



SAINT LUKE'S

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

MUSIC MINISTRY 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.

November 15, 2015 ❖ 8:30 a.m.



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25th 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 Mark & Cathie Rogers

Continental Breakfast Carol Allen

Open/Close Josh Nunez

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

“I sing because I’m happy. I sing because I’m free. If God can see the sparrow, I know He’s watching me.”

Traditional Gospel Hymn



Prelude

When Morning Gilds the Skies *arr. Robert Lind*

Welcome

* Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-2; Psalm 96:1-2

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

People: **Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.**

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song.

People: **Sing to the Lord all the earth.**

Leader: Sing, and give praise to God’s name.

All: **Tell the glad news of salvation from day to day. Let us worship God!**

* Hymn #667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI, arr. Hal Hopson

* Call to Confession

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

* Prayer of Confession

Loving God, without Your grace we are like sheep without a shepherd. Sometimes we are harassed by sin and feel helpless against its power. Sometimes, in our sins, we use our own power to harass the helpless. We are wolves in sheep’s clothing, innocent as serpents and wise as doves. Forgive us, O Lord, and bring us home. Restore us to Your flock and fold we pray; through Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd... *(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

Phil Brown

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

First Reading

Exodus 15:1-13; page 61

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Psalms 100; page 552

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Emily Wilmesherr

* 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

He Started the Whole World Singing *Bill Gaither, arr. Fred Bock*

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 #641**

When In Our Music God Is Glorified *ENGELBERG*

* **Benediction**

* **Postlude**

When in Our Music God Is Glorified *arr. David Cherwien*

A brief meeting of the congregation is called for TODAY immediately following the 11:00 worship service. The purpose is to elect four members of the congregation to the Officers Nominating Committee.

Sunday Spotlights:



2016 COMMITMENT UPDATE

Thanks to all who have made your financial commitments to Saint Luke's in support of our 2016 program budget! To date we have received 153 pledges totaling \$1,001,311. Our hope is that all of us are able to increase our gift this coming year by 10%. We are so thankful for the many who have done so.

As Steve Vance said in last Sunday's sermon, "What goes on within the walls of this church, and the ministry that moves from the inside to the outside, happens nowhere else in the unique way it happens here. Within the walls of this church we live and teach the love of God we know in Jesus Christ – a love which at its core is trust."

Saint Luke's is unique, and we trust that each and every member of Saint Luke's will be foundational in preparing the way for our new pastor this coming year... and in maintaining the level and quality of ministry, programming and staff that benefits us all. Your gift is important.

If you have not, as yet, shared with the Commitment Committee your level of financial support for 2016, please do so today! Email us at commitment@slpres.org



LIFT UP YOUR HEADS

Advent means "coming", and the Bible urges us to "look up." This year you are invited to follow along with uplifting daily devotions from the book, *Lift Up Your Heads - Devotions for Advent*, by Martin Marty. Copies of the book are available for \$1 in the lobby, or as a downloadable book for Nook or Kindle (<http://tinyurl.com/LiftUpAdvent>). And, to help your child(ren) understand and participate in Advent, families with children are invited to pick up one "Lift Up Your Heads" pop-up calendar.



GIVE THANKS NEXT SUNDAY

at our congregational Thanksgiving Luncheon immediately following the 11:00 service. All are invited to gather in the Great Hall for lunch and give thanks for our many blessings — especially for our church family! \$5/person, \$15/family max.

ADVENT CALENDAR PICKUP has begun! All families with children are invited to pick up one "Lift Up Your Heads" pop-up calendar in the main lobby. There are labels with the last names of each family located beside the calendars – please remove your family label and attach to the calendar so that we will know which families still need one.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS IS DEC. 6 during the Sunday School hour. All children through 5th Grade and their families are invited to the Great Hall for fun crafts and, of course, birthday cake! (Saint Luke's Youth are invited to help our little ones with the crafts.)

PICTURE THIS All children through fifth grade are invited to submit a colorful drawing of the nativity story so that we can share this miracle with our members and friends throughout the holiday season! All pictures will be exhibited in our Advent Art Gallery, and some will even be selected to appear in a worship bulletin. Please use white paper, 8½" x 11" and sign your name and age on the back. Crayons, markers, colored pencils, paint, or pastels are all just fine. Finished pictures should be submitted in the marked container in the main lobby.

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY WORSHIP NEEDS LEADERS! If you've ever been to our 5:00 Christmas Eve service, you know how simple and special it is. Every child in attendance will be invited to take a part in the story when they arrive, but we also need some children (six and older) and adults to take slightly larger roles. Please look for our "stable of opportunities" in the main lobby and let us know how you and/or your child would like to participate.

FAITHFUL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Our weekly program during the 11:00 worship service, *Faithful Friends*, needs 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.

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

No Youth Choir rehearsal today

3:30-5:00 p.m. Middle Schoolers meet in the Great Hall – bring a friend!

5:00-6:30 p.m. High School students meet at the Eisenmesser's home

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

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!

LESSONS AND CAROLS: DEC. 13 Readers are needed for this special worship service. Please contact Clair Maxwell (info above) if you would like to participate.

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.

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!

UPDATE: 19,709 POUNDS of electronics were collected by the Saint Luke's Green Team at the Oct. 4th event. That's **nine tons** of junk!

PERIMETER NORTH VILLAGES is a non-profit organization providing services for seniors so they can stay in their own homes safely and comfortably. We provide social events, local transportation, meal delivery, in-home support, and home maintenance. There is a small membership fee, then any service provided by a volunteer is free, and most vendors offer a discount to our members. For more information: 470.231.0015 / pnvillages@gmail.com / www.perimeternorthvillages.com

Your PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) invites you to join with us in prayer:

***Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances,
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*** 1 THESSALONIANS 4:16-18

Gracious God, these are three simple yet difficult commands Paul gave the people of Thessalonica and to us as well. It is with joy that we search for a new minister, joy in knowing at its conclusion, a new chapter will begin in the life and work of Saint Lukes, our church home. We are thankful for the talented ministers and leaders, past and present who are serving you through Saint Luke's and for the talented ministers who seek to be our next Pastor/Head of Staff. We pray today and throughout this process for wisdom and discernment. Be with us this week and help us to find joy, give thanks and pray continually in all we do. Amen.

PW BAKE SALE 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.

CHRISMONS & COOKIES RECEPTION

During both services on Dec. 6, our Presbyterian Women will present their annual gift to our children: a Chrismon (“Christ’s Monogram”). To celebrate this sharing of faith, the children of Saint Luke’s, their families, and the members who made this year’s Chrismons are invited to enjoy Christmas cookies after our 11:00 service in the Parlor (Rm. 145).

FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEERS: Nov. 29 - Dec. 6 / Signup: <http://tinyurl.com/SLPCFP2015-12>. 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*

NOV 22	8:30 AM PW Bake Sale
	12 PM Thanksgiving Luncheon
NOV 28	9:30 AM Deck the Halls
NOV 29	<i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>
DEC 6	<i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>
	JOY Offering
	9:30 AM Happy Birthday Jesus
	12 PM Chrismon Reception
	4 PM Toys for Tots Benefit Concert
DEC 7	6 PM PW Dinner & Worship Service
DEC 13	<i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>
	Service of Lessons & Carols
DEC 15	6 PM Live Nativity
DEC 20	<i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>
	12 PM Christmas Luncheon
	5 PM Service of Comfort & Rest
DEC 24	<i>Christmas Eve Worship Services:</i>
	5 PM Family (<i>Sanctuary</i>)
	8 PM Candlelight (<i>Sanctuary</i>)
	11 PM Candlelight (<i>Chapel</i>)



IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE... ADVENT!

Saint Luke's seasonal events and outreach opportunities:

DECK THE HALLS! Begin the Advent season by helping us decorate the church on **Sat., Nov. 28** (after Thanksgiving) at 9:30 a.m. If you have just 30 minutes or an hour to spare, please join us! It won't take long and it's a great way to get in the Christmas Spirit. **Questions:** Jan Slater, 770.391.0489

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

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.

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

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN: Set the tone for the Christmas season by attending Saint Luke's Presbyterian Women's ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER AND COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICE on Mon., Dec. 7th. Invite your girl friends and join us at 6:00 p.m. for a reception, dinner, and worship service led by Rev. Yolanda Thompson. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Sign up in the Lobby or on line at www.slpres.org/pw-christmas-dinner/. We hope to see you there.

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/>

FINANCE SUMMARY

Month: Oct 2015	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Total Income	\$107,272	\$107,300	-\$ 28
Total Expenses	125,882	118,952	6,930
NET	-\$ 18,610	-\$ 11,652	-\$ 6,958

Year to Date: Oct 31, 2015	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Total Income	\$1,251,021	\$1,289,900	-\$38,879
Total Expenses	1,291,670	1,318,153	- 26,483
NET	-\$ 40,649	-\$ 28,253	-\$12,396

Detailed reports available in the church office.

ATTENDANCE

NOV 8: 268

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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SAINT LUKE'S
 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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