



Christmas Eve

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. 24, 2014  7:30 p.m.

WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are delighted you are worshipping with us! We'd love to tell you more about what God is doing at Saint Luke's throughout the year. Just ask anyone around you, contact Pastor Steve Vance (stevevance@slpres.org), or visit our website (slpres.org). We hope to see you again soon.

December 24, 2014
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Liturgical Color: White

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

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

FOR MORE information about our programs, ministries or membership, please contact Pastor Steve Vance at 770.393.1424.

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



SERVING THIS EVENING

- Acolytes** Supervisor, Cailin Thelen
- Bell Ringer James Moebes
- Bible Bearer Hannah Price
- Candle Lighters Jacob Moebes, Katie Moebes
- Crucifer Grace Strickland
- Chancel Guild** Mary & Ted Guerrant
- Communion Servers** Saint Luke's college students
- Sound Crew** Paul Clay
- Ushers** Captain, Andrea Price; Faye Cashwell;
Nancy Moore; Donna & Anna Grace Nall

In Preparation for Worship

Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. *Isaiah 7:14*



Prelude

Sleepers, Wake! *Johann Sebastian Bach*

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring *Johann Sebastian Bach*

Ave Maria *Franz Schubert*

Welcome & Passing of the Peace

Phil Brown

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Guerrant Family

Now to the Lord sing prais- es all you with-in this place, and with true love and
bro-ther-hood each o-ther now em-brace; this ho-ly tide of Christ-mas all
o - thers doth de - face: O__ ti - dings of com - fort and
joy, com-fort and joy, O__ ti - dings of com - fort and joy!

* Hymn #56

The First Nowell *THE FIRST NOWELL*

* Call to Confession

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

* **Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, Light of the World, You caused light to shine out of darkness in the advent of Jesus our Christ; You continually open to us the ways we are to prepare. We confess our unwillingness to see the light and to walk in Your ways. We have not always opened our eyes to the needs of others, and our feet have wandered from the paths of justice and peace. We ask that the Spirit of Christ be born anew within us, that our hearts may be stirred to glorify the nativity with acts of compassion and service. Listen as we silently pray... *(time of silent confession)*

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer, Amen.

* **Assurance of Forgiveness**

* **Song of Praise**

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7; page 600

Nancy Self

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Luke 2:1-20; page 54

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Light in Our Darkness

Steve Vance

* **Hymn #47**

Still, Still, Still *STILL, STILL, STILL*

* **Affirmation of Faith**

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, Who proceeds from the

Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. Who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering

All Is Well *Michael W. Smith & Wayne Kirkpatrick* Chancel Choir

All is well, angels and men rejoice! For tonight darkness fell into the dawn of love's light. Sing alleluia! Let there be peace on earth. Christ is come go and tell that He is in the manger. Lift up your voice and sing. Born is now Emmanuel. Born is our Lord and Savior.

* Song of Thanksgiving

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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 grateful heart.

* Prayer of Dedication

The Lord's Supper

When coming forward for Communion, please kneel at the closest available space to the center aisle. If you would like to be served where you are sitting, please raise your hand as the communion servers come down the center aisle and you will be served by intinction (dipping the bread in the cup). Everyone is 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 at the center aisle. If you prefer gluten-free bread, please indicate your preference as you approach. Parents, please note the center rings of the communion are filled with wine. Only the outer ring is filled with grape juice.

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

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

O Jesu Sweet *Samuel Scheidt arr. Jack Best* Chancel Choir

O Jesu sweet, O Jesu mild, O holy Babe, Thou blessed Child from heaven on high to earth come down, in Thee our peace, our joy is found. O Jesu dear, Thy holy mother watches near. God's Child Thou art! O heaven blest, all hope, all life in Thee we rest.

What Is This Lovely Fragrance? *arr. Healy Willan*

What is this lovely fragrance wafting like to the scents of flowers in spring? Shepherds, O tell us, whence such beauty, hear you not heavenly caroling? What is this light so fair, so tender breaking upon our wondering eyes? Never the morning star so radiant followed his course o'er eastern skies. Shepherds, O haste with eager footsteps, seek the Savior born today. Low at His feet we lay our treasure, heart's adoration, love for aye.

Sweet Little Jesu *John Erickson*

Sweet little Jesu, come rock the cradle, and in the crib adore Him. Dull care I pray you bury and in the Lord make merry. The throne of God all holy; come worship and adore Him and kneel we down before Him. (G. R. Woodward)

Christmas Prayer

* Candle Lighting

The ushers will light a candle at the end of each pew. Please receive the light by dipping your candle into the lighted candle and passing the light to your neighbor.

* Hymn #60

Silent Night *STILLE NACHT*

**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!"**

* Benediction

* Postlude

Postlude on Christmas Carols *Alexandre Guilmant*

WORSHIP NOTES: Thank you to our musicians this evening: Josh Klein, trumpet; String Quartet: Sinisa Ciric, violin; Christina Volz, violin; Michele Volz, viola; George Butler, cello

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the Lord Himself
will give you this sign:
the virgin shall be
with child, and bear a son,
and shall name him
Emmanuel.*

ISAIAH 7:14

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

CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor Rev. Steve Vance

Associate Pastor Rev. Shannon Dill

Associate Pastor Rev. Phil Brown

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LEADERSHIP

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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,
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David Tharp, Allison Thornton

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