

ST. LUKE'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



Artwork by Elise Hearn, Age 8

December 24, 2013
Christmas Eve, 7:30 p.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
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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.

Dec. 24 - 26: Office Closed

Dec. 27: 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Jan. 1: Office Closed

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.

DECEMBER 24, 2013
CHRISTMAS EVE

SERVING TODAY

Candle Lighter Kristin Wadsworth

Chancel Guild..... Nancy Self

Ushers Andrea Price, Captain
Al and Trisha Bridges, Faye Cashwell, Janis Jones

GreetersGuerrant Family, Diane Beidl

Sound Crew Bob Burroughs



Artwork by Madeleine Douglass, Age 8

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. 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

We praise Your name, O God. You are glorified among the nations and in all creation. You cause the flowers to bloom; the honeycomb drips with sweetness according to Your design. You dwell in teeming cities and in the quiet of the countryside. The whole earth is Your habitation. You invite us into Your sanctuary, where we worship and bow down before You. Fill us now with Your Spirit, and let Your presence be our blessing. Amen

Prelude

Carol Selections

String Quartet

Advent Wreath

The Strickland Family

* Hymn #40

Joy to the World / ANTIOCH, arr. John Rutter

All: Stanzas 1, 2, and 4

Choir Only: Stanza 3

Celebration of Community

Phil Brown

* Invitation to Confession

Hymn #53, stanza 2 / What Child is This

Why lies He in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?

Good Christians, fear, for sinners here, the silent Word is pleading.

This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

* Call to Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

* Prayer of Confession

Generous God, You give us the greatest gift of all, Yourself, but often we find it hard to take notice; we are caught up with our own gifts, given and received. Forgive us, God, for the casual way we treat Your gift of love. Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. Amen.

* Assurance of Forgiveness

* Gloria

Hymn #23, Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Artwork by Carly Guarrant, Age 15



WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

Nancy Self

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

This Little Babe from "Ceremony of Carols" / Benjamin Britten

Chancel Choir

This little Babe so few days old, is come to rife Satan's fold. All hell doth at His presence quake, though He Himself for cold do shake. For in this weak unarmèd wise, the gates of hell He will surprise.

With tears He fights and wins the field, His naked breast stands for a shield. His battering shot are babish cries, His arrows looks of weeping eyes. His martial ensigns Cold and Need, and feeble flesh His warrior's steed.

His camp is pitchèd in a stall, His bulwark but a broken wall. The crib His trench, haystalks His stakes, of shepherds He His muster makes. And thus, as sure His foe to wound, the angels' trumps alarum sound.

My soul, with Christ join thou in fight, stick to the tents that He hath pight. Within His crib is surest ward, this little Babe will be thy guard. If thou wilt foil thy foes with joy, then flit not from this heavenly Boy.

Robert Southwell

New Testament Reading

Luke 2:1-20

Jason Whitener

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Celebrate—the King is Coming!

Jason Whitener

* Hymn #56

The First Nowell / arr. John Rutter

All: Stanzas 1, 3, 5 and 6

Choir only: Stanzas 2 and 4

Offering

Christmas Joy Offering: This special offering is a Presbyterian tradition of almost 70 years. Half of the offering is for assistance programs providing support to retired and active church workers and their spouses and families. The other half of the offering supports Presbyterian-related racial ethnic education.



Artwork by Reagan McGurk Age 11

Offertory

Evening Carol / Howard Helvey Chancel Choir

In the stillness of the evening, silence calms, and sweet is the air.
In that calm, creation lies open; what is this devotion so fair?
Our voices we unite, with open hearts delight, awaiting joy which comes this night.

Waiting eyes, sustained by a longing, turn with joy to see the pure light.
For a star has shattered the darkness; come, see this mysterious sight!
Hearts are free, reborn in the yearning for a love made known in this Child.
Long expected peace is now offered – come, now, see this beauty so mild!
As we see the Child, know the peace, and share the love made known this night.

* Doxology

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Glo-ry be to God the Fa-ther, glo-ry be to Christ the Son, glo-ry
 D G C D7 G C Am
 to the Ho-ly Spir-it, glo-ry to the Three-in-One. Here we of-fer to you
 D Bm Em Am D C
 glad-ly all the gifts that you im-part, as we
 G C D7 Em C G C D7 G
 glo-ry in your Pre-sence, giv-ing from a grate-ful heart.

The Lord's Supper

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.

During communion the ushers will direct you to the front for intinction (dipping the bread into the cup). Participants will return to their seats for meditation, or if you would like, you are welcome to kneel at the rail prior to returning to your seat. If you would like to be served where you are sitting, please raise your hand as the communion servers come down the center aisle. All persons are 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.

As an affirmation of their continuing ministry among us, our college students have been invited by the Session to serve Communion this evening.

Communion Music

A Child Is Born in Bethlehem / Carl Schalk Chancel Choir and Strings

A Child is born in Bethlehem, alleluia! Exult for joy Jerusalem!
And kingly pilgrims, long foretold, from east bring incense, myrrh and gold.
Come then, and on this natal day, rejoice before the Lord and pray.
And to the Holy One in Three, give thanks and praise eternally.

(14th Century Latin hymn)

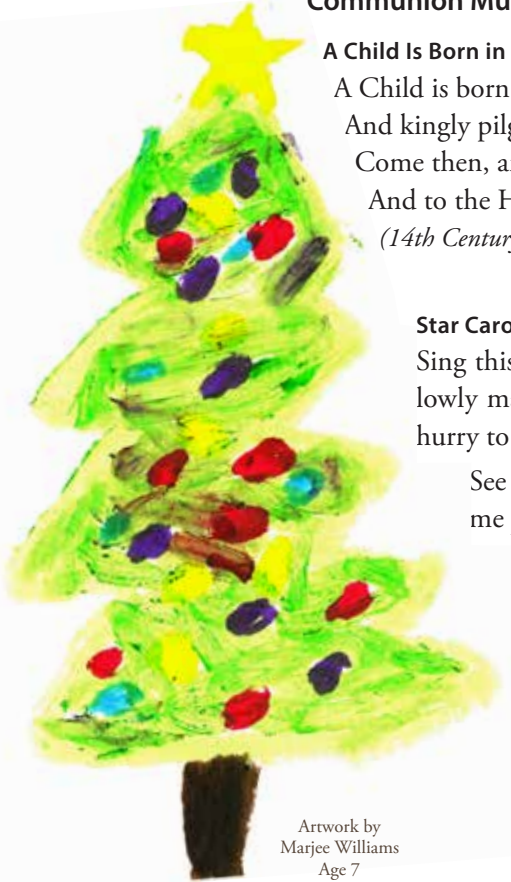
Star Carol / John Rutter Chancel Choir and Strings

Sing this night, for a boy is born in Bethlehem, Christ our Lord in a lowly manger lies. Bring your gifts, come and worship at his cradle, hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!

See his star shining bright, in the sky this Christmas Night! Follow me joyfully!

Angels bright, come from heaven's highest glory, bear the news with its message of good cheer: "Sing, rejoice, for a King is come to save us!"

Let us pay our homage at the manger, sing His praise on this joyful Christmas Night. Christ is come, bringing promises of salvation.



Artwork by
Marjee Williams
Age 7

Candle Lighting

* Hymn #60

Silent Night, arr. Hal Hopson

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
round yon virgin mother and Child! Holy Infant, so
tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in
heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing
“Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior
is born!”**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn
of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus,
Lord, at Thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light. With the angels let us sing, “Alleluia to
our King! Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!”**



Artwork by Ansley Wassell, Age 9

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Benediction

* Postlude



Artwork by Allie Hearn, Age 10



Artwork by Walker Mangum, Age 7



Artwork by Hannah Price, Age 7



Artwork by Carlisle Hearn, Age 6

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
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Receptionist	Sally Hawkins
Facilities Manager	Roby Price
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PASTORAL COUNSELING

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ELDERS

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