) We are not meeting in July. Please consider joining us in August.

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

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.

Soul Food (Room 235) Finding Sustenance for Faithful Living: Fellowship, study and discussion on a range of topics related to spirituality in our lives.

SPLASH! Children's Ministries

Contact Catherine Anne Thomas: cathomas@slpres.org, 770.393.1424 ext. 228

Weird Sunday Mornings return in August. The "Amazing Animals" (three's, PreK, and K) will gather in Rm. 120 to explore the animals in some of our favorite Bible stories. First through fifth graders will gather in the Great Hall for "Weird Animal Games." Each of these classes will require **two adult volunteers each week**. If you can help, please sign up on <http://goo.gl/uMnk0k> and tell us which Sun. and which class, we'll do the rest!

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Never a Dull Moment in Sheppard Hall! We have some big projects to accomplish this summer for the children of Saint Luke's... can you help? We need to:

- refurbish the first-grade Sunday School room to become "The Harbor" – requires painting, furniture moving, and creative brainstorming
- relocate the Faithful Friends room from downstairs to "The Harbor" – requires a lot of supply moving and some furniture relocation

We are hoping to accomplish the work in "The Harbor" over the last two weeks of July... so that "Faithful Friends" can be relocated during the first two weeks of August... so that our SLLS Kindergarten may completely move in by mid-August. If you can help with any of these tasks, please contact cathomas@slpres.org. Thank you!

SHARE

Please join us on July 20 for a reception honoring the Whitener family for their service to God's Kingdom here at Saint Luke's. Reception will be immediately after the 11:00 Worship Service in the Great Hall and will be hosted by the Fellowship Committee, HR Committee, and the PW Coordinating Team. Contact Faye Cashwell at 770.409.1960 with any questions.

Christian Music Zumba is a fun way to get fit! Thursdays: 7-8:00 p.m.; \$6 per class. Contact Chris Wallace: clw7324@comcast.net, 770.395.7324.

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Tai Chi for strength, flexibility and balance: Tues. and Thurs. 12:30-1:30 p.m.; \$10 per class. Contact Sam Evans: educcons@aol.com, 678.650.2399.

Baby shower for Phil and Kara Brown, Aug. 3, after the 11:00 worship service. Join us in the Great Hall to joyfully celebrate the upcoming arrival of Baby Brown! For those who have been asking, their baby registries can be found at: <http://babyli.st/kara-phil-and-phil-brown>. For questions about the reception, contact Faye Cashwell: 770.409.1960.

Summer Mom's Group Don't let summertime keep you from Christian fellowship, fun and learning! Our popular Moms' Group will meet from 10-11 a.m. on July 16 and July 23. And since it's a group for Moms, we will offer child care and fun activities for the little ones. Come each week or just when you can, but we would appreciate reservations in advance for children. Contact Shannon Dill (shannondill@slpres.org) for more information.

Through a generous church family member, St. Luke's has created a scholarship for graduating seniors in the amount of \$2,500. This year, an additional \$2,500 scholarship is also available. The scholarships are open to children and grandchildren of St. Luke's members. If you are interested, you can pick up an application in the church office or contact Scholarship Chairman, Paula Barbin: 678.297.9877 or barbin@fulton.k12.ga.us. **The deadline for applications is Aug. 1, 2014.**

Did you know you can give flowers for a Sunday worship service in memory or in honor of someone or for a special event? Sign up on the main lobby bulletin board; cost is \$80. Call Celeste Fischer: 404.434.8099 or Faye Cashwell: 770.409.1960.

Take a vacation from your problems. Easier said than done. Your Stephen Ministers are available any day or any week or any season you might be in need. If you would benefit from a listening ear please contact either Shannon Dill or Laura Strange, our Stephen Leaders for a referral. Summer can be a wonderful season of rest and renewal. It is our hope we can help provide this for you.

Electronic Giving Cards are available in the back of the chapel or in the narthex of the sanctuary for members to place in the Offering plates so they can physically participate in that part of worship. The St. Luke's Finance Committee appreciates online contributions because it helps provide a more steady income flow throughout the year. Go to our website (www.slpres.org) and click on the "Giving" tab to find out more.

Time for Summer Vacation Photos! Each summer St. Luke's features vacation photos of our members and friends on the lobby screens, and we'd love to include you! Please send us a couple of your best vacation shots, preferably with **you** in the picture. Photos should be high quality jpeg format; email Roby Price (robypri@slpres.org) or drop off a thumb drive or disc at the office.

We are excited to announce that starting Sept. 8, St. Luke's will be hosting **A.S.K. (After School Kids)**, a weekly Bible study for kids (K-5th) of different backgrounds, churches and degrees of Bible knowledge. A.S.K. students and volunteers will be here on Mondays, 3:15-4:45 p.m., for 10 weeks. Contact Tricia Baynton: tbaynton@comcast.net / 678.571.7624 for more info.

SporTots Summer Camp is at St. Luke's for the following weeks (sportots.com/slpres/): July 14-18, Aug. 4-8, Aug. 11-15, Aug. 18-22, Aug. 25-28.

Faith & Film

Faith & Film meets the 3rd Friday of each month. It's an informal opportunity for adults of all ages to watch great movies and explore their own faith through the lens of today's film culture—bring a friend! A potluck dinner is served at 7 p.m. and the movie starts at 7:45 p.m. in room 207. If you plan to attend and would like help with food, please RSVP to Cindy or Josh Nunez at breakingbread14@gmail.com or 678-230-1236.

Now Showing:

July 18 *The Letter Writer*, NR / 2011
Maggie Fuller (Aley Underwood), a rebellious and troubled teenager, receives a life-affirming letter from an unknown source. When Maggie tracks down the writer of the letter — an old man in a rest home (Bernie Diamond) she has never met — she decides to become a letter writer herself by being the old man's apprentice.

Coming Soon:

August 15. *The Book Thief*, PG-13 / 2013
September 19 . . . *Keeping the Faith*, PG-13 / 2000
October 17. *Life of Pi*, PG / 2012
November 21 *Soul Surfer*, PG / 2011
December 19 . . . *The Christmas Choir*, NR / 2008

SERVE

Helping Hands: Could you use your time and talent to assist someone in the congregation? This ministry matches short term needs (like setting up a computer, driving a member to an appointment, helping change light bulbs) with available resources. If you'd like to help, contact Rebecca Strickland: rebstrick@gmail.com, 404.664.5392. If you need the Helping Hands team, contact your Deacon.

Serve your church with your smile: be a greeter! Please sign up on <http://goo.gl/XtWrDn> or contact Meg Wallace: megwallace24@gmail.com, 404.293.1328. **St. Luke's also needs ushers!** Questions? Contact John Tienken: 770.394.1104, tienkenj@gmail.com.

Buy Some, Share One: You can support local food pantries 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 alternate our donations monthly to the Interfaith Outreach Home (IOH) and Community Assistance Center (CAC). Your donations make a big difference!

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 skill level are welcome to join us in making prayer shawls, layette sets, blankets, etc. for outreach projects.

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 , 678.297.9877.

Get together for breakfast 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://goo.gl/GevLpf> or contact Meg Wallace: megwallace24@gmail.com, 404.293.1328.

A new ministry! If a member has been less active at church for a time, they often find it difficult to reengage. Whatever the circumstances, we want everyone to know that the door at St. Luke's is always open! **Our first training class will begin Aug. 3, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.** Please RSVP to Shannon (shannondill@slpres.org) if you plan to attend.

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: kcwills7104@yahoo.com.

Family Promise: July 20-27. St. Luke's is proud to host homeless children and their parents for a week in July. The signup link is <http://goo.gl/aBn1ur> (a direct link can be found in the weekly "Highlights" email). Thank you!

Join us for a **Family Promise informational/training meeting** in the session room (Rm. 109) on **Sun., July 20, 5:30-6:30 p.m.** Pizza, salad and drinks provided. Children are welcome. Contact Beth Underhill (bunderhill.mail@gmail.com) with questions.

(use this space to record your personal reflections)

ATTENDANCE

July 6	Worship	Nursery	Visitors
8:30	75	4	3
11:00	214	21	21

Each Sunday, many of our pews have first-time or repeat visitors. Your smile and welcoming words express the inviting and hospitable character of this congregation. Your kindness makes 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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ELDERS

Class of 2015:

Jennie Burroughs, Jared Elliot,
Samantha Holley (*youth*),
Tricia Igleheart, Fern Mitropoulos,
Mark Reed, Chris Wiseman,
Chris Wallace, Les Woodsides

Class of 2016:

Rich Crutchfield, Mary Guerrant,
Tom Loftis, David McKenney,
Wayne Radloff (*Clerk*), Mark Ryan,
David Tharp, Allison Thornton

Class of 2017:

Candy Cox, John Eagar, Saralyn Hill,
Brian Lamb, TJ McGoldrick,
Donna Nall, Gary Phipps,
Pete Shelton

DEACONS

Class of 2015:

Maria Barnhart, Matt Biggerstaff,
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Julie Knotts, Billy Martin (*Moderator*),
Jack McKenney (*youth*), Gena Spears,
Taylor Vivian, Krissy Williams

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Shawn Hamlin, Niki Rabren,
Katherine Robeson,
Rebecca Strickland, Jenny Troha,
Michelle Vail, Meg Wallace

Class of 2017:

Joyce Kratzenberg, Stacey Kruse,
Joanna Mangum, Stephen Moss,
Sharon Polensek, Tom Schaap,
Barry Smith, Keith Williams,
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