



SAINT LUKE'S

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

COMMITMENT SEASON

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.

September 27, 2015 ✦ 11:00 a.m.



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18th Sunday After Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green

Green is used to represent spiritual growth.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nancy Swing Cutler by Tim, Louanne, Parker and Brown Cutler.

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..... Allie Hearn
Bible Bearer Caroline Wiseman
Candle Lighter Ansley Crutchfield
Crucifer Katie Moebes

Chancel Guild Mike & Dorothy Kitchens

Continental Breakfast Diane LeMaster

Greeter Justine Burney

Open/Close Miles Young

Sound Crew Bob Burroughs

Ushers Kevin, Susan, Rebecca & Katie Miller;
Ted Guerrant; Mark & Kimey Reed

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 Kristen Wescott, Elder Bill Womack, 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

To be in the church is to be a member of household not defined by buildings or a denomination or difference but a new people with values, views and virtues living for all to see what being Christ's extended family is all about.



Gathering Prayer

Steve Vance

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Prelude *Bedrich Wiedermann*

Welcome & Passing of the Peace

Phil Brown

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minute for Committment

Rob Price

* Call to Worship

Leader: Open wide the doors,

People: **Invite the people in and send us out into the world.**

Leader: Open our hearts.

People: **See what love can do. Let God work through us.**

Choir: Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!

Leader: Open our minds and open our eyes.

People: **Let us see You at work throughout our daily lives,
and in people made in Your image.**

Leader: Open our voices.

People: **To share our stories of faith and to sing praises to You, God.**

Choir: Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!

* Hymn #321

The Church's One Foundation *AURELIA*

* Call to Confession

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

* **Prayer of Confession**

Loving God, You call us in all the seasons of life. In darkness and in light, in joy and in sorrow. Jesus, You beckon us to follow You, to live as You showed to be obedient to what You have taught. Yet often we hold back. We question how we can know Your voice, we make excuses of things we have to do and words we have to share. We look for the great task, and You give us the common work of being witnesses and loving and caring for those near us and in our community. Forgive us, we plead. Empower us through Your Spirit that we may be bold disciples... *(time of silent confession)*

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer, Amen.

* **Assurance of Forgiveness**

* **Song of Praise**

Glory Be to the Father *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

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: new procedure for **Faithful Friends; see the bottom of page 8.*

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

Come Dwell in Solomon's Walls
Z. Randall Stroope

Chancel Choir

When the final timber lay against the measured stones, with the doorposts in their place overlaid with gold, the Lord appeared to Solomon, blessing all the house, also the temple of the ark of God, pure and whole.

Come dwell in Solomon's walls, come and dwell in the house of the Lord where the humble bow down seeking wisdom and strength, for the Lord dwells within and heals their land.

Where wisdom and righteousness, justice and holiness join at the feet of God.

When the people of this house kneel and humbly pray, when they turn from dark to light and your will obey, O Lord of heaven and Lord of earth, show favor on this house, and heal, restore, forgive and bless, Lord, we pray.

Old Testament Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-17; page 268

Kari Young

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading Ephesians 2:11-22; page 181

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon A House Not Made of Bricks Steve Vance

* **Hymn #712** As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought *FOREST GREEN*

* **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.

Offering Praise Him Praise Him *arr. Larry Shackley*
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** We Give Thee but Thine Own *SCHUMANN*

We give Thee but Thine own, what e'er the gift may be; all that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

* **Prayer of Dedication**

* **Closing Hymn** God Builds a House *Lisa Ann Moss Degrenia*

God builds a house with living stone, with mortar made of sweat and prayer.
It's beams of faith are nailed to Love and sealed with blood that will not wear.
Come bless the building of Your house around Your hearth of living bread;
through sacred meal and Word proclaimed so hearts and souls and minds are fed.
Come gift the building of Your house with healing ways for life and land;
through water bath and oil outpoured for prayer and laying on of hands
Come free the building of Your house from all that binds Your holy work.
Lay waste our walls that now divide so all may live their sacred worth
All praise the Master Carpenter. Creation's God now glorify,
Who makes a house from old, dry bones; from us once dead, but now alive!

* **Benediction**

* **Postlude** Postlude *John Holler*

Sunday Spotlights:



This Sunday marks the beginning of **COMMITMENT SEASON** here at Saint Luke's... a time to consider the blessings of God in your life and in the life of this congregation... a time to recommit to the ministry we share and support through our financial commitments for the upcoming year.

A number of activities are planned for this season, including personal testimonies from a variety of members during worship. Best of all, on Oct. 18, we will gather as one church family for a single worship service and Holy Communion at 11:00 a.m. followed by a church luncheon in the Great Hall.

This coming year is an important one as we call a new pastor, so please join us in supporting the mission and ministry of Saint Luke's through your tithe and generosity. Campaign Information and Pledge Forms are available in the Lobby beginning today.



TODAY: BLOOD DRIVE IN THE GREAT HALL

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Contact Eileene Pritt with questions: 770.921.3153.



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING In partnership with the City of Dunwoody, Saint Luke's is hosting a city-wide electronics recycling event on Oct. 4, 2:00-5:00 p.m. Pre-register by Sept. 25 by sending an email saying you are planning to attend: dunwoodyrecycling@gmail.com.

Items accepted at no charge: computers, computer accessories, CRT monitors/televisions, console/plasma/projection TVs, printers, fax machines, circuit boards, copiers, phones/cell phones, stereos/VCRs/CD-players, networking equipment, small household appliances

Items NOT accepted: liquids of any kind, smoke detectors, mercury-containing devices, air conditioners, light bulbs, freon-containing devices, bare lead glass tubes, large household appliances, florescent tubes, loose batteries, wood speakers. NO paper shredding.



THIS IS SUCH AN EXCITING TIME IN THE LIFE OF SAINT LUKE'S! Today in the Chapel during the Sunday School hour, Mark Roberson from our presbytery's Committee on Ministry joined Shannon and Steve for a special update regarding the "Church Assessment Tool" that many of you contributed to last Spring.

YOUTH CONNECTION

Phil Brown

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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**
for Youth Choir updates: text **@choirSL**

Sundays: 9:30-10:30 a.m. Youth Sunday School meets upstairs in Sheppard Hall
12:15-1:00 p.m. Youth Choir rehearsal
3:30-5:00 p.m. Middle Schoolers meet in the Great Hall
5:00-6:30 p.m. High School students meet at the Eisenmesser's home

Wednesday Night Feast Dinner starts at 5:45; Youth classes/activities follow.

Oct 16-18 Middle School Retreat Register online (slpres.org) by Oct. 8

Nov 6 - 8 High School Retreat

MUSIC MINISTRY

Clair Maxwell

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770.393.1424 ext. 227

Weekly Choir Rehearsals:

Sundays	12:15-1:00 p.m.	Youth Choir
Wednesdays	5:15-5:45 p.m.	Cherub Choir
	5:00-5:45 p.m.	Westminster Choir
	6:30-7:20 p.m.	Festival Ringers
	7:30-9:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir

ORGAN + SILENT FILM Fri., Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. Guest organist Tom Trenney will perform a unique program on our new sanctuary Schantz organ, including a brief concert featuring Bach, variations on "America," and improvisations to poems by Shel Silverstein, followed by a live theater organ style accompaniment to two silent film classic comedies: *Big Business* (Laurel & Hardy), and *One Week* (Buster Keaton). It's sure to be a fun evening for the whole family! Refreshments and child care provided. A free will offering will be taken.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FEAST at Saint Luke's, a weekly time for fellowship, dinner, faith exploration, and choir rehearsals. Everyone is welcome to join us for any or all of the evening activities. **Pick up the Feast brochure** for class descriptions, schedule, full menu, and registration form, or view it online at slpres.org. Fill out a blue "Feast" pew card and drop it in the offering basket to make a reservation for this Wednesday night.

ADULT MINISTRY

Shannon Dill

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL classes meet between the worship services, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Descriptions of current groups are available on our website (slpres.org) or <http://bit.ly/AdultSundaySchool>. Please join us!

FRIDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Fellowship and Bible study every Fri. from 6:40-8:00 a.m. in the Parlor with Dan Joyce.

WEDNESDAY MORNING MOMS meet 10-11 a.m. on Wednesdays (through 11/11) to discuss *Death By Suburb: How to Keep the Suburbs from Killing Your Soul*. Take this time each Wed. to stop, center yourself, and reconnect. Bring a friend and come as you are! Contact Shannon Dill (info above) with questions.

SPLASH! CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Catherine Anne Thomas

cathomas@slpres.org / 770.393.1424 ext. 228

FAITHFUL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Our weekly program during the 11:00 worship service, *Faithful Friends*, needs friendly adult volunteers to facilitate a pre-planned lesson with K-2nd Grade kids each week. Please use <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0444a9af2fa13-faithful1> to sign up for a Sunday or two. Thank you!

WED. NIGHT VOLUNTEERS On Wed. evenings, kids ages 4-5 will enjoy a video clip, music videos, games, lively activities, and take-home fun in our new series: Deep Blue. This is taught by a rotating schedule of adult volunteers – we sure could use your help! To sign up, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/DeepBlue2015>.

***FAITHFUL FRIENDS: A NEW WAY TO GET THERE!** After *Tell Us Our Story* (during the 11:00 service only), parents of all K, 1st, & 2nd Graders may bring their student and "follow the cross." Lauren Fogarty will assist you at signing your child in to *Faithful Friends* and give you a security clip. Pick up your child after worship in The Harbor (upstairs, room 213).

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN Circle meetings are held monthly in the Parlor the second Mon. at 9:30 a.m. (childcare available) and 7:30 p.m., and second Tue. at 9:30 a.m. For more information please contact Faye Cashwell: 770.409.1960 / faye@cashwellhome.com or Andrea Price: 770.551.0266 / andreacoppedgeprice@gmail.com

DIVORCE RECOVERY GROUP Are you or someone you know going through (or have gone through) the horrible pain of divorce? Many find it helpful to go through the process with others who understand; to have a safe place to express thoughts, feelings and fears; to be encouraged in the process of moving on with life in a healthy way. As a community of faith, this small group can bear one another's burdens, rejoice with those who are rejoicing and weep with those who are weeping. This new group will meet Tues. nights at Saint Luke's from 7-8:30 p.m. for 8 weeks. To decide if this group would be helpful for you or your friend, call Paula Morris: 770.570.995.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Make plans to join your Saint Luke's family in the Great Hall for a luncheon after the 11 a.m. worship service on the following Sundays:

Oct. 18 / Nov. 22 / Dec. 20 / Feb. 7

Mar. 20 / Apr. 10 / May 22

Meals are \$5/person (\$15/family max).

Watch the bulletin for RSVPs before each event; you're encouraged to invite a friend!

GOOD LISTENING is such a loving act that we can even substitute it for the word "love" in St. Paul's passage from 1 Corinthians 13:

Listening is patient and kind; it is not jealous or conceited or proud; Listening is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable; Listening does not keep a record of wrong; Listening is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth. Listening never gives up; and its faith, hope and patience never fail...

Allow a trained Stephen Minister to confidentially listen to your concerns. Please contact referrals coordinators Shannon Dill (770.393.1424, ext. 229) or Laura Strange (770.490.4395).

UMBRELLAS AND GLASSES AND TOYS... OH MY!

Please take a look at our 'Lost & Found' in the Coat Room closet in the lobby.

All items remaining in the closet after Oct. 1 will be donated to Goodwill.

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 Sandra Clay: sandrabclay@comcast.net.

PRAYER MINISTRY The prayer team offers intercessory prayers to God on Sundays at 10:35 a.m. in Room 137. Please join us. Contact Paula Barbin: barbin@fulton.k12.ga.us.

VISITING CARE TEAM connects with members who are not able to come to church, but benefit from some personal contact with their church family. Contact Lucy Painter: lucypainter@comcast.net / 770.393.8044.

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 Barry Smith: pseinc@mindspring.com / 404.731.7020. If you need a Helping Hand, contact your Deacon.

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.

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 SERVES JOURNEY & IOH Volunteers are needed from now through Aug. 2016. Please sign up your family, group or class in the lobby or call AI Bridges at 770.394.6581.

JOURNEY Provides shelter and food for approximately 26 homeless men. Saint Luke's prepares and serves a meal on the fourth Sunday of each month. Eating with the men is encouraged and they enjoy the companionship.

INTERFAITH OUTREACH HOME (IOH) provides transitional housing for homeless families. On the third Thursday of each month, the adults have life skills training and Saint Luke's provides and delivers a meal (approx. 15 kids and 10 adults). Meal expenses are reimbursable by Saint Luke's.

FITNESS OPPORTUNITIES

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

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. Faye Cashwell: 770.409.1960
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USHERS Paula Humer
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hours are Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

PRAYER GUIDE Sally Hawkins
Call Sally with questions or requests

CHURCH CALENDAR Bonnie Farrar
Call Bonnie (ext. 225) with schedule requests

FINANCE SUMMARY

Month: Aug 2015	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Total Income	\$115,448	\$113,500	\$ 1,948
Total Expenses	110,177	126,819	- 16,642
NET	\$ 5,271	-\$ 13,319	\$18,590

Year to Date: Aug 31, 2015	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Total Income	\$1,037,906	\$1,066,300	-\$28,394
Total Expenses	1,038,204	1,067,022	- 28,818
NET	-\$ 298	-\$ 722	\$ 424

Detailed reports available in the church office.

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 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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SAINT LUKE'S
 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEADERSHIP

Terry Nall, *Assistant Clerk to Session*

ELDERS

Class of 2016:

Claire Cummiskey (*youth*),
 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, Paula Morris,
 Donna Nall, Gary Phipps,
 Rob Price, Pete Shelton

Class of 2018:

Gerald Aldridge, Carol Allen,
 Barbara Douglass, Anne Hallum,
 Dan Joyce, Jean Kammerer,
 Chip Williams, Bill Womack

DEACONS

Class of 2016:

Sandra Clay, Amanda Dunnick,
 Shawn Hamlin, Niki Rabren,
 Katherine Robeson,
 Rebecca Strickland (*moderator*),
 Jenny Troha, Michelle Vail,
 Meg Wallace, Hayley Wolfe (*youth*)

Class of 2017:

Sandra DuBois, Kris Hull,
 Joyce Kratzenberg, Stacey Kruse,
 Joanna Mangum, Stephen Moss,
 Sharon Polensek, Barry Smith,
 Russell Wolfe

Class of 2018:

Justine Burney, Bobby Ferretti,
 Diane Lemaster, Joe Luranc,
 Lucy Painter, Debbie Parkes,
 David Stover, Shari Wassell,
 Kristen Wescott