



SAINT LUKE'S

P R E S B Y T E R I A N C H U R C H

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.

VISION To be a beacon of faith, hope, and love – every member an active disciple in Christ's ministry.

Nov. 16, 2014  8:30 a.m.



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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: Green

Green is used to represent spiritual growth.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service

Nursery available at all services & Sunday School

SERVING TODAY

Chapel Guild Paula Humer

Open/Close Josh Nunez

WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are delighted you are worshipping with us!

DURING the Welcome, please print the requested information on the Friendship Pad and pass the Friendship Pad down the pew.

AFTER the worship service, please join us outside the Chapel where our Pastors will be available to answer questions and provide you with a Guest Packet and a homemade loaf of bread.

FOR MORE information about our programs, ministries or membership, please contact one of our Pastors at 770.393.1424.

THAT ALL MAY WORSHIP

ASSISTIVE hearing devices, large print hymnals, large print bulletins and pew cushions are available. Please contact an usher for further assistance.



CHILDREN'S WORSHIP notebooks and activity sheets are available on the table just outside the Chapel doors. 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

“Be imitators of the Lord, for in spite of [all that you have gone through] you received the Word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, to be an example to all the believers in Dunwoody, Sandy Springs and in all of Northeast Atlanta.”
1st Thessalonians 1:6-7 adapted



Prelude

O God, Our Help in Ages Past *William Croft*

Welcome

Minute for Music

Clair Maxwell

Minute for Commitment Update

Chris Wiseman

* Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 27 and John 4:23

Leader: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation

People: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

Leader: We desire to live in God’s house and to seek God in his holy temple.

People: We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

All: Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.

* Hymn #210

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past *ST. ANNE*

* Call to Confession

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

* Prayer of Confession

O God, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. Christ calls us stewards, but we squander Your gifts. He gives us tasks to perform, yet we do as we please. He send us to minister on behalf of those suffering; we are slow to respond. He expects us to honor You in all we do; yet much of what we do is to ours. O God, forgive our waywardness; guide us and correct us – that we may witness Christ in all that we do... *(time of silent confession)*

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer, Amen.

* Assurance of Forgiveness

* **Song of Praise**

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.

Tell Us Our Story

Phil Brown

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

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 3:1-11; page 50

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; page 203

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

What Are We Here For?

Steve Vance

* **Affirmation of Faith**

from 'A Declaration of Faith,' 1978

We affirm that Christ calls us to be disciples. In forming His people and sending them into the world, Jesus called individuals to be disciples. They were to share the joy of His companionship, to understand and obey His teachings, and to follow Him in life and death. We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God's undeserved gift to each of us. It is also God's demand upon every one of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us. Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters, we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life. Amen.

Offering

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *arr. Fred Bock*

* **Song of Thanksgiving**

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**

* **Passing of the Peace**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Lord's Supper

Communion will be served by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup). If you would like to be served where you are sitting, please raise your hand. Everyone is invited to participate in the sacrament. Children who have discussed the sacrament with their parents and/or a pastor are welcome. The cup holds grape juice, not wine, during this service. A server with gluten-free wafers will be standing directly in front of the communion table for those who prefer this option.

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.

Communion Music

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn #555**

Now Thank We All Our God *NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT*

* **Benediction**

* **Postlude**

Now Thank We All Our God *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

IMPORTANT: Please plan to attend a congregational meeting **TODAY** after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to elect two nominating committees.

HAVE YOU PLEDGED YET?

So far, 184 members, children, families and guests have generously pledged a total of \$993,000. We thank and appreciate all who committed to supporting Saint Luke's loving ministries with their time, talent and treasure. On Sunday, November 23rd, we will celebrate with thanksgiving the blessing of our offerings with a renewal of baptismal covenants.

For those who have not yet made a pledge, I offer the following words of encouragement:

- YOU are important and part of what your Saint Luke's family loves about our church
- Your time, talent and treasure are a critical part of what brings Saint Luke's alive
- Your pledge allows for prudent budgeting and financial stewardship on Nov. 23rd
- We are 74% of the way to our financial goal of \$1,350,000
- You can easily email your pledge to commitment@slpres.org

If you haven't had a chance or forgot, take a brief moment to email your pledge. If you set annual bank or credit card drafts at slpres.org, please update them. If you're in your pew, put a pledge form from the friendship pad into the offering plate. If you have questions to ask or thoughts to share, the ministers and Commitment Committee members are available.

While Saint Luke's faces the uncertainty of transition, we remain a family. The hallways of hearts show the thing we love most about Saint Luke's is people. Whether individual staff, members of ministries, people who helped through difficult times or simply the family feel, each of us makes Saint Luke's a beacon of faith, hope and love.

Your Commitment Committee,
Allison Thornton
Chris Wiseman
Kay Loerch

DECK THE HALLS! Begin the Advent season by helping us decorate the church on **Sat., Nov. 29** (after Thanksgiving) at 9:30 a.m. If you have just 30 minutes or an hour to spare, please join us! It won't take long and it's a great way to get in the Christmas Spirit. Questions? Contact Jan Slater, 770.391.0489.

POINSETTIAS Please help cover the cost of our poinsettias. Your purchase may honor or remember a loved one and their names will be published in the bulletin on Dec. 21. Donation envelopes are in the pew boxes until Dec. 14. \$15 per plant (please write "poinsettias" on the memo line). You may take poinsettias home after worship on Jan. 4. Contact: Jan Slater, 770.391.0489 or Nancy Self, 404.237.6551.

FAMILY PROMISE We have so much to be thankful for! Put your thankfulness into action by volunteering to make Saint Luke's feel like home for homeless children and their parents. They arrive at Saint Luke's Nov. 30 (Sun. after Thanksgiving) and stay with us through Dec. 7. Their holiday plans and expectations are a little different than most of ours, but I guarantee they'd appreciate seeing your smiling faces. <http://tinyurl.com/SLPCFPDec2014>

REGISTER NOW for MOUNTAIN T.O.P.

FAMILY WEEKENDS Your family has a unique opportunity to serve families in the Cumberland Mountains through working and worshipping together. You will also find a place to work on replenishing, renewing and reclaiming the needs of your family. You'll arrive Fri. evening, work in the community on Sat., worship Sat. evening, and leave Sun. morning after breakfast. Projects are based on the skills of family members and the expressed needs of the families we work with. Spaces fill up very quickly, so sign up today at <http://mountain-top.org/family-weekend/family-weekend-application>, or contact Shannon Dill with questions. 12 & under: \$50; 13 & up: \$60; \$200 max per family. 2015 Dates: **March 27-29** or **April 10-12.**

STEPHEN MINISTRY As we enter into a season of gratitude, the Stephen Ministers thank you, our congregation, for allowing us the honor of growing, learning, and walking along side you during challenging times. Don't forget that when the pains of life come your way, a Stephen Minister is available to care for you and to bring God's love in a special, personal, and confidential way. In turn, our whole church family grows stronger when members use this caring ministry. Stephen Leaders, Shannon Dill and Laura Strange, are available to make confidential referrals – please don't hesitate to call on us.



Music Ministry

Clair Maxwell: clairmaxwell@slpres.org / 770.393.1424 ext. 227

TOYS FOR TOTS CONCERT Sunday, December 7 at 4 pm in the sanctuary. Our annual event featuring our own Chancel Choir, Festival Ringers and members of the Premiere Brass will present music of the season and carol singing for the entire family. Bring a new, unwrapped toy for donation. Child care is provided, but all ages are welcome at this festive concert!

GLORY TO GOD Our church is in the process of acquiring the new Presbyterian Hymnal recently published in 2013. The new hymnal, "Glory to God," will include 800 hymns, as well as many worship aids. You can dedicate a hymnal in honor, memory or celebration of someone special to you as you purchase one. The cost is \$20 each, and a name plate will be placed inside the front cover of each hymnal donated. See Clair for a sample or for more information.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC We gratefully appreciate your financial support of the Celebrate the Arts concert series at any level. If you would like to make a contribution and become a Friends of Music patron, please contact Clair for more information or donate online at www.slpres.org.

CHOIR REHEARSALS: WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Chancel Choir *Adults*
7:30-9:00 p.m. / Choir Room

Festival Ringers *Youth & Adults*
6:15-7:15 p.m. / Bell Room

Westminster Choir *Grades 2-5*
5:00-5:45 p.m. / Choir room

Cherub Choir* *Age 4 - Grade 1*
5:15-5:45 p.m. / Dock

SUNDAY NIGHTS

Youth Choir *Grades 6-12*
7:00-8:00 p.m. / Choir Room



Adult Ministry

Shannon Dill: shannondill@slpres.org / 770.393.1424 ext. 229

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES meet

most Sundays from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

The Story of the Bible	Rm 145
FINCH (Families in Christ)	Rm 203
Seasons of the Spirit	Rm 231-233
Faith Foundations	Rm 232
Soul Food	Rm 234-236

DISCIPLE IV CLASS Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m.,
in the Session room.

FRIDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Fellowship and Bible study every Fri. from
6:40-8 a.m. in the Parlor with Dan Joyce.

MOMS... be encouraged, laugh together, pray
for one another, and grow! We meet every Wed.
from 10-11 a.m. in the Session Room. Come
when you can and as you are! Feel free to bring
a friend. Childcare provided (by reservation).
Contact Shannon Dill to register.



Youth Connection

Phil Brown: philbrown@slpres.org / 770.393.1424 ext. 238

NOV. 16: MS Sunday School / HS Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Youth Group 5 - 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending any SUMMER TRIPS, it is **very important** that youth and parents attend. Details will be discussed and information will be given out. We will also have a potluck dinner, so please bring a dish to share.

NOV. 18: HS Tuesday Breakfast Meet at Jett Ferry Chick-fil-a at 6:45 a.m.

NOV. 23: MS Sunday School / HS Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Youth Group 5 - 7:00 p.m. Come out and bring your improv skills for a fun night of games and dramatic entertainment.

NOV. 30: MS Sunday School / HS Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m.

No Youth Group Be thankful for your family.

PW FALL BAKE SALE Home made Orange-Cranberry or Pumpkin Bread will be available in the lobby between the worship services and after the 11:00 service on **Nov. 23**. Proceeds support PW projects and ministries. Sm. \$4 / Lg. \$8.

Women and their guests are invited to the annual **PW CHRISTMAS DINNER** and communion worship service on Mon., Dec. 8th at 6 p.m. Dinner will be in the Great Hall at 6:30 p.m., followed by a worship service in the sanctuary (led by Rev. Lyndsay Slocum, Senior Associate Pastor at Roswell Pres. Church). The cost is \$15 per person. Sign up in the lobby or online at www.slpres.org/pw-christmas-dinner/.

THORNWELL CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Saint Luke's Presbyterian Women has supported **Thornwell Home for Children** for over 30 years with a special Christmas Offering. Join our tradition of making a Thornwell donation in lieu of sending Christmas cards to your Saint Luke's Family!

Place your contribution in the offering plate or use the envelopes provided in the lobby. Donations will be accepted through Dec. 14. **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN.**

CHRISMONS & COOKIES RECEPTION

During both services on Dec. 7, our Presbyterian Women will present their annual gift to our children: a Chrismon ("Christ's Monogram"). To celebrate this sharing of faith, the children of Saint Luke's, their families, and the members who made this year's Chrismons are invited to enjoy Christmas cookies after our 11:00 service in the parlor.

ANGELS NEEDED! You (or your family or small group) can make Christmas special for a needy child. Select a name from the Angel Tree in the lobby, use the listed suggestions to purchase items for that child, place items in the plastic bag provided, and return the gifts to the church by **Sun., Nov. 23rd**.

SHOEBOXES DUE TOMORROW Filled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child are due Mon., Nov. 17th. Just drop them off at the OCC table in the lobby so they can begin their journey around the world to needy children and families. Contact Meg Wallace with any questions: 404.293.1328.

The **OWLS' ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE** will be at Libby Neely's on Dec. 13, 2 - 4 p.m. We will have shrimp and all sorts of goodies to enjoy. There will be drivers at the Church to carpool everyone to and from Libby's. See you then!

SANTA CLAUS EXPRESS The Presbyterian Women are collecting gifts for residents of the Presbyterian Home & Village to remind them that they are not forgotten during the holidays. A suggested gift list is in the lobby. Collection baskets are in the lobby and PW room until **Nov. 30**. Questions: Beverly Miller, 770.394.4833.

ADVENT wreath/calendars and devotional guides are here! Celebrate the season of *Comfort and Joy* with these child-friendly resources, available now in the main lobby.

THE 5:00 FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE on Christmas Eve is age-appropriate for ALL generations! We have reading and non-reading parts for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Please contact Catherine Anne if someone in your family would like to participate. There is only one rehearsal: Sun., Dec. 15 at noon.

BE A TARTAN TROT SPONSOR! We need your help to put on a successful race. All race proceeds go directly to Youth Mission and Saint Luke's Outreach. Pledge cards are available in the lobby, on the Saint Luke's website (www.slpres.org/serve/tartan-trot/) or by email: Laura at laurasingley@att.net. Thanks in advance for your support.

Mark your calendar:

NOVEMBER

16 Congregational Meeting, Noon

17 **Operation Christmas Child:**
Shoeboxes are due

23 PW Bake Sale
Angel Tree: all items due

29 Decorate the Church, 9:30 a.m.

30 **Santa Claus Express:** all items due
Family Promise (through Dec. 7)

DECEMBER

7 Happy Birthday Jesus, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Toys for Tots Concert, 4 p.m.

8 Chrismons & Cookies, Noon
PW Christmas Dinner & Worship, 6 p.m.

13 OWLS Christmas Open House, 2-4 p.m.
Christmas Party, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

14 Lessons & Carols: special music at
8:30 and 11 a.m. services
Thornwell Children's Home:
Last day for Christmas offering
Last day for **Pointsettias**
Service of Comfort & Rest, 5 p.m.

16 Live Nativity, 6-7:30 p.m.

24 Christmas Eve Services:
5:30, 7:30 & 11 p.m.

FINANCE SUMMARY

Month: Oct 2014	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Total Income	\$ 93,544	\$ 99,668	- \$ 6,124
Total Expenses	109,449	119,979	- 10,530
NET	- \$ 15,905	- \$ 20,311	\$ 4,406

Year-to-date: 10/31/2014	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Total Income	\$1,259,976	\$1,221,260	\$38,716
Total Expenses	1,302,906	1,331,412	- 28,506
NET	- \$ 42,930	- \$ 110,153	\$67,223

Financial reports available online.

ATTENDANCE

NOV 9 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 8:30 / 45 11:00 / 256

CHURCH STAFF

Interim PastorRev. Steve Vance
 Associate PastorRev. Shannon Dill
 Associate PastorRev. Phil Brown
 Pastor EmeritusDr. E. Moss Robertson
 Director of Music & OrganistClair Maxwell
 Director of Children's MinistriesCatherine Anne Thomas
 Director of Saint Luke's Little Saints
 Preschool & KindergartenCarol Perry
 Intern for Children & Youth MinistryEmily Wilmesherr
 Director of CommunicationsTina Knoedler
 Administrative AssistantsLiz Catlett & Bonnie Farrar
 ReceptionistSally Hawkins
 Facilities ManagerRoby Price
 TreasurerGary Phipps

SAINT LUKE'S PERIMETER COUNSELING CENTER

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 Director, Perimeter Center
 Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist/Mediator
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ELDERS

Class of 2015:

Jennie Burroughs, Jared Elliot,
 Samantha Holley (*youth*),
 Tricia Igleheart, Fern Mitropoulos,
 Mark Reed, Chris Wiseman,
 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, TJ McGoldrick,
 Donna Nall, Gary Phipps,
 Pete Shelton

DEACONS

Class of 2015:

Maria Barnhart, Matt Biggerstaff,
 Sarah Caverhill, Peter Keohane,
 Julie Knotts, Jack McKenney (*youth*),
 Billy Martin (*Moderator*),
 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

Class of 2017:

Joyce Kratzenberg, Stacey Kruse,
 Joanna Mangum, Stephen Moss,
 Sharon Polensek, Barry Smith,
 Russell Wolfe



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