



SAINT LUKE'S

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

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

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. 23, 2014  11:00 a.m.



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Christ the King Sunday

Liturgical Color: White

White is used on days we celebrate the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, such as Christmas, Easter and Communion Sundays.

The flowers are given for the Glory of God and in gratitude for His many blessings.

– John & Annie Hardy

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

Acolytes Supervisor, Cailin Thelen
Bell Ringer Chris Wolfe
Bible Bearer Ansley Crutchfield
Candle Lighter Julia Strickland
Crucifer Grace Strickland

Chancel Guild Ted & Mary Guerrant

Continental Breakfast Peter Keohane

Greeters Joyce Kratzenberg,
Tom & Sharon Clark

Nursery Supervisor Molly Naugher

Open/Close Bruce Jones

Sound Crew Bob Burroughs

Ushers Captain, Langley Perry;
Dorothy & Mike Kitchens, Mary Frances Kitchens,
Catherine Kitchens

WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are delighted you are worshiping 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 Deacon Taylor Vivian, Elder Saralyn Hill, and our Pastors in the Narthex (Sanctuary lobby). They will 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 are a precious part of our church family, and we encourage all families to include them in worship. Worship notebooks are available on the back ledges of the sanctuary for preschool and elementary ages, and we invite all children to walk up for an age-appropriate message during "Tell Us Our Story" each week. After that time children are welcome to remain in worship, to play and hear a Bible story in **child care** (PreK and younger), or to learn more about our worship traditions in **Faithful Friends** (for K, 1st and 2nd grades).



In Preparation for Worship

Giving and forgiving God, You created the good earth and blessed it. Give us glad and generous hearts, that we may rejoice and give thanks for the abundance of Your creation, the depths of Your mercy, and Your care for all. Amen.



Gathering Prayer

Prelude

Prelude *Richard Proulx*

* Welcome & Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

* Call to Worship

Psalm 100 adapted

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth

People: **We come to worship the LORD with gladness; we enter into God's presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the LORD is God

People: **It is God that made us, and we are God's people; the sheep of God's pasture.**

Leader: Enter the heavenly gates with thanksgiving; the courtyards of the divine with praise.

People: **God is worthy of our praise; may our worship bless God's holy name.**

Leader: For God is good;

All: **His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.**

* Hymn 142

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! *CORONATION*

* Call to Confession

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

* **Prayer of Confession**

Gracious Creator, You have given us so much, but too often we take those gifts for granted, or as something to which we are entitled. You call us to live in caring community, but too often we place our wants and needs first, with those of others a distant second. You call us to share Your gifts with the world around us, but we are worried that there may not be enough, and our worrying gets in the way of our sharing. For all the times when we mistreat and misuse Your gifts, for all the times we assume that we get what we have by ourselves, forgive us and lead us back to the path of wisdom... *(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

Catherine Anne Thomas

Parents may take their young children (through PreK) to our nursery. Parents of children in K, 1st or 2nd grade may take them to the Narthex and fill out a [Faithful Friends](#) name tag, provided a child authorization form is on file. If a form is not on file, parents should take their Faithful Friend to The Harbor, Rm. 213.

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.

Anthem

The King Is Coming *William Gaither, arr. Russell Mauldin*

Chancel Choir

The marketplace is empty, no more traffic in the streets. All the builders' tools are silent, no more time to harvest wheat. Busy housewives cease their labors, in the courtroom no debate. Work on earth is all suspended as the King comes through the gate. Happy faces line the hallways, those whose lives have been redeemed, broken homes that He has mended, those from prison He has freed. Little children and the aged hand in hand stand all aglow, who were crippled, broken, ruined, clad in garments white as snow. I can hear the chariots rumble. I can see the marching throng. The flurry of God's trumpets spells the end of sin and wrong. Regal robes are now unfolding. Heaven's grandstands all in place. Heaven's choir is now assembled, start to sing, "Amazing Grace!"

Oh, the King is coming! I just heard the trumpet sounding, and now His face I see. Praise God, He's coming for me!

Gloria Gaither and Charles Millhuff

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; page 174

Stacey Kruse

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Philippians 4:4-9; page 187

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Power of Giving

Steve Vance

Renewal of Baptism

* Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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.

Hymn 145

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! *MARION*

Offering

Offertory *Proulx*

* Song of Thanksgiving

Hymn 220, All People That on Earth Do Dwell *OLD HUNDREDETH*

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 151

Crown Him with Many Crowns *DIADEMATA*

* Benediction

* Choral Blessing

As You Leave this Place *Kelly Sloan*

Chancel Choir

May the Lord watch over you as you leave this place. May He walk along your side every step of the way and take care of you, be there for you, as you carry His message to the world. Be ever mindful of His presence and give thanks. Amen.

* Postlude

Postlude *Proulx*

WORSHIP NOTE: The organ selections for this morning are from a set of meditations for organ composed by Richard Proulx, a former Chicago area church musician. They are based on the hymn tune WESTMINSTER ABBEY, written by Henry Purcell found on page 416 of our hymnal.

COMMITMENT UPDATE

Dr. Vance reminded us in his sermon last Sunday, that it is important to align our clock and our compass to achieve God's purpose. Transitions can take our minds off of our clocks and compasses. Fortunately, hallways of hearts have reminded us what is important about Saint Luke's: good people filling God's mission to help His people. The *Time & Talent Expo* provided the opportunity to dedicate our God-given skills to His works from Dunwoody to Honduras.

Over the past several weeks, 189 members have pledged \$1,028,346. If you are still prayerfully considering what God is calling you to contribute for the coming year, we will gratefully accept pledges throughout the next several weeks to help Saint Luke's sustain our vision to be a beacon of faith, hope, and love—every member an active disciple in Christ's ministry.

We **refreshed** our memories of what we love about our church: serving God by serving others. We **renewed** our active discipleship through pledges of time, talent and treasure. Now we will **rejoice** in the Lord's blessings upon us, our church and all who are touched by Saint Luke's ministries.

One well-loved Bible verses is "This is the day that the Lord has made, let us be glad and rejoice in it." (Psalm 118:24). Today, we rejoice in the Lord's bounty and good works at Saint Luke's.

Yours in Christ,
Chris Wiseman
Allison Thornton
Kay Loerch

TODAY IS THE PW FALL BAKE SALE!

Home made Orange-Cranberry or Pumpkin Bread is available in the lobby between the worship services and after the 11:00 service.
Proceeds support PW projects and ministries. Sm. \$4 / Lg. \$8.

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.

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>

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.



Music Ministry

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

TOYS FOR TOTS CONCERT is Sun., Dec. 7 at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. This annual event features our own Chancel Choir, Festival Ringers and members of the Premiere Brass. You'll enjoy 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 Saint Luke's will soon have the new Presbyterian hymnal! *Glory to God* is smaller and lighter than our current blue hymnal, yet contains more hymns, and the most popular, newer, singable hymns. A common complaint of the blue hymnal was that many old favorites (such as "I Love to Tell the Story," "Be Still, My Soul," and "Rock of Ages") had been excluded. *Glory to God* includes these hymns, as well as the best content of the more contemporary green hymnal. The Saint Luke's choir loves it! The cost is \$20 each, and you can dedicate a hymnal in honor, memory or celebration of someone special. Contact Clair Maxwell or Mary Guerrant with questions.

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 atslpres.org.

LESSONS AND CAROLS Our annual tradition returns on Sun., Dec. 14 at both morning services. Hear the retelling of the story of the coming of Christ at both services, and be led in song by our choirs at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary. Bring family and friends for a unique morning of scripture and music as we worship together.

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

Special Choir Rehearsals in preparation for Christmas:

Wed., Dec. 3

Cherub Choir, 5:15-5:45 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 7

Youth Choir, 5:30-6:30 p.m. (after Toys for Tots and dinner)

Wed., Dec. 10

Cherub Choir, 5:15-5:45 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 21

ALL CHOIRS, 12:15-1:00 p.m. (Christmas Eve rehearsal)

Wed., Dec. 24, 5 p.m.

Cherub Choir will be singing in the Family Christmas Eve worship service



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.



Youth Connection

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

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

Youth Group 5 - 7:00 p.m. Improv Night: 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.



Children's Ministries (SPLASH!)

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS! Join us in the Great Hall on Sun., Dec. 7, from 9:30 -10:30 a.m. to celebrate the real reason for the Advent season: the birth of Jesus! We'll sing "Happy Birthday," enjoy birthday cake, and do all sorts of fun activities. Middle and High School Youth are invited to come and assist the little ones. There is no admission charge, but a donation of disposable diapers for the Community Assistance Center would be appreciated.

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.

CHECK IT OUT Saint Luke's library has expanded its stock of "Easy Reader" books. The newest additions are displayed on one of the windowsills in the library.

THANK YOU, ANGELS! We are proud to report that all the names were claimed from the Angel Tree. Don't forget to place items in the plastic bag provided, and return the gifts to the church by **Sun., Nov. 23rd**.

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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Dec. 13, 8 a.m.

Our guest speaker will be Jim Strange. More details to come – mark your calendar! Contact Daryl Moore: (H) 770.395.6278 / (Cell) 404.993.6203 / ddmoore@yahoo.com

FAITH & FILM meets the 3rd Friday of each month in room 207. It's an informal opportunity to watch great movies and explore your faith through the lens of today's film culture; bring a friend! Potluck dinner at 7 p.m.; the movie starts at 7:45 p.m. Please RSVP to Cindy or Josh Nunez at breakingbread14@gmail.com or 678.230.1236. Dec. 19 The Christmas Choir NR / 2008

ADVENT RESOURCES: **COMFORT AND JOY**

FOR KIDS: wreath/calendars and devotional guides are available in the main lobby.

FOR ADULTS: Devotional guides are available in the main lobby; a donation of \$2 to offset the cost of the books is appreciated. You can also access the "Comfort and Joy" devotional by using the links below:

for Nook®: <http://goo.gl/OWzzO8>

for Kindle®: <http://goo.gl/AYs4Tc>

CHRISTMAS EVE 5:00 FAMILY WORSHIP

SERVICE is age-appropriate for ALL generations!

We have reading and non-reading parts for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade; sign up at <http://goo.gl/Z4OcNA>. There is only one rehearsal: Sun., Dec. 14 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 website (tartantrot.com) or by email: Laura at laurasingley@att.net.

CHURCH-WIDE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Join your Saint Luke's family for Christmas food, fellowship, and fun on Dec. 13 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the home of Sally and Dan Joyce. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Childcare will be available from 5-9 p.m. (\$5 per child - please let us know their names and ages when you sign up). RSVP on the poster in the lobby. If you have any questions call Fern Mitropoulos or Donna Nall. Hope to see you there!

Mark your calendar:

NOVEMBER

- 23 PW Bake Sale
Angel Tree: all items due
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- 29 Decorate the Church, 9:30 a.m.
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- 30 **Santa Claus Express:** all items due
Family Promise (through Dec. 7)
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DECEMBER

- 7 Happy Birthday Jesus, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Chrismos & Cookies, Noon
Toys for Tots Concert, 4 p.m.
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- 8 PW Christmas Dinner & Worship, 6 p.m.
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- 13 OWLS Christmas Open House, 2-4 p.m.
Christmas Party, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
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- 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 **Poinsettias**
Rehearsal for cast of Christmas Eve Family Service, Noon
Service of Comfort & Rest, 5 p.m.
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- 16 Live Nativity, 6-7:30 p.m.
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- 21 All choirs rehearse for Christmas Eve, 12:15-1:00 p.m.
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- 24 Christmas Eve Services:
5:00, 7:30 & 11:00 p.m.
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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.

CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor	Rev. Steve Vance
Associate Pastor	Rev. Shannon Dill
Associate Pastor	Rev. Phil Brown
Pastor Emeritus	Dr. E. Moss Robertson
Director of Music & Organist	Clair Maxwell
Director of Children's Ministries	Catherine Anne Thomas
Director of Saint Luke's Little Saints Preschool & Kindergarten	Carol Perry
Intern for Children & Youth Ministry	Emily Wilmesherr
Director of Communications	Tina Knoedler
Administrative Assistants	Liz Catlett & Bonnie Farrar
Receptionist	Sally Hawkins
Facilities Manager	Roby Price
Treasurer	Gary Phipps

SAINT LUKE'S PERIMETER COUNSELING CENTER

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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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