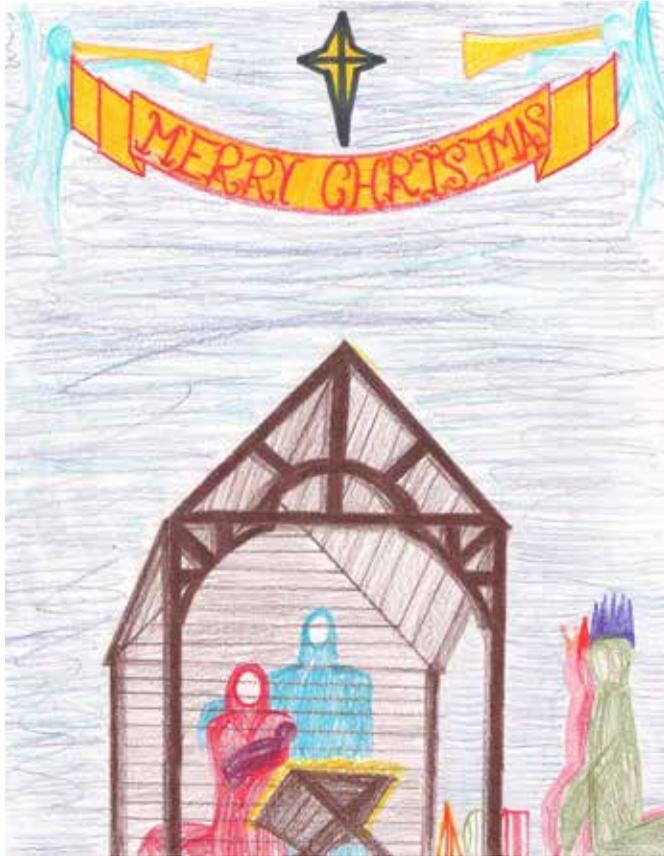


# ST. LUKE'S

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



Artwork by Trey McGurk, Age 13

December 29, 2013, 11 a.m.  
First Sunday after Christmas Day

**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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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)  
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.

**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. 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.

DECEMBER 29, 2013  
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

*The flowers today are given to the Glory of God in Honor of Bobby, Anna and Charlotte Ferretti for their friendship and hospitality by Gary, Jenny and Noah Fike.*

### SERVING TODAY

#### Acolytes

Crucifer..... Rebecca Strickland  
Candle Lighter .....Christine Turnbull  
Bell Ringer ..... Matthew Turnbull  
Bible Bearer..... Rebecca Strickland

**Chancel Guild**..... Bona & Carol Allen

**Continental Breakfast**..... Niki Rabren

**Greeters** ..... Jim Bryant, Rebecca Strickland

**Open/Close** ..... Jim Cox

**Sound Crew** ..... Roby Price

### 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 Rebecca Strickland, Elder Jim Bryant, 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](mailto:jasonwhitener@slpres.org) or 770-393-1424, ext. 223.

### **In Preparation for Worship**

We praise the name of the Lord, O God; the heavens praise You and the waters above the heavens. You commanded and they were created; You established them forever and ever. Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds all praise You. Young men and women alike, old and young together exalt Your name. Your glory is above earth and heaven and yet You have chosen to live amongst us. In the name of Jesus of Nazareth we praise Your name. Amen

### **Gathering Prayer of Adoration**

Jason Whitener

### **Prelude**

Alfred Burt Carol Medley, arr. Mark Hayes

### **Advent Wreath**

The Billions and Stanley Families

### **\* Processional Hymn #38**

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

### **Celebration of Community**

### **\* Invitation to Confession**

### **\* Call to Prayer**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

### **\* Prayer of Confession**

**As we cross the threshold into the new, we take time in our journey to give You thanks, O God. You have accompanied us through the year that has passed, even when we have forgotten Your way and failed to live as you call us. As we offer You thanks for past mercies, we seek Your guidance for future tasks. Keep us firm and insistent that it is You whom we serve and You alone. When decisions are to be made, let us first seek Your will. When we are met by challenges, stay by our side. When we enter the unknown, be our confidence and strength. And wanting for nothing, may we serve others with the fullness of new life You have promised in Christ's name. Amen.**

\* Assurance of Forgiveness

\* Gloria Hymn #23, Refrain

**Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Christmas Carols**

Hymn #25 Away in a Manger

Hymn #53 What Child is This

Hymn #22 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

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**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED**

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**Tell Us Our Story**

Children are always welcome to stay in worship. However, parents may take your child(ren) to the nursery.

**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.**

**New Testament Reading**

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Mary Louise Connor

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**New Testament Reading**

Hebrews 2:10-18

Jason Whitener

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

A Knock at the Door

Jason Whitener

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**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

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\* **Apostle's Creed**

**We 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.

**Offertory**

Carol Medley, arr. Mark Hayes

**\* Doxology**

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

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

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WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

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**\* Sending Hymn #29**

Go Tell It On the Mountain

**\* Benediction**

**\* Benediction Response**

**\* Postlude**

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

**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: This class brings together parents and adults to learn and grow in their faith and their ability to share that faith with their families. **(No FINCH meeting Dec. 29th)**

**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.

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

**News from SPLASH! Children's Ministries**

So that our volunteers and their families may enjoy relaxing time together, our Godly Play, Holy Moly and Connect classes **will not meet on Sunday, Dec. 29**. Join us for new lessons and activities in 2014!

**Youth Connection (SLYC)**

**Confirmation** has been sent out to our 8th graders. If you would like information about Confirmation please contact Phil Brown (see below).

**Sunday night youth group resumes Jan 12.**

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

**Youth Choir:** Sundays, 7-8 p.m., Choir Rm.

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

Dear Family Promise Coordinators, Volunteers and all our Friends at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church,

**Thank you** for your continuing concern, generosity and care of the Family Promise Staff, Volunteers and Guests throughout 2013!

From our family to yours, God Bless You. We love you with the love of the Lord! Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

*Bill Hardison, Lynne Dyckman, Cheryl Hardison, and all the Family Promise Guests*

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## KNOW

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### Mark Your Calendars for the 2014 Women's

**Retreat:** 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.

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

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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. 2 Thursday	7 p.m.	Coordinating Team Meeting
Jan. 6 Monday	9:30 a.m.	Circle 1
Jan. 6 Monday	7:30 p.m.	Night Circle
Jan. 7 Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Circle 2
Jan. 26 Sunday		Sandwich Project

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

**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.

**FEAST for ALL!** Register now for our Wednesday night fellowship and learning program, which begins **Wed., Jan. 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.

**Visit St. Luke's Library!** The library elves have gathered up all the Christmas books for your convenience. From stories to read to kids to adult books of all kinds, there is something for everyone.

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## January 5th is Name Tag Sunday!

Please wear your name tag (from work, military, college, church, camp) or fill out a blank one (provided) so you can greet each other by name.

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## SHARE

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### **Next Men's Breakfast is at 8:00 on Jan. 11, 2014.**

All St. Luke's men and their guests are welcome to come and enjoy an excellent breakfast and program. Fran Millar, Tom Taylor and Wendell Willard will join us and share their insights into what is ahead for the 2014 legislative session in Georgia. It is truly a privilege and an honor to have them be a part of our program each year. Plan to attend this triple treat event: delicious food, good Christian fellowship and stimulating learning. You will leave the church feeling energized and informed. Questions? Please contact Daryl Moore: 404-993-6203 [ddmoore@yahoo.com](mailto:ddmoore@yahoo.com)

### **Marriage Enrichment Group**

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New couples or couples with questions may contact Kimey and Mark Reed at [kimeyreed@gmail.com](mailto:kimeyreed@gmail.com) or 404-441-8614.

<b>Jan. 26</b>	5:00-6:30 p.m. (Childcare available 4:45-6:30 p.m.)	FINCH / Rm. 203
<b>Feb. 14-16</b>	Marriage retreat (see below)	
<b>March 16</b>	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, 2014**, 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](http://www.BetterMarriagesGA.org) or contact Kimey and Mark Reed at [kimeyreed@gmail.com](mailto:kimeyreed@gmail.com) or 404-441-8614. This would be a fantastic Valentine's gift.

**PALS Enrichment Classes:** Perimeter Adult Learning & Services, Inc. begins their classes on **Jan. 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)

**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.

**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.

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**From the Choir Loft**  
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**Thank you choirs for a wonderful season of great music in worship!** Make your New Year's resolution now to join us in 2014. Contact Clair Maxwell (clairmaxwell@slpres.org or 770-393-1424 ext. 227) about participating and sharing your musical gifts.

**Chancel Choir**  
adults

*resumes Jan. 8*  
Wednesdays, 7:30-9 p.m.

**Festival Ringers**  
youth & adults

*resumes Jan. 8*  
Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15 p.m.

**Youth Choir**  
6th-12th grades

*resumes Jan. 12*  
Sundays, 7-8 p.m.

**Westminster Choir**  
2nd-5th grades

*resumes Jan. 15*  
Wednesdays, 5-5:45 p.m.

**Cherub Choir**  
4 years -1st grade

*resumes Jan. 15*  
Wednesdays, 5:15-5:45 p.m.



Returning to St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, Russian School #1 presents:

## Nadir Khashimov

### January 5, 4:00 p.m.

Nadir Khashimov is a virtuoso violinist and the owner of a violin made by the famous French luthier, J.B. Vuillaume. He is the winner of many prestigious international violin competitions, and has performed with the world's leading orchestras. Nadir was born in 1990 in Uzbekistan and is a graduate from Uspensky School of Music, class of Dr. V. Khashimov. His amazing talent, virtuoso performance, deep understanding of music, and personal charm make him unforgettable!

Khashimov will perform with another winner of the Liszt Competition, pianist Alexander Ullman. Both musicians combine a busy tour schedule with studying at the Curtis Institute of Music.

*A donation will be taken at the entrance.*

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## SERVE

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**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 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. 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.

**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). Volunteers are needed for each month, from now 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.

### **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.

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## SERVE

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**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### Update from the Finance Committee

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December is always St. Luke's largest month for receiving income and 2013 will undoubtedly follow the same pattern. St. Luke's needs to collect about \$210,000 during December in order to end the fiscal year with balanced financial results. To meet the 2013 budget, it will take prayerful consideration and action on all of our parts:

- For those members who have not yet fulfilled their pledge, we ask for your assistance in paying your pledge as soon as possible.
- For those among us who may not have been able to pledge for 2013, we ask for your prayerful consideration in determining if there is an opportunity to contribute a portion of your blessings to the church.
- ***For those who have already fulfilled their pledge for 2013, thank you!*** As you consider opportunities to give to other worthwhile causes at the end of the tax year, we ask that you prayerfully consider including St. Luke's in your year-end giving plans.

St. Luke's Presbyterian Church has always been faithful servants for Jesus Christ in this world and we know we can count on each and every member to help continue our ministries. As always, if you need assistance in determining the best alternative to share your gifts and tithes including stock sales, bank drafts, credit card payments, please call Gary Phipps (770-671-1468), Don Dill (404-964-3740) or e-mail the Finance Committee at [finance@slpres.org](mailto:finance@slpres.org).

LAST SUNDAY	CHRISTMAS EVE
<b>Tithes &amp; Offerings</b> ..... \$32,556	..... \$11,518
<b>8:30 attendance</b> ..... 96	<b>5:00 p.m. attendance</b> ..... 507
<b>11:00 attendance</b> ..... 271	<b>7:30 p.m. attendance</b> ..... 285
<b>Nursery</b> ..... 25	<b>11:00 p.m. attendance</b> ..... 44

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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## CHURCH STAFF

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<b>Pastor</b>	Dr. Jason Whitener
<b>Associate Pastor</b>	Rev. Shannon Dill
<b>Associate Pastor</b>	Rev. Phil Brown
<b>Pastor Emeritus</b>	Dr. E. Moss Robertson
<b>Dir. of Music &amp; Organist</b>	Clair Maxwell
<b>Dir. of Children's Ministries</b>	Catherine Anne Thomas
<b>Dir. of St. Luke's Little Saints Preschool &amp; Kindergarten</b>	Carol Perry
<b>Dir. of Communications</b>	Tina Knoedler
<b>Administrative Assistants</b>	Liz Catlett & Bonnie Farrar
<b>Receptionist</b>	Sally Hawkins
<b>Facilities Manager</b>	Roby Price
<b>Treasurer</b>	Gary Phipps

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## PASTORAL COUNSELING

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### St. Luke's Perimeter Counseling Center

Georgia C. Griffin, J.D., M. Div., Director

Perimeter Center, Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist/Mediator

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## ELDERS

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### 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 Woodside

### Class of 2016:

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

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## DEACONS

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### 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,  
Kris Williams

### Class of 2016:

Sandra Clay, Amanda Dunnick,  
Shawn Hamlin, Niki Rabren,  
Katherine Robeson,  
Rebecca Strickland, Jenny Troha,  
Michelle Vail, Meg Wallace