



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.

January 10, 2016 ✦ 8:30 a.m.



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Baptism of the Lord

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

Continental Breakfast Presbyterian Women
Sandwich Committee

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

As Christians our baptism joins us to Christ. We share in being named and claimed by God. This isn't primarily to fill our need to feel accepted and loved, though it certainly does that. When we forget our baptism, we forget who and Whose we are. The world insists that we belong to ourselves, our employer, our family, our children's school or sports team, or the government of our country. As Christians we reject all these claims of ownership; we belong to God. It is about God's purposes, and through our baptism we no longer live for ourselves, we now live to, for and with God.

Heather Carlson, Ekklesia Project



Prelude

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry *Bruce Neswick*

Welcome

A Minute for Saint Luke's Little Saints Preschool

Christine Crutchfield
& Lindsay Moss

* Call to Worship

Leader: We have come to praise God, Who has done wonderful things among us.

People: **In Jesus, the Christ, God has shown us love, giving light for darkness, and strength for all our days.**

Leader: Sing praise to God's name, bow before God in prayer, open your hearts to God's redeeming Word.

All: **Arise, shine, for God's light has come!**

* Hymn #375

Shall We Gather at the River *HANSON PLACE*

* Call to Confession

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

* **Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, in baptism You promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In Your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises You make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace. Hear us now 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**

Gloria Patri *GREATOR EX*

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 Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7; page 672

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22; page 60

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Grafted into the Vine

Steve Vance

* **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

When Jesus Came to Jordan *David Cherwien*

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

Doxology *REGENT SQUARE*

**Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run!**

* 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 #485

We Know That Christ Is Raised *ENGELBERG*

* Benediction

* Postlude

I've Just Come from the Fountain *Richard Billingham*



Opportunities to Serve at Saint Luke's

How can you become an active disciple in Christ's ministry without even leaving the building? Well, a wonderful way to serve God's people is by serving at church! Many things happen behind the scenes to make each worship service run smoothly, and that takes volunteers. Most volunteer roles involve just a small commitment of time, but the rewards are huge. Please consider serving this year!

	Work as		
	Individual or pair	Team	One time
Flower Guild, Chair Post & maintain calendar for flower arrangement donations; place order with the florist weekly; communicate donor's message for the bulletin.*	✓		
Minute for Mission Appeals, Chair Receive <u>Minute for Mission</u> requests, communicate them to the Worship Committee for approval, provide information for the bulletin.*	✓		
Pew Rack Committee During assigned month, straighten sanctuary pew racks and restock with designated envelopes, pew cards and pencils.	✓		
Chancel Guild Prepare the sanctuary chancel for 11 a.m. worship; undresses the chancel following the service. Great learning opportunity for a family with children.	✓		
Chapel Guild Prepare the chapel for 8:30 a.m. worship; undresses the chapel following the service.	✓		
Sound & Video Run the sound board or video camera at the 11:00 a.m. service.	✓		
Usher		✓	
Communion Server Serve communion at 11:00 a.m. service		✓	
Greeter Welcome everyone warmly, hold open the door, help with umbrellas, direct newcomers and visitors. Families are encouraged to serve together!	✓		✓
Continental Breakfast Purchase and set-up breakfast items in the lobby; refill as needed; clean-up. Your expenses are reimburseable.	✓		✓
Lay Reader Read the first lesson from the lecturn at the 11:00 a.m. service.	✓		✓
Nursery Supervisor	✓		✓
Acolyte (2nd - 8th Grade) Needed for the 11:00 a.m. service each week: bell ringer, Bible bearer, candle lighter, crucifer, water bearer.		✓	
Faithful Friends Two adults needed each week to facilitate this class for K-2nd Grade during the 11:00 a.m. service. All materials are provided.	✓		✓
Open/Close	✓		
Music Ministry Find a place in our adult, children's, or handbell choirs. We also welcome individual instrumentalists and soloists; share your gifts with Saint Luke's!		✓	

Time Commitment				Where		Training Required		
Weekly	Monthly	Scheduled in advance	At your convenience	At church	Anywhere			
✓					✓		Mary Guerrant, 770.455.9493	atlguerrants@bellsouth.net
	✓		✓		✓		Mary Guerrant, 770.455.9493	atlguerrants@bellsouth.net
	✓	✓	✓	✓			Jean Kammerer, 770.522.9612	kammererj@bellsouth.net
		✓		✓		✓	Mary Guerrant, 770.455.9493	atlguerrants@bellsouth.net
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		✓		✓			Shawn Hamlin, 770.559.0211	http://breakfast.sipres.org
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		✓		✓			Catherine Anne Thomas, 770.393.1424 x228	http://faithfulfriends.sipres.org
		✓		✓			Josh Nunez, 770.451.9545	josh.c.nunez@gmail.com
✓		✓		✓			Clair Maxwell, 770.393.1424 x227	clairmaxwell@sipres.org

Other Ways to Serve at Saint Luke's

There are so many ways we can minister to each other and to the people in our community. The following "small acts of kindness" often have a very big impact.

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. Contact Sandra Clay: sandrabclay@comcast.net.

PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM offers intercessory prayers to God on Sun. at 10:35 a.m. in Rm 137. Please join us. Contact Paula Barbin: barbin@fulton.k12.ga.us.

VISITING CARE TEAM connects with members who are not able to come to church, but enjoy visits 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 or changing light bulbs) with available resources (your time and talents). If you can help, contact Rebecca Strickland: rebstrick@gmail.com / 404.664.5392. If you need a Helping Hand, contact your Deacon.

STEPHEN MINISTRY Trained Stephen Ministers are available to 'walk with you' through a difficult time and confidentially lend an ear. Contact referral coordinator Shannon Dill (770.393.1424, ext. 229) or Laura Strange (770.490.4395).

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.

MEALS FOR THE HOMELESS Please sign up your family, group or class in the lobby or call All Bridges at 770.394.6581.

JOURNEY / provides shelter and meals for approx. 26 homeless men. Prepare and serve a meal on the 4th Sun. of each month. Eating with the men is encouraged and they enjoy the companionship.

INTERFAITH OUTREACH HOME (IOH) / transitional housing for homeless families. Prepare and deliver a meal on the 3rd Thurs. of each month. Meal expenses are reimbursable.

FAMILY PROMISE Saint Luke's is a host site for homeless children and their families for one week, 4 times per year. Watch the bulletin for upcoming dates and volunteer opportunities. Contact David King: 770.598.8682. (*Saint Luke's is hosting next week, Jan. 17-24. Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/SLPCFP2016-01>.*)

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY We help build a house every year over 8 weekends! Watch the bulletin for dates. Contact Daryl Moore: 770.395.6278 / ddmoore@yahoo.com.

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, and go to the Interfaith Outreach Home (IOH) and Community Assistance Center (CAC).

Sunday Spotlights:



HAVE YOU MADE THE COMMITMENT?

If you have not shared with our Commitment Committee the level of your financial commitment for 2016 please do so this week – we will begin setting budget priorities for this year based on the financial commitments made by our Church family by the end of this week. Additional commitments received this week will directly impact the budget priorities set by the Session, so please prayerful consider your financial commitment to Saint Luke's for 2016 as soon as possible.

Currently, our Status of Pledges for 2016 stands at **\$1,305,000!** We are so very thankful for all who have made the commitment, and for each of you who will do so this week!!

This year promises to be a year of enthusiasm and joy as we prepare to welcome a new pastor and to extend the mission, ministry and programming of Saint Luke's into our 47th year as a congregation! Please share your support by contacting us at commitment@slpres.org



FEAST BEGINS WEDNESDAY!

Schedule, menu, class descriptions and a registration form are available online and in the brochures. Fill out the form and make plans to join your church family for dinner and activities on Wednesday evenings! By the way, you don't have to register for all 9 weeks or for all dinners and classes. You can use the blue pew card on Sundays to register your choices for the upcoming Wednesday. Call Sally or Liz in the church office (770.393.1424) with questions or last-minute reservations.



SLLS REGISTRATION

Our accredited, weekday preschool has a place for your Little Saint, age 12 months through Pre-K!

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

TARTAN TROT:

30 DAYS & COUNTING!

Join us Feb. 6th to run and celebrate our 10th year of o'scottish tradition!

See TartanTrot.com for more event info.

RACE DAY VOLUNTEERS: It's critical to have 150 volunteers to safely host this event. Be a part of this big event without breaking a sweat! Email Krissy Williams (kcwills7104@yahoo.com).

BAKERS: We are famous in the running world for our awards of baked goods. We need 150+ pies and cakes; sign up in the lobby.

TARTAN TEN CHALLENGE: Solicit 10 runners to the Tartan Trot (cannot be your free sponsor runners)... your Sunday School class, tennis team, knitting group, dog park friends, etc. Sign up in the lobby or email: marty@acapella-design.com.

DONATE your old athletic/running shoes: Saint Luke's Green Team will recycle them for you! Collection boxes are in the lobby.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all of our SPONSORS. Get your free "sponsor" registrations in ASAP. The deadline for t-shirts is Jan. 18. Questions? Email Laura Singley (laurasingley@att.net).

JAN. 26: OWLS (Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors) Roby Price will be telling us about a unique railroad car built for President Lincoln in 1865 by Roby's great grandfather. This was equivalent to Air Force One in its day, but President Lincoln never got to use it. Come and hear Roby's story about this famous car. See you there!

This month at Faith & Film: **WAR ROOM**

Tony and Elizabeth Jordan seemingly have it all, but appearances can be deceiving. In reality, their marriage has become a war zone and their daughter is collateral damage. As the power of prayer and Elizabeth's newly energized faith transform her life, will Tony join the fight and become the man he needs to be? Together, their real enemy doesn't have a prayer. PG 2hrs. [Faith & Film meets Jan. 15](#). Contact Josh and Cindy Nunez: josh.c.nunez@gmail.com

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. Isn't that better than roses and a box of chocolates? See BetterMarriagesGA.org

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

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: Summer Trip meeting & Potluck for youth and parents from 5:30 -7 p.m. at Saint Luke's. Please bring a dish to share.

Tues., Jan. 12th: Meet at 6:45am @ Jett Ferry Chick-fil-a for breakfast and head to school from there. We will need some parents to help shuttle kids to school. Contact Phil (970-215-9041) if you have questions or need a ride.

Wed., Jan. 13th: Join us for Feast! Dinner is 5:45 - 6:25 p.m. followed by programs from 6:25-7:15 p.m. This spring, the youth will be doing an exploration of religions. Ever wonder what those other religions are really all about? Come explore other beliefs and how, as Christians, we can engage with others in love.

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: JULY 21 - JULY 23.

More information coming soon. Contact Sally Shelton (770.396.5156 / sshelton@cwtvacations.com) with thoughts or questions.

JOIN AIR-GUATEMALA for a mission trip any week in June! You will be working with Maya farmers in the cool mountains of Guatemala, building brick stoves and planting trees that will improve crops and prevent mudslides. Reserve your space by March 1st. For more info: Anne.Hallum@AIRGuatemala.org

OUR ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT will be March 4-6 at the Dillard House in Dillard, GA. Lyndsay Slocum, Associate Pastor of Roswell Pres. Church, will be 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/>

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.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO MAKE 10,000 SANDWICHES? Come find out at the annual Presbyterian Women (PW) Sandwich Project, Sun., Jan. 24th! Both young and old can help, so plan to be there. The sandwiches we make are distributed throughout Atlanta through five different homeless shelters. Additionally, we'll be collecting mittens and gloves for those in need.

FAMILY REUNION COOKBOOKS

Over 50 of the best recipes from your friends at Saint Lukes - all together in one book! These special cookbooks are available for \$15 in the lobby; quantities are limited.

SEEKING NEW OFFICERS FOR SESSION & DIACONATE Now Accepting Nominations!

The Officer Nominating Committee (ONC) is developing a slate of nominees to serve on the Session and the Diaconate. We need **your** suggestions of members of Saint Luke's you believe would enhance and further the ministry and programs of our church by serving as Elders or Deacons. The congregational election will take place Feb. 28. 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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS Underwrite the floral arrangement used at an 11:00 a.m. service. Select a date meaningful to you and dedicate your gift in honor or in memory of someone. Sign-up on the main bulletin board in the lobby. \$80. Contact Mary Guerrant at atlguerrants@bellsouth.net or 770.455.9493.

ATTENDANCE

JAN 3	WORSHIP	NURSERY	VISITORS
8:30	45	0	6
11:00	144	17	12

*Each Sunday, many of our pews have first-time or repeat visitors. Your smile and welcoming words make **you** a beacon of faith, hope, and love!*

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

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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, Russell Wolfe

Class of 2018:

Justine Burney, Bobby Ferretti,
 Diane Lemaster, Joe Luranc,
 Lucy Painter, Debbie Parkes,
 David Stover, Shari Wassell,
 Kristen Wescott

