



*Joy*  
*to the world*  
*the Lord is come!*



SAINT LUKE'S  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 24, 2015 ✦ 11:00 p.m.



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## **December 24, 2015**

Christmas Eve

### **Liturgical Color:** *White*

*White is used on days we celebrate the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, such as Christmas, Easter and Communion Sundays.*

## **SERVING THIS EVENING**

**Communion Servers** .....As an affirmation of their continuing ministry among us, our college students have been invited by the Session to serve Communion this evening.

**Sound** ..... Paul Clay

## **WELCOME, GUESTS!**

We are delighted you are worshiping with us! For more information about our programs, ministries or membership, please contact Pastor Steve Vance at 770.393.1424 (ext. 223), or visit our website: [slpres.org](http://slpres.org).

## In Preparation for Worship

The Word is born this very night: hail, Mary, full of grace!  
A hanging lantern sheds its light on Joseph's anxious face.  
The Word is born this very night, and humble is the place;  
The world is dark, but hope is bright, and mortals look for grace!

Fred Pratt Green *The Word Became Flesh*



### Prelude

I Wonder As I Wander *arr. Mark Hayes*

### Welcome

### Lighting of the Christ Candle

Jim, Kaitlyn & Clarke McAlarney

### \* Call to Worship

Leader: Arise and shine for God's light has come.

**People: Shine in our lives, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Leader: He put a new song in my mouth.

**People: Shine in our lives, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Leader: Why, this is an amazing thing!

**People: Shine in our lives, Lord Jesus Christ and let our lives reflect your light back to others.**

### \* Hymn #123

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear *CAROL*

### \* Call to Confession

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

### \* Prayer of Confession

God our Savior, we confess that we are not people of peace, You came to show us mercy, but we are not merciful to others. You came to establish justice, but we fail to seek what is right. Forgive us, God of grace. Let Your light shine upon us to deliver us from evil and lead us in Your holy way; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### \* Assurance of Forgiveness

### \* Song of Praise

Gloria in Excelsis Deo *GLORIA*

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

## First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7; page 638

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Lesson

Luke 2:1-20; page 58

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

I Wonder as I Wander

Steve Vance

## \* Hymn #134

Joy to the World *ANTIOCH*

## \* Affirmation of Faith

*From A Declaration of Faith,  
Presbyterian Church in the United States, 1977*

**We affirm with the Church universal that...**

**Jesus, the long expected Savior, came into the world as a child, descended from David, conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of Mary, a virgin. He lived as a Jew among Jews. He announced to His people the coming of God's kingdom of justice and peace on earth. We affirm that Jesus was born of woman as is every child, yet born of God's power as was no other child. In the person and work of Jesus, God and a human life are united but not confused, distinguished but not separated. The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God's promised rule. Through His birth, life, death, and resurrection, Jesus Christ brings about the relationship between God and humanity that God always intended. Thanks be to God!**

## Offering

*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.*

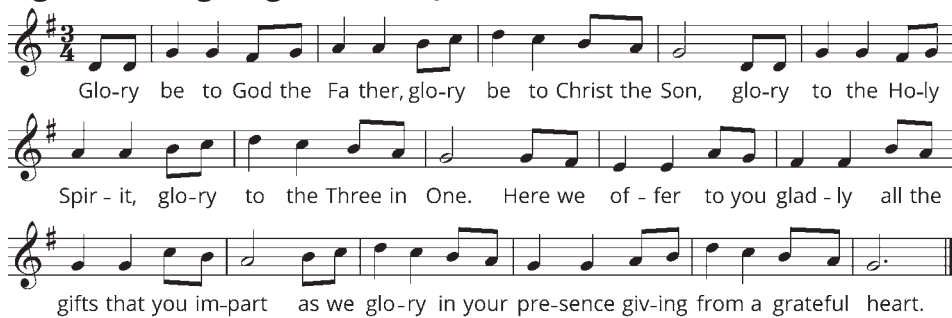
## Offertory

Anthem for Christmas *Michael W. Smith*

In the space of the beginning was the living Word of Light  
When this Word was clearly spoken all that came to be was right  
All creation had a language words to say what must be said  
All day long the heavens whispered signing words in scarlet red  
Some failed to understand it so God spoke His final Word  
On a silent night in Judah's hills a baby's cry was heard  
"Glory!" sang the angel chorus, "Glory!" echoed back the night  
Love has come to walk among us. Christ the Lord is born this night  
All creation sing His praises. Earth and heaven praise His name  
All who live come join the chorus. Find the words His love proclaim.

## \* Song of Thanksgiving

Glory Be to God the Father *W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY*



Glo-ry be to God the Fa ther, glo-ry be to Christ the Son, glo-ry to the Ho-ly  
Spir - it, glo-ry to the Three in One. Here we of - fer to you glad - ly all the  
gifts that you im-part as we glo-ry in your pre-sence giv-ing from a grateful heart.

## \* Prayer of Dedication

### 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

What Child Is This? *arr. Michael W. Smith*

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.  
So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.

## \* The Sharing of the Light of Christ

Leader: The people who walked in the darkness saw a great light.

**People: Lift up your heads, light is here!**

Leader: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.

**People: Lift up your heads, hope is here!**

Leader: A Child, born to be light for us all, came to shine throughout the world and give us joy.

**People: Lift up your heads, joy is here!**

Leader: A Child, born to be light for us all, came to shine throughout the world and give us peace.

**People: Lift up your heads, peace is here!**

Leader: A Child, born to be light for us all, came to shine throughout the world and give us love.

**People: Lift up your heads, love is here!**

Leader: Lift up your heads...

**People: And let God's light, hope, joy, peace and love fill the world!**

## \* Hymn #122

Silent Night, Holy Night *STILLE NACHT*

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright, round yon virgin mother and Child!  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!"

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light. Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light. With the angels let us sing,  
"Alleluia to our King! Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!"

*At the conclusion of the hymn, the Sanctuary lights will come up and you are invited to extinguish your Christmas Candle.*

## \* Christmas Prayer

## \* Benediction

## \* Postlude

Joy to the World *arr. Mark Hayes*

**Soloist:** Ron Valdes

**FAMILY REUNION COOKBOOKS** We collected over 50 recipes at the Oct. 18th 'family reunion picnic' and put them together into one book! These special cookbooks are available in the lobby for \$15. Be sure to get your copy before they sell out!

**HANG UP A PIECE OF SAINT LUKE'S** You can purchase a miniature stained glass window for yourself or as a gift! Drop a check for \$60 in the offering plate (mark it for 'window') and pick up your window in the lobby. ALL money received goes to our outreach fund.

**SEEKING NEW OFFICERS FOR SESSION & DIACONATE** Now Accepting Nominations! The Officer Nominating Committee (ONC) of Saint Luke's is developing a slate of nominees to be elected to the offices of Ruling Elder and serving Deacon, Classes of 2019 – and we need your suggestions. Please use the recommendation form and Collection Box in the Lobby. You may also email or speak to Elders Rob Price and Chip Williams, co-chairs of the ONC.

**TEMPS MAY DROP, BUT THE RUNNING WON'T STOP!** Join us to celebrate 10 years of running and o'scottish tradition at the 2016 Tartan Trot on Feb. 6. Visit the Tartan Trot table in the lobby or [tartantrot.com](http://tartantrot.com) for more event information.

**SAINT LUKE'S LITTLE SAINTS (SLLS) REGISTRATION** Our preschool has a place for you! We would love to have your Little Saint, age 12 months through Pre-K, join our accredited weekday preschool.

**Church members** register: Tues., Jan. 19;

**Current families** register: Jan. 20;

**Community families** register: Jan. 21.

For more information, see our Registration Brochure online at [www.slpres.org](http://www.slpres.org). Please contact Carol Perry, Director, to schedule a tour: 770.393.1424 x240 or [carolperry@slpres.org](mailto:carolperry@slpres.org)

**FAMILY PROMISE** Saint Luke's is hosting again Jan. 17-24. Email or call David King (cell) 770.598.8682; sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/SLPCFP2016-01>.

### **3RD YUCATAN PENINSULA MISSION**

**TRIP:** July 10-17, 2016, with our friends at Accion Ministries ([friendsofaccion.org](http://friendsofaccion.org)). This trip is open to adults of all ages and youth (completed 6th grade and up) traveling with at least one parent. Please contact Shannon Dill (770.393.1424 ext. 229) if you are interested in participating or learning more about this unique experience!

**CALLING ALL WOMEN!** Our annual Women's Retreat will be March 4-6 at the Dillard House in Dillard, GA. We are thrilled to have Lyndsay Slocum, Associate Pastor of Roswell Pres. Church, as our guest speaker. Space is limited! Registration forms are in the church office, at [www.slpres.org](http://www.slpres.org), or in the lobby.

## CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor . . . . . Steve Vance  
Associate Pastor . . . . . Shannon Dill  
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## 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*

**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.



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## LEADERSHIP

Terry Nall, *Clerk to Session*

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### ELDERS

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#### **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

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### DEACONS

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#### **Class of 2016:**

Sandra Clay, Amanda Dunnick,  
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Rebecca Strickland (*moderator*),  
Jenny Troha, Michelle Vail,  
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Joanna Mangum, Stephen Moss,  
Sharon Polensek, Barry Smith,  
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