



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.

December 27, 2015 ❖ 8:30 a.m.



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1st Sunday After Christmas

Liturgical Color: *White*

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

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

Open/Close Steve Klein

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

On that day, Mary and Joseph lost Jesus because they didn't know He would be about His Father's business. They expected Him to simply be fitting in with the family plans, which was all about going home and getting back down to their ordinary day to day lives. *When You Lose Jesus*



Prelude

Carol Sing

Welcome

* Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise the Lord from the heavens;

Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples, young men and women alike,
old and young together!

**People: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted;
His glory is above earth and heaven.**

All: Let us worship God!

* Hymn #110

Love Has Come *BRING A TORCH*

* Call to Confession

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

* Prayer of Confession

**Christmas Day has come and gone, loving God, and so easily we move on
rather than continuing to lift our heads to catch a glimpse of Your coming.**

We have joined the angels' song, yet been afraid to speak of You.

We have shared the shepherd's awe, yet failed to recognize You.

We have knelt at the manger, yet have not truly served You.

In Your graciousness and with Your grace, forgive us, Lord.

Lead us from the darkness of our fears and failures to follow Jesus.

**Lift our eyes heavenwards and keep our feet firmly on the ground
so that we might know and share Your glory. Hear us now, loving God,
as we silently pray the confessions of our hearts... (time of silent confession)**

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer, Amen.

* **Assurance of Forgiveness**

* **Song of Praise** Gloria in Excelsis Deo *GLORIA*
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Tell Us Our Story Phil Brown
Children are always welcome to stay in worship. However, parents may take your child(ren) to the nursery.

Old Testament Reading Psalm 148; page 582
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading Luke 2:41-52; page 59
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Lost and Found Shannon Dill

* **Affirmation of Faith** from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

Offering God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen *arr. Kevin Olson*
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

Glory Be to God the Father *W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY*

Three staves of musical notation in 3/4 time, key of D major. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

* 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 #136

Go, Tell It on the Mountain *GO TELL IT*

* Benediction

* Postlude

Fum, Fum, Fum *arr. Larry Shackley*



Sunday Spotlights:



A VERY SPECIAL THANK you to all who participated in the church activities that make Saint Luke's such a special place! From special outreach projects, to decorating the church, to corralling sheep and children, this Advent season was welcoming and meaningful for all who walked through the church.



NEW FEAST BROCHURE We've made it easy to sign up for Wednesday night dinner and classes that begin Jan. 13. Go to <http://slpres.org/winterspring-feast/> or pick up a brochure for classes, schedule, and dinner menu. Sign up now and all you have to do in January is show up!



SLLS REGISTRATION Saint Luke's Little Saints has a place for you! We would love to have your Little Saint, age 12 months through Pre-K, join our accredited weekday preschool. Registration opens soon:

Church members register: Tues., Jan. 19 (during school hours);

Current families register: Jan. 20;

Community families register: Jan. 21.

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

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

NO REHEARSALS ON DEC. 30. Chancel Choir and Festival Ringers will return on Wed., Jan. 6, 2016. Make it your New Years' resolution to ring or sing!

We are now soliciting song suggestions for **CHASTAIN AT SAINT LUKE'S** (April 24). Submit your ideas to Clair via email (above).

SPLASH! CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Catherine Anne Thomas

cathomas@slpres.org / 770.393.1424 ext. 228

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**

TODAY: DEC 27 No Sunday School or Youth Groups

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.

SEEKING NEW OFFICERS FOR SESSION & DIACONATE Now Accepting Nominations!

The Officer Nominating Committee (ONC) of Saint Luke's is in the process of developing a slate of nominees to be elected by the congregation on Feb. 28 to the office of Ruling Elder and serving Deacon as the Classes of 2019 – and the ONC is soliciting your suggestions of members of Saint Luke's you believe would enhance and further the ministry and programs of our church by serving on the Session and the Diaconate. You will find a **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.

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 (or more) in the offering plate (mark it for 'window') and pick up your window in the lobby. ALL money received goes to our outreach fund.

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FAMILY REUNION COOKBOOKS

Over 50 delicious recipes from the Oct. 18th 'family reunion picnic' have been put together into one cookbook. Be sure to purchase your copy (\$15) in the lobby before they sell out!

COUNTDOWN TO TARTAN TROT 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 for more event information.

TEMPS MAY DROP, BUT THE RUNNING WON'T STOP!

TARTAN TEN CHALLENGE - WE NEED YOU!

We are looking for 50 tartan-minded folks to take this CHALLENGE: solicit 10 paid runners to the Tartan Trot. Bring your co-workers, classmates, neighbors, family members, etc. (these cannot be your free sponsor runners). Form a team of your Sunday School class, tennis team, golf buddies, knitting group, dog park friends, etc.; there will be fun prize drawings for Challenge participants on Race Day. Questions: marty@acapella-design.com.

RACE DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Sign up in the lobby or email Krissy Williams.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR TARTAN TROT 2016 SPONSORS. If you haven't pledged yet, it's not too late! We welcome any level of support. Fill out a sponsor card at the Tartan Trot table in the lobby or email Laura Singley at laurasingley@att.net.

BAKERS NEEDED We are famous in the running world for our awards of homemade Pies & Cakes. Please choose your best recipe and plan to show off your baking talents (sign up in the lobby).

**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. 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.

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, with our friends at Accion Ministries (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!

MISSION TRIP TO THORNWELL:

Thurs., July 21 - Sat., July 23. More information will be coming soon but don't hesitate to contact Sally with thoughts or questions. Sally Shelton: 770.396.5156 / sshelton@cwtvacations.com

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! Contact Christy Keohane (678.595.7741) or Shannon Dill (770.393.1424 ext. 229) with questions. Registration forms are in the church office, in the lobby, or at <http://slpres.org/2016-womens-retreat-will-be-here-soon/>

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT GROUP (MEG)

Contact Christine (Gafrog01@hotmail.com) & Bob Crutchfield for more info: 770.364.8079

VALENTINE RETREAT The Georgia Chapter of Better Marriages is presenting a getaway weekend for couples, Feb. 12-14, at the Winshape retreat center in Rome, GA. This is so much better than roses and a box of chocolates! Register TODAY - room availability is limited and will sell out: BetterMarriagesGA.org

THE NEXT MEG MEETING at Saint Luke's is Jan. 10, 5-6:30 p.m. We will continue the video series by Mark Gangor, "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage." Child care available.

SANCTUARY FLOWER SIGN-UP For \$80 you underwrite one of the floral arrangements at the 11:00 a.m. service. Sign-up on the main bulletin board between the Great Hall and the Session Room. Select a date meaningful to you and dedicate your gift in honor or in memory of someone; flower gifts are noted in the worship bulletin. Contact Mary Guerrant at atlguerrants@bellsouth.net or 770.455.9493.

Jan. 9th, 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast: YOUR GEORGIA LEGISLATURE — WHAT'S AHEAD FOR 2016?

Fran Millar, Tom Taylor and Wendell Willard will share their insights about the upcoming work of the Georgia legislature. They bring a unique perspective as they represent communities with people who are connected to Saint Luke's. Combine that with a delicious breakfast prepared by our SLPC Men's Breakfast chefs (Brid, Mark and Gordon), and you've got a Saturday morning that'll make you say, "What a great way to start the day!" Please RSVP by Wed., Jan. 6. Saint Luke's women and their guests are always welcome. Daryl Moore (H)770.395.6278 / (M)404.993.6203 / ddmoore@yahoo.com

SAVE THE DATE: JAN. 30, 6:30-9:00 p.m.
Chili Supper at the home of Mary and Billy Martin. More info to come

CHRISTMAS EVE ATTENDANCE

5 PM: 505

8 PM: 239

11 PM: 45

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, Lindsay Moss
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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