

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



power OF CHRIST

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.



SAINT LUKE'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dec. 21, 2014  11:00 a.m.



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4th Sunday of Advent

Liturgical Color: Purple
Purple marks the seasons of penitence and preparation, Advent and Lent.

The flowers are given in honor of Judy & Ron Mason's 45th wedding anniversary.

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

AcolytesSupervisor, Cailin Thelen
Bell Ringer..... James Moebes
Bible BearerHannah Price
Candle LighterCatherine Kitchens
CruciferChristine Turnbull

Chancel GuildTed & Mary Guerrant

Continental Breakfast Barry Smith

Faithful Friends Catherine Anne Thomas

Greeter Niki Rabren

Nursery Supervisor Maghan Cockrell

Open/Close Josh Nunez

Sound Crew Roby Price

UshersCaptain, Mary Martin;
Allyson & John Martin, Kristen & Heyward Wescott

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 loaf of freshly-baked 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. Advent worship bags are available on the back ledges of the sanctuary for preschool and elementary ages to use and take home, 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

God of all comfort and joy, You come with power and might. We are familiar with weakness and limitation. Reveal Your awesome and limitless strength. In a world that desperately needs Your gracious rule, show us the King in the manger. In the name of our merciful and mighty Lord Jesus. Amen.



Gathering Prayer

Phil Brown

Prelude

What Child Is This? *arr. Timothy Albrecht*

Welcome & Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Introduction of New Members

Steve Vance

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

GOD REST YE

The Luranc Family

Our Lord God rules in might and pow'r, and gent - ly leads his sheep; his
life laid down up - on the cross, his flock to safe - ly keep. Yet now our Shep - herd
lies here in a man - ger fast a - sleep: O — ti - dings of com - fort and
joy, com - fort and joy, O — ti - dings of com - fort and joy!

* Hymn #27

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child *TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM*

* Call to Confession

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

* **Prayer of Confession**

God of mercy, hear us as we confess our sin. Power beguiles us and we far too often question not its source or its purpose. We deem ourselves worthy of Your blessing and Your grace assured of our own salvation. We heap material treasures around us as signs of merit and status, then build elaborate defenses to keep our prizes secure. Forgive us the illusion of our own greatness. Guide our sight to a manger awaiting birth of a new kind of power available to all. Hear us as we pray ... *(time of silent confession)*

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer, Amen.

* **Assurance of Forgiveness**

* **Song of Praise**

GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Tell Us Our Story

Phil Brown

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

Just One Child *Kathryn Parrotta*

Chancel Choir

Just one child, just one boy, just one baby born on that night. Just the air, just the moon, just a star of heavenly light. Just one stall, just one bed, just one angel over head. Just the birds, just a lamb, just a shepherd by manger side. Just an ox, just a boar, just the wise men and cattle abide. Not a quake, not a stir, just frankensence, gold and myrrh. On that night, come what may for mankind is reborn on that day, bringing peace, bringing joy. Just the star, just the moon, just the light. Just one tear, just one cry, just one mother and lullaby. Just a life just begun, just a father and his little son. A new light, a new morn, just one child is born. Just a king.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11; page 667

Lou LaMotte

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

1 Peter 2:21-25; page 219

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Paradox of Power

Steve Vance

* **Hymn #48**

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming *ES IST EIN' ROS'*

* **Affirmation of Faith**

1 Peter 2:21-25

We believe that Jesus Christ set before us an example, so that we should follow in His steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in His mouth.' When He was abused, He did not return abuse; when He suffered, He did not threaten; but He entrusted Himself to the One who judges justly. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by His wounds we have been healed. For until His advent we were going astray like sheep, but now we have returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls. Amen.

Offering

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime *arr. Marilyn Biery*

* **Song of Thanksgiving**

W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY

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 grateful heart.

* **Prayer of Dedication**

* **Hymn #40**

Joy to the World! *ANTIOCH*

* **Benediction & Response**

Prepare the Way

Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre - pare the way of the Lord, and all peo-ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God.

* **Postlude**

Glory to God in the Highest *arr. Emily Maxson Porter*

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'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**.

YUCATAN PENINSULA MISSION TRIP!

Our second trip to the Yucatan Peninsula is set for July 5-12, 2015, for a week of working side-by-side with our friends at Accion Ministries (friendsofaccion.org)! We will stay in a lovely local hotel in the historic town of Valladolid. This trip is open to adults of all ages and youth (completed 6th grade and up) traveling with at least one parent. Please contact Shannon if you are interested in participating or learning more about this unique experience!

SAVE THE DATE! Saint Luke's annual women's retreat is coming! March 6-8, 2015 at a new location: the Dillard House. Comfortable accommodations and delicious food. Join us for study, fellowship, and fun. We'll get things rolling with a reception on Friday late afternoon and finish with worship on Sunday morning. Catch up with old friends and make new ones. Come be part of this special weekend! Further details and registration info to come.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN Circle meetings are held monthly in the Parlor the second Mon. at 9:30 a.m. (childcare available) and 7 p.m., and second Tue. at 9:30 a.m. Christy Keohane: christykeohane@yahoo.com.

R.O.C.K. (REACHING OUT THROUGH CROCHETING & KNITTING) Men and women of any age and skill level are welcome to join us every Wed., 10 a.m. to Noon in the Parlor.

SAINT LUKE'S ICONIC WINDOW You can have a miniature of our stained glass window for yourself or as a gift. Look for the kiosk in the lobby, pick up a window, then drop a check for \$60 in the offering plate and mark it "window." ALL the money received goes to our Outreach Fund. A limited number of these windows were made; don't miss out!

LET OUR NOMINATING COMMITTEES HEAR FROM YOU! At the Nov. 16 congregational meeting, two committees were elected. The **Pastor Nominating Committee Nominating Committee** (PNCNC) is composed of Patsy Bradley, Sarah Caverhill, David King (chair), Todd Parker, Wayne Radloff, Kelly Sloan and Miles Young. The **Officer Nominating Committee** is composed of Beth Eisenmesser, Mary Guerrant, Sally Larson, Lindsay Moss, Laura Singley, Barry Smith and David Tharp (chair). If you would like to recommend someone to serve on the PNC or as an elder or deacon, please contact one of these committee members. Recommendation forms are in the lobby and narthexes.

THE PEW RACK COMMITTEE would like to add a few members to our group. It involves keeping the racks on the backs of the pews filled and straight for each Sunday in your particular month. Please contact Jean Kammerer at 770-522-9612 or kammererj@bellsouth.net.

SERVING THE HOMELESS We have two opportunities each month to serve the homeless in our community. This is a great way for families, clubs and small groups to get involved. Please sign up on the lobby bulletin board or call AI Bridges at 770.394.6581.

> **JOURNEY NIGHT SHELTER** Provide dinner for approx. 26 homeless men on the fourth Sunday each month.

> **INTERFAITH OUTREACH HOME (IOH)** provide and deliver meals on the third Thursday of each month (*reimbursable*).

(STILL) ON A MISSION FOR MITTENS

Again this year, PW is collecting mittens for children and adults to be given to the shelters where the sandwich project sandwiches will be distributed. There is a box in the lobby for your donations. All sizes are needed and appreciated.



Music Ministry

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

CHOIR REMINDERS Those singing in the choir on Christmas Eve should report an hour before the service that evening to warm up and get prepared.

Cherub and Westminster Choirs: arrive at 4:00 p.m. for the 5:00 p.m. service

Youth and Chancel Choirs: arrive at 6:30 p.m. for the 7:30 p.m. service

Thanks for your music and Merry Christmas!

GIVE THE GIFT OF MUSIC Consider donating one or more copies of the new Presbyterian hymnal, *Glory to God*, in honor or memory of loved ones as a unique and meaningful Christmas gift. The cost is \$20 per hymnal, and it is an enduring way to contribute to the worship and musical life of this congregation for years to come. Contact Liz Catlett or Clair Maxwell in the church office to make your contributions, and plan to be a part of the hymnal dedication and celebration on Sun., Feb. 8, 2015 at 4 p.m.

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 slpres.org.



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 Tues. from 7-9 p.m. in the Session room. (No class Dec. 23 & Dec. 30).

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

DEC. 21, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Youth Childcare Afternoon

The youth are hosting a childcare afternoon for parents who have some last-minute Christmas things to get ready. Donations will be accepted for Tartan Trot.

DEC. 28 (No Sunday School; No Youth Group)

JAN. 4 9:30 a.m. Meet in the Youth rooms and go to **Dunkin' Donuts (No Youth Group)**

JAN. 11 9:30 -10:30 a.m. Sunday School
5:00-7:00 p.m. Youth Group

HELPING HANDS This ministry matches short term needs (like setting up a computer, driving a member to an appointment, changing light bulbs) with available resources (your time and talents). If you can help, contact Rebecca Strickland: rebstrick@gmail.com, 404.664.5392. If you need a Helping Hand, contact your Deacon.

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 and on the website: tartantrot.com.

MEAL MINISTRY provides meals for members recovering from a surgery or illness, suffering the loss of a loved one, or celebrating a birth or adoption. If you are interested in delivering a meal or would like more info, please contact Krissy Williams: kcwillis7104@yahoo.com.

BUY SOME, SHARE ONE Support local food pantries by buying an extra item every time you go to the grocery store! Donations are collected in the main lobby. Donations go to the Interfaith Outreach Home (IOH) and Community Assistance Center (CAC).

SAINT LUKE'S LITTLE SAINTS PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

Registration for the 2015-2016 school year will take place in the following order:

January 20: Church Members

January 21: Current Families / January 22: New Community Families

Our website is full of information about our church weekday school program.

Please call Carol Perry to schedule tours and classroom observations.

We would love for your Little Saint to join us! 770.393.1424, x240



Worship at Saint Luke's
Service Opportunities on Sundays

- ACOLYTES**Cailin Thelen: 770.330.9622
cailinthelen@gmail.com
2nd-8th Graders; training required. SIGN UP: <http://acolytes.slpres.org>
- CHANCEL GUILD**Tricia Igleheart: 770.395.0412
triciaigleheart@gmail.com
- CHAPEL GUILD** Bill Barbin / wjbpsu70@comcast.net
- CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**..... Meg Wallace: 404.293.1328
megwallace24@gmail.com
Bring breakfast on Sunday morning (reimbursable).
SIGN UP: <http://breakfast.slpres.org>
- FAITHFUL FRIENDS**..... Catherine Anne Thomas: 770.393.1424 x228
cathomas@slpres.org
*Lead our K, 1st & 2nd Graders during the 11:00 service, after "Tell Us Our Story."
Materials & lessons provided.* SIGN UP: <http://faithfulfriends.slpres.org>
- FLOWERS**..... Celeste Fischer: 404.434.8099 / Faye Cashwell: 770.409.1960
*Flowers for the Sanctuary can be given in honor/memory of someone
or a special event.* SIGN UP: **Lobby Bulletin Board; \$80**
- GREETERS** Meg Wallace: 404.293.1328
megwallace24@gmail.com
SIGN UP: <http://greeter.slpres.org>
- SOUND & VIDEO** Roby Price: 770.393.1424 x244
RobyPrice@slpres.org
Training required. SIGN UP: <http://soundcrew.slpres.org>
- USHERS** Paula Humer / pvhumer@gmail.com

Saint Luke's holiday schedule:

- Dec. 23 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- Dec. 24-26 Closed
- Dec. 31 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- Jan. 1-2 Closed

If you have an emergency, please call one of the pastors.



All are invited to Saint Luke's on **Christmas Eve:**

- 5:00 p.m.** A family-friendly worship service in the Sanctuary featuring the Cherub and Westminster Choirs, a retelling of the Christmas story, and candlelight.
- 7:30 p.m.** A candlelight worship service in the Sanctuary with communion. The music will be accompanied by the Adult and Youth Choirs, the Festival Ringers, and other special instruments.
- 11:00 p.m.** An intimate candlelight worship service with communion in the Chapel.

ATTENDANCE

DEC 14	WORSHIP	NURSERY	VISITORS
8:30	55	0	2
11:00	309	25	26

Each Sunday, many of our pews have first-time or repeat visitors. Your smile and welcoming words express the hospitable character of this congregation. Your kindness makes a difference.

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

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