



# SAINT LUKE'S

P R E S B Y T E R I A N   C H U R C H

**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.

November 8, 2015 ❖ 8:30 a.m.



**November 8, 2015**

24th Sunday after Pentecost

**Liturgical Color:** *Green*

*Green is used to represent spiritual growth.*

**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**

**Chapel Guild** . . . . . Denis & Sandra DuBois

**Continental Breakfast** . . . . . Barry Smith

**Open/Close** . . . . . Bruce Jones

**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 us outside the Chapel where our Pastors will be available to 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'S WORSHIP** notebooks and activity sheets are available on the table just outside the Chapel doors. For your convenience, there is a Family Restroom located in the hallway of the administrative offices, on the first floor, near the main lobby.

## In Preparation for Worship

People do not give from the top of their purses but from the bottom of their hearts. If you desire to become a more generous person do not change your income. Change your heart.

John Maxwell



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### Prelude

Andante *Felix Mendelssohn*

### Welcome

#### \* Call to Worship

Leader: We have come to worship God. Let us come with humility.

People: **We come offering all that we are, knowing that we need God's Spirit to be the people we have been created to be.**

Leader: We have come to worship God. Let us come with expectation.

People: **For in the Divine Presence is the light that leads us out of our darkness, and into the joy of being God's people in this place and time.**

Leader: Let us worship the God who gives life its very meaning.

All: **Praise be to God!**

#### \* Hymn #463

How Firm a Foundation *FOUNDATION*

#### \* Call to Confession

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

#### \* Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, in all honesty we have failed to seek and follow Your will. You call for faithfulness and love; we respond with half-hearted praise. You call for justice and peace; we respond with empty promises. You call us to trust You; we find it easier to place our trust elsewhere. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us how to worship You with the total dedication that You desire: loving You and loving one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. We ask this in Your Holy name as we offer 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

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

*Children are always welcome to stay in worship. However, parents may take your child(ren) to the nursery.*

### First Lesson

1 Kings 17:8-16; page 324

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### Second Lesson

Mark 12:38-44; page 48

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

The Measure is Trust

Steve Vance

### \* Affirmation of Faith

*from A Declaration Of Faith (1977), PCUSA*

**We believe that Christ gives and demands of us personal lives that are centered in God and open to God's reality and rule. That Christ teaches us to put obedience to God above the interests of self, family, race or nation**

**We are convinced that God calls us to offer joyously to God our money, ability and time; that it is part of our discipline to observe a day of worship and rest, setting aside our own working to enjoying God's work, celebrating with sisters and brothers the Lord's goodness.**

**We are charged to pray for ourselves and others with gratitude, boldness and persistence, confident that God hears and answers our prayers in ways best for us all.**

## Offering

Prayer *Leon Boëllmann*

*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**

\* **Passing of the Peace**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

## **The Lord's Supper**

*Communion will be served by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup). If you would like to be served where you are sitting, please raise your hand. Everyone is invited to participate in the sacrament. Children who have discussed the sacrament with their parents and/or a pastor are welcome. The cup holds grape juice, not wine, during this service. A server with gluten-free wafers will be standing directly in front of the communion table for those who prefer this option.*

## **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**

### **Prayers of the People**

\* **Hymn #828**                                      More Love to Thee O Christ    *MORE LOVE TO THEE*

\* **Benediction**

\* **Postlude**                                      Minuet    *Leon Boëllmann*

# Sunday Spotlights:



**TODAY AT 2:00 P.M.: 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. **Come early and check out the pet adoption agencies who will be here – maybe it's time to add another blessing to your family!**



**2016 COMMITMENT UPDATE**  
THANK YOU to all who have submitted your financial commitment for the upcoming year. Over 64% of you increased your pledge, including 69 members who have increased their pledges by at least 10% for 2016... a special thank you for that.

An average 10% pledge increase per member family is needed as we prepare to call our new pastor/head of staff. We are so thankful that so many of you have responded to this request.

The pledged amount needed from our members for 2016 is \$1,392,000. As of November 1, 2015, **133 church members/families (including 2 children) have pledged \$873,791** (63% of what is needed). We look forward to hearing from the 217 members/families who have not yet informed us of their commitment in "Building Toward God's Future" here at Saint Luke's.

If you are one that we have not heard from, please return the pledge form you received in the mail, or ask for one in the Church office, or use the secure confidential pledging email at [commitment@slpres.org](mailto:commitment@slpres.org).

Join us in welcoming a new pastor as we continue to be a "beacon of faith, hope, and love - every member an active disciple in Christ's ministry." Let us hear from you today!

## ADULT MINISTRY

**Shannon Dill**

[shannondill@slpres.org](mailto: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](http://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.



**YOUR PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (PNC)** has been diligently listening for and discerning God's direction in the search for our new Pastor here at Saint Luke's. We are pleased to report that we have narrowed down the pool of candidates to a select group that, we believe, are highly qualified and the best match for us. Concurrently, we are open to God's voice that may come to us in different ways. So, as we receive occasional submittals from new candidates, we also carefully consider each of these.

We hope to have a candidate selected and installed in the first half of 2016. Timing of this process is dependent on a number of factors outside our control, including the schedule and needs of the candidate, and the candidate being received into the Presbytery at either the February or May meeting. Please understand this timing is an estimate and could change as we continue the journey down the path to our next Pastor.

The Saint Luke's website is a wonderful resource for all things Saint Luke's, including PNC updates, so please be sure to check it often. We remain thrilled at the process and the progress, and look forward to an exciting future of service to God through Saint Luke's.

Your Pastor Nominating Committee:

Bona Allen, Marylyn Brown, Bob Crutchfield, Ellie Eisenmesser,  
Tom Loftis, Cathie Rogers, Allison Thornton, Jenny Troha

## 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 – next weekend! 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, join us now for choir rehearsals. 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

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**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!

## YOUTH CONNECTION

**Phil Brown**

philbrown@slpres.org / 770.393.1424 ext. 238

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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**

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**Sundays:** 9:30-10:30 a.m. Youth Sunday School meets upstairs in Sheppard Hall  
12:15-1:00 p.m. Youth Choir rehearsal

**No Middle or High School Youth Groups Today**

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

**Nov 15** Tartan Trot Family Dinner Night



**A BRIEF MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION** is called for Sun., Nov. 15 immediately following the 11:00 worship service. The purpose is to elect four members of the congregation to the Officers Nominating Committee.

**MEG MEETING TODAY 5:00-6:30 P.M.**

Join us as we laugh along with Mark Gungor's DVD: Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage.

**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.

**PW BAKE SALE SUN., NOV. 22** The Presbyterian Women will be in the lobby from 8:30 a.m.-noon on Sun., Nov. 22 selling their "famous" Pumpkin Bread and Orange-Cranberry Bread. \$4/small, \$8/large. Proceeds benefit PW service projects.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR FAMILY PROMISE:**

Sun., Nov. 29 - Sun., Dec. 6

Signup: <http://tinyurl.com/SLPCFP2015-12>

Did you know that we have helped 36 local families to date (including 60 children and 37 adults)? 29 of those families are now in stable housing thanks to Saint Luke's volunteers! We are making a difference – join us on this easy and satisfying volunteer opportunity right here at church. *A training session is available for first timers on Sun., Nov. 29 at 3 p.m. Contact Beth Underhill at [bunderhill.mail@gmail.com](mailto:bunderhill.mail@gmail.com)*

**ONE OF THE KEYS TO LIFE** and good relationships is effective communication, and effective communication depends on good listening. If you could use a good listener in your life, please call on Shannon Dill (770.393.1424, ext. 229) or Laura Strange (LStrange@rti.org) for a referral to a Stephen Minister: a confidential, caring, and well-trained listener!

**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).

**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.



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## IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE... CHRISTMAS!

Saint Luke's supports many ministries in our community, especially at Christmas.

Watch this space throughout November for important dates and deadlines:

### ANGEL TREE

Angels needed! Take a name from the Angel Tree in the lobby and use the suggestions to purchase items for that child.

**Questions:** Jan Slater, 770.391.0489

**Drop-off deadline:** Sun., Nov. 22

### SANTA CLAUS EXPRESS

The Presbyterian Women are collecting gifts for residents of the Presbyterian Home and Village. A list of suggested items and instructions are in the Narthex and main lobby. Collection baskets are in the lobby and the Parlor (rm. #145).

**Contact:** Beverly Miller, 770.843.2608

**Drop-off deadline:** Wed., Dec. 2

### POINSETTIAS

You can help decorate the church *and* honor or remember a loved one by purchasing a poinsettia. Donation envelopes are in the pew boxes. \$15 per plant (please write "poinsettias" on the memo line). Names will be published in the bulletin on Dec. 20.

**Contact:** Jan Slater, 770.391.0489

**Deadline:** Sun., Dec. 13

### TOYS FOR TOTS BENEFIT CONCERT

This annual event features our own Chancel Choir, Festival Ringers and other special musicians. Bring a new, unwrapped toy for donation. Child care is provided, but all ages are welcome at this festive concert!

**Concert at Saint Luke's:** Sun., Dec. 6, 4 p.m.

### Presbyterian Women's

### CHRISTMAS DINNER & WORSHIP

All women are invited to attend this annual event! You will enjoy a wonderful dinner with festive table decorations and the special announcement of this year's PW Honorary Lifetime Member. Following dinner is a communion worship service led by Rev. Yolanda Thompson.

**When:** Mon., Dec. 7 at 6:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$15 per person

**Sign up:** In the Lobby or at [slpres.org/pw-christmas-dinner/](http://slpres.org/pw-christmas-dinner/)

### THORNWELL CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Saint Luke's Presbyterian Women has supported **Thornwell Home for Children** for over 30 years with a special Christmas Offering. Join our tradition of donating to Thornwell in lieu of sending Christmas cards to your Saint Luke's family – names will be published in the Dec. 20th bulletin. Make checks payable to *Presbyterian Women* and place your contribution in the offering plate.

**Deadline:** Sun., Dec. 13

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' Name through the power of a simple gift:

<http://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

## ATTENDANCE

NOV 1	WORSHIP	NURSERY	VISITORS
8:30	52	0	2
11:00	227	29	17

*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 . . . . .	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

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

Director, Perimeter Center

Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist/Mediator

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## LEADERSHIP

Terry Nall, *Clerk to Session*

### ELDERS

#### Class of 2016:

Claire Cummiskey (*youth*),  
Rich Crutchfield, Mary Guerrant,  
Tom Loftis, David McKenney,  
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



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