



SAINT LUKE'S

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

DEDICATION 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.

October 25, 2015 ✦ 11:00 a.m.



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Dedication Sunday

Liturgical Color: *Green*

Green is used to represent spiritual growth.

The flowers are given in celebration of the beginning of Lila Jean and Lou Lamont's 69 years together.

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.....Valentina Thelen
 Bible Bearer Sophie Price
 Candle Lighter.....Hannah Price
 Crucifer Elise Hearn
 Water Bearer Carlisle Hearn

Chancel Guild Mark & Kimey Reed

Continental Breakfast Amanda Dunnick

Open/Close Steve Klein

Sound Crew Paul Clay

Ushers David King

WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are delighted you are worshipping 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 Russell Wolfe, Elder John Eager, 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

As people grow in their relationship to Christ, they grow in the practice of extravagant generosity, offering more and more of themselves for the purposes of Christ and providing the resources that strengthen ministry, helping the church touch the lives of more and more people in the same way their own lives have been touched and transformed by God.”

– Robert Schnase, *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*



Gathering Prayer

Phil Brown

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Passacaglia *Austin Lovelace*

Welcome

Steve Vance

Minute for Commitment

Stephanie McGoldrick

* Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

* Call to Worship

Leader: We gather in worship to celebrate this community of Christ’s people!

People: **We celebrate the love that we have for one another, the support that we give to one another and the journey we are on united by God’s grace.**

Leader: We come together this day to delight in offering our gifts.

People: **We delight in the gifts we are giving, the pledges we are making and the future we are creating.**

Leader: We join our hearts and our spirits today and delight in giving.

People: **We are here! We are delighted! We are united!**

Leader: Let us worship the God who loves when we delight in giving.

All: **Let us worship God!**

* Hymn #309

Come, Great God of All the Ages *ABBOT’S LEIGH*

* Call to Confession

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

* **Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, we confess that we do not live lives of rejoicing. We are afraid to give of what You have given us. We do not find our joy in Your service. We do not find our hope in the sacrifice of love for which You ask. We think of ourselves and feel impoverished. We think of others and feel nothing. Forgive us, Loving One, as we ask for Your mercy. Turn us from selfish ways to loving ways so that we may begin again. Empower our lives so that through Your Spirit we may be bold disciples. We ask in Your Holy name...

(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.

Sacrament of Baptism

Matthew James Blakely

Steve Vance

Parents: Daniel & Melissa Blakely

Also here to celebrate with the family are Grandparents: Kathy and Calvin Boswell, Jim & Ann Blakely; and Great Grandmother: Francis Blakely.

* **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 Matthew 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

Catherine Anne Thomas & Shannon Dill

Presentation of 3rd Grade Bibles

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 "follow the cross" to Faithful Friends in The Harbor, Rm. 213. See page 10.

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Shannon Dill

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

Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices
HARWELL, arr. Larry Shackley

Chancel Choir
Kelly Sloan, piano

Hark, ten thousand harps and voices sound the note of praise above! Jesus reigns, and heav'n rejoices, Jesus reigns, the God of love; See, He sits on heaven's throne; Jesus rules the world alone. Alleluia! Amen! Sing how Jesus came from Heaven, how He bore the cross below, how all power to Him is given, how He reigns in glory now. 'Tis a great and endless theme; O, 'tis sweet to sing of Him. King of glory, reign forever! Thine an everlasting crown. Nothing from Thy love shall sever those whom Thou hast made Thine own: Savior, hasten Thine appearing; bring, O bring the glorious day, when, the angel trumpet sounding, heaven and earth shall pass away; Then with golden harps we'll sing, "Glory, glory to our king!" *Thomas Kelly*

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:1-9; page 689

Mary Louise Connor

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading

1st Corinthians 3:9-11; page 157

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Homecoming

Layton Williams

Offering

This morning we present and dedicate our 2016 Financial Commitments to the glory of God for the work of ministry at Saint Luke's and beyond. When directed by the ushers, please proceed down the center aisle and place your 2016 pledges and your Sunday offering in the baskets. Return to your pew by the side aisle. If you have already submitted your pledge, please use the electronic giving card found in the pew rack.

* Hymn #708

We Give Thee but Thine Own *SCHUMANN*



* **Litany of Dedication**

Leader: Great God of Love, in Christ You offer us the light of the world.

People: We pray that Your Spirit will move us to reflect that light to others.

Leader: O God, You name us the salt of the earth.

People: We pray that You will use us to bring health and healing to a hurting world.

Leader: Teach us to be good stewards of our love and compassion.

People: May we learn to share the burdens of others and lighten their load.

Leader: Teach us to be good stewards of our time and talents.

People: May we learn that in serving Your church we glorify Your name.

All: Help us to seek Your will in all that we do. Amen.

* **Hymn #301**

Let Us Build a House *TWO OAKS*

* **Benediction**

* **Postlude**

Trumpet Tune *Aaron Miller*

LAYTON WILLIAMS is the daughter of church members Beth and Don Dresher. Layton grew up here at Saint Luke's — roaming the hallways as a young child, participating in every level of the youth ministry and in the life of the church as a whole, and learning what it means to love and serve God and neighbor.

After graduating from the University of Georgia, Layton moved to Austin, Texas, where she served as an AmeriCorps volunteer and spent three years working with middle and high school students as a nonprofit educator. She then attended Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and received her M.Div. in the spring of 2014. While at APTS, Layton was awarded the Crawley Fellowship — the highest award given to an incoming student. She also received the Pile-Morgan Fellowship, one of three awards given to outstanding graduates.

Layton was ordained as a Teaching Elder to serve as Pastoral Resident at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, Illinois. As Pastoral Resident, she oversees a variety of ministries including Jazz Worship, Young Adult ministry, and Adult Education.

She writes, "I have particular passions for theology, teaching, preaching, writing, storytelling, and justice work. I'm deeply invested in the question of how our worship and theology are intertwined with our call to justice and community — and where the church within the walls meets the church beyond the walls."

Welcome home, Layton!

Sunday Spotlights:



TODAY IS DEDICATION SUNDAY

Today you're invited to bring your completed 2016 Pledge Form forward during the offering as we celebrate the privilege of accomplishing great things in God's name through the generosity of your time, talents and treasures. God has work for us to do in 2016! This is an exciting time to be a part of Saint Luke's, and your financial pledge helps us to plan responsibly for the future. A copy of the Pledge Form is on page 11 of this bulletin.



LATER TODAY: TRUNK 'N TREAT!

Dress up, invite your friends, and don't miss this fun annual event! The fun & games begin at 4 p.m. today, followed by Trunk 'n Treating, a costume parade, and a Spooktacular supper in the Great Hall. Meal tickets must be purchased in advance and are available in the lobby after this worship service.

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
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
	4:00 p.m.	Trunk 'n Treat!

Wednesday Night Feast	Dinner starts at 5:45; Youth classes/activities follow.
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Nov 6-8	High School Retreat
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ADULT MINISTRY

Shannon Dill

shannondill@slpres.org / 770.393.1424 ext. 229

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.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Clair Maxwell

clairmaxwell@slpres.org
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

MUSIC MINISTRY SUNDAY is Nov. 15 – Save the date! Don't miss this special Sunday when all our choirs lead us in worship and celebrate the music ministry at our church!

SING FOR CHRISTMAS! If you would like to participate in the Toys for Tots concert or the Lessons and Carols service, plan to join us for choir rehearsals beginning in Nov. to learn the music. Space is available in all our choirs, and everyone is welcome. Be a part of this musical time of the year!

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://tinyurl.com/SLfaithfulfriends> 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>.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FEAST at Saint Luke's is 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.

SUPPER CLUB: NOV. 7 Let's enjoy some Fall fellowship! Join with fellow Saint Luke's couples or singles for a potluck style dinner at a member's home! You'll reconnect with old friends or meet new ones and share food, fellowship, and fun. RSVP on the poster in the lobby by Nov. 2 to host or participate. Call Fern Mitropoulos (770.343.8996) or Donna Nall (404.964.6933) with questions.

OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE (ONC) Four members from the congregation are needed to serve as members-at-large on this important committee. The ONC nominates to the congregation 19 officers to serve as elders and deacons who will be elected in Feb. 2016. The term of office is one year, but the majority of work is done Nov.- Feb. If interested, please let Dr. Vance know.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING SPREE! One of Saint Luke's best-kept secrets is the annual preschool Shopping Spree: 20+ local artisans sell all kinds of unique, handmade gifts in the Great Hall. You're sure to find something for everyone on your list! Proceeds support the Saint Luke's Little Saints Preschool. **Nov. 4: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. & 5 - 8 p.m. / Nov. 5: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

OCT. 27 OWLS (Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors) 11:30 a.m. ~ Craig Gleason, professional singer/guitarist/songwriter, will entertain us with songs, story telling and humor. His music includes hits from 1920 all the way up to the 70's in the style of Chet Adkins, Gene Autry, Irving Berlin, Johnny Cash and even Jimmy Buffet. Don't miss this one! Sign up on the poster in the lobby.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE enables PCUSA congregations and mission partners to support and care for communities adversely affected by crises and catastrophic events. PDA is currently collecting aid for those affected by the severe flooding in South Carolina. To support their efforts in SC and across the globe, visit: <http://pda.pcusa.org>.

ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL are invited to participate in a service of worship celebrating all living things in God's good creation — fur, feathers, scales, and fins are welcome! Bring your pet for a special blessing as we give thanks to God for the gift they are to our lives. Animals must be on a leash or in an appropriate carrier. If your pet is unable to travel, feel free to bring a photo, their collar, or other memento. Sun., **Nov. 8**, 2 p.m. in the Hannaford Garden.

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.

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).

***FAITHFUL FRIENDS** After *Tell Us Our Story* at the 11:00 service, parents of all K, 1st, & 2nd Graders may bring their student and “follow the cross” into the Narthex. 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).

PRAYER MINISTRY The prayer team offers intercessory prayers to God on Sundays at 10:35 a.m. in Room 137. Please join us.

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.

SAINT LUKE'S 2016 PLEDGE FORM

Name: _____

Make(s) a total 2016 financial pledge of \$ _____

Payment method:

Check or Cash Bank Draft (see below)

Visa AmEx MC _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Name as it appears on the card: _____

____ /20 ____ _____ _____
Expiration Date Security Code Billing Address Zip Code

I authorize \$ _____ to be deducted from my card on the frequency noted below.

Payment frequency (Between Jan 1, 2016 and Dec 31, 2016):

One time Annually Quarterly Other frequency: _____

Weekly Monthly Semi-monthly

A gift of stocks, bonds or other securities: Gift value: _____ Gift date: _____

BANK DRAFT AUTHORIZATION

I, _____, authorize Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church ("Saint Luke's") to initiate withdrawals from my account at the financial institution named in this document for payment of my 2016 pledge. This authorization will remain valid January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016, or until I, Saint Luke's, or my financial institution revokes it. I can suspend a monthly payment by notifying Saint Luke's at any time prior to 4 p.m. three business days before the payment is scheduled to be deducted from my account. I understand that the direct payment program is an alternative method of payment only and does not otherwise affect my rights or the rights of Saint Luke's or my financial institution with respect to each other. I further understand that Saint Luke's and my financial institution reserve the right to terminate the Direct Payment plan and/or my participation in it. If I wish to discontinue my participation in the Direct Payment plan, I may do so by notifying Saint Luke's in writing.

I authorize \$ _____ to be deducted monthly from my account.

Name of Financial Institution: _____

Authorized Account Holder Signature: _____ Date Signed _____

Joint Account Holder Signature: _____ Date Signed _____

PLEASE STAPLE VOIDED CHECK TO FORM

FINANCE SUMMARY

Month: Sep 2015	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Total Income	\$102,473	\$116,300	-\$ 13,827
Total Expenses	128,200	132,179	- 3,979
NET	\$ 5,271	-\$ 15,879	-\$ 9,848

Year to Date: Sep 30, 2015	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Total Income	\$1,140,479	\$1,182,600	-\$ 42,121
Total Expenses	1,165,788	1,199,201	- 33,413
NET	-\$ 25,309	-\$ 16,601	-\$ 8,708

Detailed reports available in the church office.

ATTENDANCE

OCT 18	WORSHIP	NURSERY
11:00	255	20

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
Assistant Treasurer	Mark Rogers

SAINT LUKE'S PERIMETER COUNSELING CENTER

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Director, Perimeter 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,
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