



EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

4th Sunday in Lent

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

March 15, 2015 ❖ 11:00 a.m.



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

The flowers are given by Bill and Ellen Womack in memory of Ellen's mother, Eva Gay Walsh.

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 Matthew Turnbull
- Bible Bearer Hannah Price
- Candle Lighter Jacob Moebes
- Crucifer Christine Turnbull
- Water Bearer Caroline Samuelson

Chancel Guild Jared & Linda Elliot

Continental Breakfast . . . Catherine Ann Thomas

Greeters Barry Smith

Nursery Supervisor Amanda Dunnick

Open/Close Josh Nunez

Sound Crew Roby Price

Ushers Captain, Andrea Price;
Lindy Farley; Jo Hutchinson;
Sonny & Laura Jester; Jean Kammerer

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 Maria Barnhart, Elder Mark Reed, 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. 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

Generosity describes the Christian's unselfish willingness to give in order to make a positive difference for the purposes of Christ. Congregations that practice **Extravagant Generosity** provide ministries that address our spiritual need to give in ways that exceed all expectations and extend to unexpected measures. Fruitful congregations thrive because of extraordinary sharing, willing sacrifice, and joyous giving out of love for God and neighbor. *Robert Schnase*



Pre-Service Music

Maryville Choir

Joining us today is the Maryville College Concert Choir from Maryville, Tennessee. This is the fifth stop of their 8-concert Spring tour, "Speak to us of Love." Stacey Wilner, Director

My God Is a Rock *arr. Shaw/Parker*

MLK *arr. Bob Chilcott*

In Remembrance *Jeffery Ames*

Gathering Prayer

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

The Peace May be Exchanged *Dan Locklair* Josh Sumter, organ

Welcome & Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Introduction of New Members

Call to Worship

Idumea *arr. Bjella*

Maryville Choir

* Call to Confession

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

* **Prayer of Confession**

Creator God, You have given us the power of imagination, through which the future grasps our lives today. We confess that we do not give our lives over to the transforming power of Your spirit. We choose not to hear You call to us. We deny the gifts You grant us. We fail to live in ways that build up the life of Your whole creation. Forgive us, and give us courage, that we may open ourselves to Your guiding Spirit. Draw us into the future toward the new world You are creating; ease our anxiety and encourage us to trust in You. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we offer this and our personal prayers of confession...
(time of silent confession)

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer, Amen.

* **Assurance of Forgiveness**

* **Song of Praise**

#441 Hear the Good News of Salvation *Stanza 2*

Sacrament of Baptism

Percy Red Hardy

Shannon Dill

Parents: Chris & Lauren Hardy

As we welcome Percy into our church family, these family members are also here to help celebrate this special occasion: *Grandparents:* John & Tammy Coalson and John & Annie Hardy; *other friends and family:* Jennifer Coalson; Brent, Jennifer, Luke & Logan Hardy; Ian Hardy; Anne Lane; Michael Patelle.

* **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.

Response Hymn #482

Baptized in Water *BUNESSAN*

Following the elder's statement, the congregation shall respond:

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Percy into Christ's church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support him, to share the good news of the gospel with him, and to help him know and follow Christ.

Tell Us Our Story

Shannon Dill

Parents may take their young children (through PreK) to our nursery, Rm. 121 in Sheppard Hall.

Parents of children in K, 1st or 2nd grade may take them to Faithful Friends in 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

We Are Not Alone *Pepper Choplin*

Maryville Choir

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 5:1-11; page 156

Jan Billions

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 9:1-15; page 172

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Practice of Extravagant Generosity
A Sermon Series on the Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations

Steve Vance

* Hymn #712

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought *FOREST GREEN*

Offering

John the Revelator *arr. Caldwell & Ivory*

Maryville Choir

Giving is a tangible sign of worship. If you give electronically, there is a blue, laminated, 'electronic giving' card in the pew rack to place into the offering plate as it is passed.

* Song of Thanksgiving

Doxology *OLD HUNDREDTH*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn #321

The Church's One Foundation *AURELIA*

* Benediction

* Choral Blessing

Benediction and Amen *Peter Lutkin*

Maryville Choir

* Postlude

Toccata in D minor *Gaston Belier*

Josh Sumter, organ

LENT AT SAINT LUKE'S

Join us as we learn the [Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations](#): radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, extravagant generosity and risk-taking mission & service. These practices will be at the heart of our sermons and classes throughout Lent. Pick up the devotional, [Cultivating Fruitfulness](#), for your daily journey through Lent. (*Available from Liz Catlett in the Church Office for \$8.*)

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| MAR 15 4th Sunday in Lent | TOPIC: Extravagant Generosity |
| Maryville College Choir | at 11:00 a.m. service |
| MAR 22 5th Sunday in Lent | TOPIC: Risk-Taking Mission & Service |
| Youth Sunday | |
| MAR 29 Palm Sunday | TOPIC: Faithful Fruitfulness |
| | Church-Wide Luncheon |
| | Easter Egg Hunt |
| APR 2 Maundy Thursday | 7:30 p.m. service in the Sanctuary |
| APR 3 Good Friday | Noon in the Chapel, followed by a soup lunch |
| APR 5 Easter Sunday | 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service |
| | 8:30 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary |
| | 11:00 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary |

Palm Sunday Activities

PLEASE JOIN US in the Great Hall on Palm Sunday (March 29th) immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service. Enjoy lunch with your church family for only \$5/person (pay at the door; \$15/family max).

CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT will follow the luncheon. Before the 29th, please drop off a bag of wrapped candy for each of your little egg hunters (labels and a collection bin are in Sheppard Hall). This year's hunt will be a little different, but we will still group kids by age so everyone can have fun. If you'd like to help with this event, please contact Catherine Anne Thomas, 770.393.1424 ext. 228.

Easter Bags for CHRIS Kids

Saint Luke's Presbyterian Women is proud to facilitate this yearly outreach program to children and youth in foster care: CHRIS KIDS. With your help, we'll provide Easter bags and joy to these special kids. Here are 3 ways to help:

1. Find a Presbyterian Woman wearing bunny ears in the lobby after church and get a bag (or two). Fill your bag(s) and return to the CHRIS Kids box in the church lobby NO LATER than 1 p.m. on Sun., March 22.
2. Offer a monetary contribution towards purchasing and filling bags; checks can be made to Saint Luke's PW – write 'CHRIS Kids' on the memo line
3. Make a donation for the CK Wish List (available in the lobby).

Thank you in advance for your support of the CHRIS Kids mission to HEAL children, STRENGTHEN families, and BUILD community. For questions or more information, contact Stephanie McGoldrick (tsmcgoldrick@gmail.com) or Krissy Williams (kcwills7104@yahoo.com).

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPECIAL: FEAST!

March 18 is the last evening of FEAST until Fall. Over the past few weeks we have enjoyed several guest speakers, and our last one is this Wednesday in the Chapel at 6:30 p.m, following dinner:

A Dwelling Place for God: the Story of Creation in the New Testament
Dr. Stan Saunders

FAMILY PROMISE Homelessness doesn't take a break on holidays, even if many of our volunteers do! Saint Luke's is hosting homeless children and their families starting Easter Sun., April 5th. Yes, we just finished a week in Feb., and yes, this hosting week overlaps with Spring Break. Our next turn to host is several months away and won't be at Thanksgiving or Christmas, so won't you volunteer? Volunteering is easy and means so much to these families. Please share this need with friends and sign up today: <http://tinyurl.com/SLPCFPApr2015>. Thank you!

FOOD PANTRY IN NEED OF CRITICAL ITEMS The CAC Food Pantry is in need of assorted vegetables (canned), peas (canned), baked beans, tuna & canned meats, cereal, mac & cheese, tomato sauce, peanut butter. Please help refill the pantry with these items for neighbors in need. With your support, CAC gives food to about 500 families a month. There is a collection bin in the lobby.



Children's Ministries (SPLASH!)

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

DON'T MISS THE EASTER EGG HUNT! This year's event is on Mar. 29 (Palm Sunday). Please make a donation of one bag of wrapped candy per 'egg hunter.' Use the labels at the collection bin in Sheppard Hall.

VBS REGISTRATION & VOLUNTEERS Vacation Bible School at Saint Luke's is June 8-11, with the theme of **Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power**. For info and registration: <http://www.slpres.org/vbs-2015-everest/>. To volunteer, sign up at the 'Mountain' in the lobby.



Youth Connection

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

Stay current with Saint Luke's Youth Ministry by signing up for text message updates. Dial 81010 and text:

for Middle School updates: youth, text **@6th-8thSL** parents, text **@MSparentSL**
for High School updates: youth, text **@9th-12thSL** parents, text **@HSparentSL**

SUNDAY

MAR. 15 9:15 a.m. Leave Saint Luke's for youth-centered worship, lunch, and the HUNGER WALK at Turner Field. Bring a camp chair to sit in for worship.

No evening Youth Group.

7 - 8:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY

MAR. 18 5:45 - 7:15 p.m. Come for dinner and fellowship - last one for this school year.

SUNDAY

MAR. 22 Youth Sunday Arrive at 9 a.m. to receive a part in the 11:00 a.m. service and have a short practice.

5:30 p.m. Service night: deliver dinner to Druid Hills Night Shelter.

SUNDAY

MAR. 29 5 - 7:00 p.m. Youth Group

No Youth Choir rehearsals after March 22. Rehearsals resume in the Fall.

No Youth Group: April 5 (Easter), April 12 (Spring Break), April 26 (Chastain)

APR. 19: Senior Dinner



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. Descriptions available at: <http://bit.ly/AdultSundaySchool>

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

FRIDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

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

DAYTIME SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Explore some of the history, story and our understanding of the Bible. The resource for the class is \$15. Please contact Shannon Dill to register (info above). 11 a.m.-Noon on Fridays

MOMS GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Encouragement, laughter, sharing and study ("Animate: Bible"). Childcare for preschool-age children available from SLLS with prior reservation. Contact Shannon Dill to register (info above). Wednesdays from 10-11 a.m.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Saint Luke's is helping to build another Atlanta

'Habitat for Humanity' home. Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/habitat19>.

Questions? Daryl Moore: 770.395.6278; ddmoore@yahoo.com. If you'd like to carpool, meet at the church parking lot (Manhasset) in time to depart by 7:15 a.m.

GRAND CONCOURSE – A PERFORMANCE WITH A MISSION

Journey Men's Shelter and Intown Collaborative Ministries are excited to partner with Horizon Theatre on a special **March 24** preview of their newest production, *Grand Concourse*. Set in a soup kitchen in the Bronx, the show explores the themes of faith, service and self-help. Following the performance, ICM and Journey will collaborate on a 'Talk Back' with the audience about the themes explored in the play and how they play out in real life. Journey and ICM serve hundreds of homeless individuals in and around the Poncey Highland community. You can purchase tickets on the Journey Men's Shelter web site (www.JourneyShelter.org) at a special price of \$20 each. It's a wonderful opportunity to see **The Horizon Theatre's** latest production while learning about the great work being done by two organizations supported through the ministry of this church.

STAY & PLAY ON FRIDAYS Saint Luke's Little Saints offers a program for preschoolers on Fri. mornings, 9:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Contact Carol Perry, 770.393.1424, ext. 240.

M.E.G. (Marriage Enrichment Group) meeting dates for Spring: 3/15, 4/19, 5/17. Call Kimey Reed for details: 404.441.8614.

"THE GOSPEL OF JOHN" by Brad Sherrill will be performed at the Dunwoody Stage Door Players on April 1 & 2. With a few simple props, music and sound, the fourth gospel comes to life in a vibrant, one-man performance. For tickets call 770.396.1726.

FITNESS OPPORTUNITIES

- > **CHRISTIAN DANCE PARTY** / exercise class
Thurs., 7-8:00 p.m.; \$6 per class. Ciara Simone:
CiaraSimone@yahoo.com / 404.454.7869.
- > **TAI CHI** Tues. & Thurs., 12:30-1:30 p.m.;
\$10 per class. Sam Evans: educcons@aol.com /
678.650.2399.

NEW DATE & TIME: Faith & Film will meet this month on **Saturday, March 28th** at 6 p.m. in room 207. Potluck dinner at 6 p.m.; the movie starts at 6:45 p.m. Please RSVP to Cindy or Josh Nunez at breakingbread14@gmail.com or 678.230.1236.

God's Not Dead (2014) PG

College student Josh Wheaton encounters an atheistic philosophy teacher who insists that God is dead; Josh dedicates himself to proving the professor wrong.

SUPPER CLUB Mar. 21 at 7 p.m., join with fellow Saint Luke's couples and singles for a potluck-style dinner at a member's home. It's a great way to connect with old and new friends and share food, fellowship, and fun! Sign up on the poster in the lobby to host or participate.
RSVP by Mon., Mar. 16. Questions: Fern Mitropoulos (770.343.8996) or Donna Nall (770.512.0959).

OWLS (Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors) **TUES., MARCH. 24, 11:30 A.M.** One of our own, Ron Valdes, will lead us in Trivia competition. Expect surprises, including some items regarding current events, fond memories and our Saint Luke's staff. Mark your calendar and bring a friend. See you there!

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.

Holy Week & Easter Services:

SUNDAY

MARCH 29

Palm Sunday

8:30 & 11 a.m.

- Luncheon*
- Egg Hunt*

THURSDAY

APR 2

Maundy Thursday

7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

APR 3

Good Friday

12:00 Noon Worship

Followed by lunch

SUNDAY

APR 5

Easter Sunday

7 a.m. Sunrise Service

8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship Services in the Sanctuary

* see bottom of page 6



Serve at Saint Luke's

Put your faith into action by serving your church family.

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.

SIGN UP: <http://breakfast.slpres.org>

FAITHFUL FRIENDS Catherine Anne Thomas

770.393.1424 x228 / cathomas@slpres.org

Lead our K-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

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SIGN UP: <http://greeter.slpres.org>

LAY READERS Wayne Radloff

404.668.7647 / wayneradloff@gmail.com

PEW RACK COMMITTEE Jean Kammerer

770.522.9612 / kammererj@bellsouth.net

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



Please recycle

SOON YOU'LL BE SEEING GREEN After this service, look for a green-shirted member of "The Saint Luke's Green Team" and recycle this bulletin. This is the first tiny step in our efforts to be better stewards of our environment by recycling what we can at church. Watch the bulletin for more info – and then recycle it!

FINANCE SUMMARY

Month: Feb 2015	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Total Income	\$150,280	\$136,900	\$13,379
Total Expenses	164,777	166,382	- 1,605
NET	-\$ 14,498	-\$ 29,482	\$14,984

Year to Date: Feb 28, 2015	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Total Income	\$411,566	\$397,500	\$14,066
Total Expenses	301,826	309,418	- 7,592
NET	\$109,740	\$ 88,082	\$21,658

Financial reports available online.

ATTENDANCE

MAR 8	WORSHIP	NURSERY	VISITORS
8:30	76	0	12
11:00	174	18	5

CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor	Steve Vance
Associate Pastor	Shannon Dill
Associate Pastor	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



SAINT LUKE'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEADERSHIP

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:

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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