

# ST. LUKE'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



11 a.m. ~ December 1, 2013  
First Sunday of Advent

Liturgical Color: White

A Church of the Word and Sacraments

### **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.*

# We Assemble in God's Name

## In Preparation for Worship

*The day is coming, O Lord, when people will say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, that You may teach us Your ways and we may walk in Your paths. As swords are beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks, nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." In anticipation of the shalom Christ brings to all people we come now before Your throne of grace to give You our praise and thanksgiving. Amen.*

## Gathering Prayer of Adoration

Jason Whitener

## Prelude

*Meditation*

Charles Callahan

## Advent Wreath

Andrea Rowland, Arturo Somoza,  
and sons, Ian & Allen

## †\*Processional Hymn #2 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

HYFRYDOL

## Celebration of Community

Shannon Dill

## \*Invitation to Confession *Come Now, O Prince of Peace*

Geonyong Lee

O-SO-SO



Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one bo-dy,



come O Lord Je - sus; re-con-cile all\_ peo-ple.

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## \*Call to Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**\*congregation standing; † seating of worshippers.**

\*Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**God of forgiveness and mercy, hear our prayer as we confess our sin. With moments so critical we let time go by. With deliverance so near we linger in the darkness. With Christ as our armor, we yet fear the unknown foe. With the night having passed, we still hesitate to greet the new day. O God, lead us forth, that we may meet the moment You graciously give us. Dispel the shadows, so that Your will may be clear. Clothed with light and new life in Christ, let us go forth as those awake to Your will. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

†\*Gloria

Choir: Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

**People: Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

**Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

We Hear God's Word Proclaimed

Tell Us Our Story

Jason Whitener

Children are always welcome to stay in worship.

However, if you prefer, parents of children may take them to the nursery.

Parents of children in pre-k and kindergarten may take them to the Faithful Friends Class in Room 121.

Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 9:1-7*

Kristy Whitener

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Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

*Happy Advent, Glad New Year*

arr. James Higbe

Chancel Choir

Happy Advent, glad new year, time of preparation, new beginning, our new life, story of salvation. Christ's return, this is the song all the church is singing. Once He came, will come again, alleluias ringing. Come, Emmanuel, come, O Lord, come to Your creation. Make us, like You, holy, good; bring us Your salvation. Alleluia loud we sing, welcoming the Savior. Alleluia is our song ever and forever.

(Parents may return to their seats during the Anthem.)

New Testament Reading

*Romans 15:4-13*

Jason Whitener

Pages 988-989

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*"A Light In Deep Darkness"*

Jason Whitener

## We Respond to God's Word

### \*Nicene Creed (in unison)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified. Who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering & Offertory

*Offertory*

Charles Callahan

### \*Doxology

Choir: Brightly does Your manger shine, glorious is its light divine. Let not sin o'er-cloud this light ever be our faith thus bright.

**People: Brightly does Your manger shine, glorious is its light divine. Let not sin o'er-cloud this light ever be our faith thus bright.**

### 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

*My Soul in Stillness Waits*

Marty Haugen

Chancel Choir

For You, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits, truly my hope is in You. O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory, Your radiance shines in all who look to You. Come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow. O Spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits, our thirsty hearts are yearning for Your Word. Come, make us whole, be comfort to our hearts. O Root of Life, implant Your seed within us, and in Your advent draw us all to You, our hope reborn in dying and in rising. O Key of Knowledge, guide us in our pilgrimage, we ever seek, yet unfulfilled remain. Open to us the pathway of Your peace. Come, let us bow before the God

Who made us; Let every heart be opened to the Lord, for we are all the people of God's hand. Here we shall meet the Maker of the heavens, Creator of the mountains and the seas, Lord of the stars, and present to us now.

*My Soul Cries Out*  
Chancel Choir

Rory Cooney

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great. And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that You bring to the ones who wait. You fixed Your sight on Your servant's plight, and my weakness You did not spurn, so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn? My heart shall sing of the day You bring. Let the fires of Your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn! Though I am small, my God, my all, You work great things in me, and Your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for You yearn, You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone. Let the king beware for Your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne. The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn; There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast: God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp. This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound, 'til the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around.

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 #5

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

PICARDY

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

*What Does the Lord Require?*

Jim Strathdee

Chancel Choir

What does the Lord require of you? To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God. (*Micah 6:8*)

\*Postlude

*Toccata*

Charles Callahan

Worship Note: The organ selections by Charles Callahan are from a piece entitled "Partita on *Hyfrydol*" which is the hymn tune for "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus."

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## Serving Today

**Acolytes: Crucifer:** Bonnie Ruggiero, **Candle Lighter:** Grace Strickland,

**Bible Bearer:** Julia Strickland, **Bell Ringer:** Kristin Wadsworth

**Chancel Guild:** Andrea & Roby Price

**Communion Servers:** Dave Elkins - captain, Faye Cashwell, Tom McIntosh,  
David McKenney, John Ray, Chris Wiseman

**Continental Breakfast:** Christy, Peter, Daniel & Aidan Keohane

**Faithful Friends:** Kari & Miles Young

**Greeters:** Kris Turnbull, Meg & David Wallace

**Open/Close:** Miles Young

**Sound Crew:** Bob Burroughs

**Ushers:** John Tienken - captain, Gary Phipps, Amy & George Stewart, Peggy Tienken

We would like to thank Amanda Dunnick and Lindsay Ballow  
for teaching Faithful Friends last Sunday.

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**Commitment: "Overflowing with Thanksgiving":** This week we celebrate Thanksgiving by remembering all of God's many blessings on us. Imagine the thanks our forefathers shared with the natives in Plymouth Rock. Surviving a difficult and uncertain ocean voyage and arriving in an unfamiliar new land, what a great opportunity to praise the Father who oversaw them. What blessings call you to give thanks? We are thankful for St. Luke's and the 227 families and children who are thankful for the ministries of St. Luke's, and have pledged \$1,070,964. As you reflect on your blessings this Thanksgiving season, consider the impact St. Luke's makes on your life, your family's spiritual life and in the lives of the many people St. Luke's touches through our ministries. If you have not made your pledge of thanksgiving, please take a moment and send an email to [commitment@slpres.org](mailto:commitment@slpres.org) or put a hardcopy pledge in this Thanksgiving offering. Many blessings, Chris and Allison

**Officer Recommendations:** The Officer Recommendation forms are available in the lobby and narthex. If you would like to recommend someone to be a deacon or elder for the Class of 2017, please complete a form and place it in the boxes provided in the lobby or narthex. Let us hear from you by NEXT Sunday, **December 8**. Be sure to have requested permission from the individual you nominate. Thanks from the Officer Nomination Committee.

**Stephen Ministry:** We are honored by the support we have received as we began the Stephen Ministry in 2008. We celebrated our annual Stephen Ministry Sunday November 3. It was a pleasure to serve continental breakfast to many hungry members! Jason's sermon, "Pass It On" encouraged us to share with chosen family and friends the difference they have made in our lives. If you were not in attendance, you may listen to the sermon via our website. If you would like additional Blue Ribbons, contact Cathie Rogers. If you experienced a particularly special moment with your chosen blue ribbon recipient(s) - "Pass It BACK" to us! We would love for our congregation to know about how good does go around! Share your message via email to Stephen Leader Cathie Rogers at [cathierogers@gmail.com](mailto:cathierogers@gmail.com).

**2014 Women's Retreat – Mark Your Calendars Now:** Can you believe it's the end of November already? Where did this year go? With time passing so quickly, we wanted you to put on your calendar the dates for the 2014 Women's Retreat so you won't miss the weekend. 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.

**For more information on our Advent and Christmas events,** please see the flyers available in the lobby, narthex, and on our website, [www.slpres.org](http://www.slpres.org).

## KNOW

**FEAST for ALL!** Register now for our Wednesday night fellowship and learning program, which begins Wednesday, January 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](http://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.

**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.

**Advent Daily Devotionals Take a New Approach for 2013:** We are happy to offer this year's daily devotional for Advent in multiple formats - online, via Twitter or Facebook or as a soft cover book! We also have a daily email specifically for youth, elementary students and their families.

This year's devotional is from *Sacred Space*. *Sacred Space* is inspired by the spirituality of Saint Ignatius of Loyola whose insights into God's working with the human heart have been of great assistance to countless people over the centuries. *Sacred Space* is a work of the Irish Province of the Society of Jesus - the Jesuits. We think that you will find the daily devotions a powerful way to prepare yourselves for the birth of Jesus.

To view the daily devotions online, go to: <http://www.sacredspace.ie/>

To link to them via Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sacredspace.ie>

To link to them via Twitter: @sacredspacepray

If you do not have computer/smart phone access, a limited number of copies of the book version is available at the church office for \$2 per copy.

If you prefer a more condensed daily devotion, we recommend Pittsburg Presbyterian Theological Seminary's online devotional, which may be found here: [http://www.pts.edu/devotional\\_1](http://www.pts.edu/devotional_1).

This version is also available via Facebook, Twitter and email. Follow the link above for more information.

**For our youth and elementary students**, we encourage you subscribe to the *Daily Prayer* RSS feed (which will send you devotionals daily via email) at <http://www.umsmprays.org/>.

**For the children's advent devotional guide from Presbyterian Church, USA**, please go to their website at <http://webelieve.pcusa.org/we-believe/advent-calendar>.

If you have any questions or need help, please contact Shannon Dill ([shannondill@slpres.org](mailto:shannondill@slpres.org)).

*St. Luke's Presbyterian Women (SLPW)*

**Tuesday, December 3 at 7 p.m.:** Coordinating Team Meeting in the Parlor, Room 145)

**Monday, December 9:** Christmas dinner and communion service. See the Advent brochure.

**Circle Meetings** will resume in January.

Questions? Contact Ellen Womack, Moderator, at [epwomack@bellsouth.net](mailto:epwomack@bellsouth.net) or 770-913-0314.

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

**Each of our Sunday School classes will be studying *Christmas: Light Splits the Night*:** Jesus Christ, the Savior -Messiah and King of kings, came to us as a child born in a cattle stall and grew into a person like no other in history. Each Advent season, with all its fanfare, gives us an opening to remember the strange and wonderful time when light split the night and God became one of us. We hope that you will join us on Sundays and at other special times and be a part of this Advent season when we explore how God's amazing light illuminates the world.

Faith Foundations, Room 232

FINCH (Families in Christ), Room 203

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

Seasons of the Spirit, Room 231-233

Soul Food, Room 235

Questions? Contact Shannon Dill at shannondill@slpres.org or 770-393-1424 ext. 229.

Youth Connection (SLYC)

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

**Youth Connect:** No Youth connect tonight.

**December 7-8:** Middle School Retreat

**December 8:** Toys for Tots toy sorting and packing. Meet at church at 3:45 p.m. After we get the toys packed, your family is welcome to stay for the concert or bring money to get ice cream as a youth group.

**December 15:** Youth Christmas Parties - see Christmas events brochure for more information

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

Questions? Contact Phil Brown at philbrown@slpres.org or 770-393-1424 ext. 238.

News from SPLASH! Children's Ministries

**Family Advent Calendars:** Our matchbox calendars with Advent activities were so popular last year, we decided to offer them again to families who may not already have one. If you still have your calendar, pick up a new packet of slips.

**All Children are invited to join us for "Happy Birthday, Jesus!" on Sunday, December 8, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Great Hall:** We will make Advent crafts, help others, and eat birthday cake! Please bring one "birthday item" (cake mix, sprinkles, frosting, cups, plates, etc.) for the Community Assistance Center.

Questions? Contact Catherine Anne Thomas at cathomas@slpres.org or 770-393-1424 ext. 228.

## SHARE

**Last Sunday, St. Luke's Church welcomed 15 guests to its worship services.** Each Sunday, many of our pews will have a first-time or repeat visitor. Your warm welcome to our guests expresses the inviting and hospitable character of this congregation. Your smile and welcoming word make a difference.

**Marriage Enrichment Group Monthly Meetings:** Our monthly meetings will resume in January. New couples or couples with questions may contact Kimey and Mark Reed at kimeyreed@gmail.com or 404-441-8614.

**Men's Breakfast: *Momentum for Change ~ Women for Results*:** In December it will be held the **first Saturday, December 7, at 8 a.m.** We have the privilege of having St. Luke's member, Anne Hallum, as our guest speaker. Anne has been recognized by the United Nations for her work with AIR (Alliance for International Reforestation) in Guatemala and its impact on the climate. She will speak to us about her trip to the United Nations Climate Change

Conference in Warsaw, Poland in November where she and two women with AIR in Guatemala were recognized for the achievement. It is one of six programs in the world led by women that have received this special UN recognition - Momentum for Change: Women for Results. Air has been one of St. Luke's outreach missions for many years and a number of St. Luke's members have traveled to Guatemala to help with the reforestation effort. Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast and hear Anne talk about her UN experience and the work of AIR. Note that it is a Toys for Tots weekend at St. Luke's. Please bring a new unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots Drive. St. Luke's women and their guests are always welcome. Contact Daryl Moore if you plan to attend or if you have any questions - H: 770-395-6278; C: 404-993-6203; ddmooore@yahoo.com.

**Jobs & Java - St. Luke's Job Seekers Support Group on Tuesday, December 10:** We will meet at noon in Room 230 for networking and support. For information, contact Jim Garrison, jimgarrison@mindspring.com, or Jared Elliot, jared.elliott@att.net.

**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. Please sign up or call Celeste Fischer, 404-434-8099 or Faye Cashwell, 770-409-1960.

**Visit St. Luke's Library!** Many of you may not realize that we have a wonderful small library here at St. Luke's. It is located upstairs directly above the lobby and is open to all members. We have everything from children's books to books on theology - really something for everyone. Stop by to see what you may like to read next.

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

**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](mailto: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.

**PALS Enrichment Classes:** Perimeter Adult Learning & Services, Inc. begin their classes on January 6 and they run through March 3, 2014 at Dunwoody United Methodist Church. For more information, pick up a pink brochure in the lobby kiosk, contact PALS at 770-698-0801, or visit their website, [www.palsonline.org](http://www.palsonline.org)

### *From the Choir Loft*

**CHRISTMAS is just around the corner.** Be a part of choir as we rehearse Christmas music for Toys for Tots and Lessons and Carols. It would be great to have YOU singing up front for these special seasonal events. Contact Clair Maxwell ([clairmaxwell@slpres.org](mailto:clairmaxwell@slpres.org) or 770-393-1424 ext. 227) about participating and sharing your musical gifts. Join us!

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

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

**Youth Choir (6th-12th grades)** Sundays, 7-8 p.m., in the Choir Room

**Westminster Choir (2nd-5th grades)** Wednesdays, 5-5:45 p.m.

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

## SERVE

**Buy Some; Share One:** St. Luke's has an ongoing food drive to support local organizations. We ask that **every** time you go to the grocery store, pick up one extra non-perishable item and put it in one of the carts in the main lobby (just inside the doors at the Manhasset entrance) - Buy Some; Share One! Their most needed items are canned meats such as chicken and tuna, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, rice, canned vegetables, cereal and toilet paper. Please help fill the pantry for neighbors seeking assistance. We are now collecting for the Interfaith Outreach Home.

**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.

**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 when the parents receive life skills training. 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.

**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, September 2013 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.

**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.

**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.

The drawing on the front cover is by Nate Ballow, age 4.

**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.

**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.

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



Benefit Concert  
Sunday, December 8, 2013  
4-5 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
Bring an unwrapped toy to donate!

#### Elders

**Class of 2014:** Tricia Bridges, Jim Bryant, Faye Cashwell (Clerk of Session), Parker Cutler (Youth Elder), Annie Hardy, Sally Joyce, David King, Dick Miller, John Ray. **Class of 2015:** Jennie Burroughs, Jared Elliot, 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, Mark Ryan, David Tharp, Allison Thornton.

#### Deacons

**Class of 2014:** Diane Beidl, Jay Burton, Jim Giesler (Moderator), Joyce Johnson, Jean Kammerer, Paula Morris, Luis Sepulveda, Carol Sweigert, Kris Turnbull. **Class of 2015:** Maria Barnhart, Matt Biggerstaff, Sarah Caverhill, Peter Keohane, Julie Knotts, Billy Martin, Gena Spears, Taylor Vivian, Krissy Williams. **Class of 2016:** Sandra Clay, Amanda Dunnick, Shawn Hamlin, Niki Rabren, Katherine Robeson, Rebecca Strickland, Jenny Troha, Michelle Vail, Meg Wallace.

## Welcome to our 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 Jim Bryant, and our Pastors in the Narthex. 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 and/or are interested in joining, please contact Jason Whitener at [jasonwhitener@slpres.org](mailto: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 are available for all ages on the shelves in the Narthex, along with activity sheets pertaining to today's scripture. An usher can assist you.

### St. Luke's Presbyterian Church

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770-393-1424 Fax 770-393-3278 [www.slpres.org](http://www.slpres.org)

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion Service ~ 9:30 Sunday School ~ 11 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service  
(Nursery Provided for all services and Sunday School)

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday  
(After hours pastoral emergency, please call one of the pastors at home.)

### Church Staff

Pastor, Dr. Jason Whitener  
Associate Pastor, Rev. Shannon Dill  
Associate Pastor, Rev. Phil Brown  
Pastor Emeritus, Dr. E. Moss Robertson  
Facilities Manager, Roby Price  
Receptionist, Sally Hawkins  
Treasurer, Gary Phipps

Director of Children's Ministries,  
Catherine Anne Thomas  
Director of Music & Organist, Clair Maxwell  
Director of St. Luke's Little Saints Preschool &  
Kindergarten, Carol Perry  
Director of Communications, Tina Knoedler  
Administrative Assistants, Liz Catlett & Bonnie Farrar

### Pastoral Counseling

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