



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.

April 24, 2016 ✦ 11:00 a.m.



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5th Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Color: *White*

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

Today's flowers are given by Lou LaMotte in loving memory of Lila Jean LaMotte, and in celebration of the 90th anniversary of her birth on April 28.

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

Acolytes Supervisor, Cailin Thelen
Bell Ringer Christine Turnbull
Bible Bearer Sydney McGoldrick
Candle Lighter Elliott McGoldrick
Crucifer Jacob Moebes

Chancel Guild Mike & Dorothy Kitchens

Continental Breakfast Youth

Musicians Grace Strickland, flute;
Bailey Baldwin, cello

Open/Close Miles Young

Sound Crew Lindsay Ballow

Ushers Paula Humer; Katherine Robeson;
Brad Troha, Emma Troha, Jack Troha & Jenny Troha

WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are delighted you are worshiping 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 visit the welcome table in the Narthex (Sanctuary lobby). A Deacon and an Elder will be on hand to welcome you and answer questions. They will also 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, or visit our website: slpres.org.

THAT ALL MAY WORSHIP



A HEARING LOOP is accessible by switching hearing aids to **T-coil**.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS and

BACK CUSHIONS are available; our ushers are happy to assist you.

CHILDREN are a precious part of our church family, and we welcome them in worship. Worship notebooks and activity packets are available on the back ledges of the sanctuary for preschool and elementary ages. Each week, children are invited to walk up for an age-appropriate message during "Tell Us Our Story." After that time, they may remain in worship, go to **child care** (PreK and younger), or to learn more about our worship traditions in **Faithful Friends** (K, 1st & 2nd grades).

In Preparation for Worship

And God loves us... God loves me and wants me to grow. I am trying, before I die, to learn to trust this continual going into the unknown. I better live a long, long life.

Joan Chittister, OSB *Called to Question*



Gathering Prayer

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Adagio *Frank Bridge*

Welcome & Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

* Introit

Chancel Choir

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Praise to you by both be given,
every knee to you shall bow, risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

* Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is alive!

People: **The grave could not contain him!**

Leader: And the news cannot be hidden!

All: **Come, let us worship the risen Lord.**

* Hymn #305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy *DARWALL'S 148TH*

* Call to Confession

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

* Prayer of Confession

Patient God, sometimes we are just too busy for our own good. We pledge ourselves to hectic schedules, demands on time, energy, and resources that erode all too quickly. We seem to be rushing through life and focusing on the wrong things. The cries of those in need often go unheeded in our blur of activities which sap our energy, our resources, our spirits. Slow us down a bit, Lord. Help us to hear the words of patient love that You have for us. May we take time to bear witness to that love in all that we do. *(time of silent confession)*

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer, Amen.**

* **Assurance of Forgiveness**

* **Song of Praise**

Thine Is the Glory *JUDAS MACCABEUS*

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!

Tell Us Our Story

Phil Brown

Parents may take their young children (through PreK) to our nursery in Sheppard Hall.

*Parents of children in K, 1st or 2nd grade may take them to **Faithful Friends** in **The Harbor**, Rm. 213.*

Morning Prayer & 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.

Anthem

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms *arr. Eric Nelson* Chancel Choir

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms. Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, O how bright the path grows from day to day.

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come.

(John Newton)

What have I to dread, what have I to fear? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near.

(E. A. Hoffman)

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 46:8-11; page 636

Amanda Humer

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading

Acts 8:1-8; page 118

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Scattered and Covered

Shannon Dill

* **Hymn #307**

God of Grace and God of Glory *CWM RHONDDA*

* **Affirmation of Faith**

from *A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)*

All: 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.

Leader: Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

**People: 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.

Leader: We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage

People: to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and
to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

All: 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

Offertory *Alexandre Guilmant*

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**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Dedication of Choir Robes

Litany

Psalm 92:1-4

Leader: It is good to give thanks to You, Lord,

People: To sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

Leader: To declare Your steadfast love in the morning,

People: And Your faithfulness by night,

Leader: To the music of the lute and the harp,

People: To the melody of the lyre.

Leader: For You, O Lord, have made us glad by Your work;

People: At the works of Your hands we sing for joy.

Prayer of Dedication

Response

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.



* **Hymn #686**

God of Our Life *MERTON*

* **Benediction**

* **Response**

Chancel Choir

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry, "Amen!" Alleluia!

* **Postlude**

Allegro Maestoso *Frank Bridge*

Worship Note: *We dedicate our choir robes in worship this morning and we look forward many years of wearing them as we celebrate music and musicians in our congregation. Our former choir robes were purchased in 1994, and they have been donated to the organization **Robe Gifting International** where they will be passed along to a church in need. Many thanks for those choir members and church families who have donated the funds to completely cover the cost of these magnificent new vestments. **Soli Deo Gloria!***

Sunday Spotlights:



CHASTAIN AT SAINT LUKE'S IS TONIGHT AT 6 PM! Bring bring a picnic dinner and enjoy a musical evening "Chastain-style" at Saint Luke's. The program features talented musicians from the congregation. If you didn't reserve a table, you're welcome to bring a lawn chair or blanket. In case of bad weather, we will move the event into the Great Hall.



\$2,500 SAINT LUKE'S COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP High school seniors: need a little financial help with your first year of college? An anonymous donor has created a Saint Luke's (SLPC) College Scholarship! \$2,500 will be awarded to a high school senior who is enrolling in an accredited four-year college in the U.S. To be considered for this award, a student: must be an active member of SLPC or a child or a grandchild of an active member; and must complete an application and submit it for review by Saint Luke's College Scholarship Committee.

1. Print an application from the website: www.slpres.org --> Resources --> Forms --> Saint Luke's Scholarship Application.
2. Drop off your completed application in the church office or mail it to the church to the attention of Lindsay Moss. **Deadline for Submission: May 7.**

Questions? Contact Mark Reed: Office 770.350.8005; Home 770.394.3423

INQUIRERS/NEW MEMBER CLASS Join Shannon Dill for an overview of Saint Luke's and the Presbyterian faith. This is a great class for anyone exploring churches or interested in joining Saint Luke's. Meet Sundays (through May 1) from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Session Room. Childcare provided.

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.

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**

May 1: Six Flags Register on www.slpres.org, under youth menu.

May 15: Mandatory Summer Trip meetings:

1:30 - 3 p.m. Mt. TOP Tool safety training. Bring a 16 or 20 oz. claw hammer.

3 - 3:45 p.m. Massanetta Springs

3:45 - 4:30 p.m. Montreat

May 22: End of the Year Parties

4 - 5:30 p.m. Middle School

6 - 7:30 p.m. High School

June 13-16: Vacation Bible School - youth volunteers needed!

Check out the huge sign-up board in Sheppard Hall.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Clair Maxwell

clairmaxwell@slpres.org
770.393.1424 ext. 227

Weekly Choir Rehearsals:

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| 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 |

SUMMER MUSIC SUNDAYS We are currently scheduling music for our summer worship services while our choirs take the summer off. If you play an instrument, take music lessons, or can't sing with the choirs during the year, this is your chance to share your gifts with the congregation. Music is needed at the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services from June 5 to Aug. 14; all singers and instrumentalists (as soloists or in ensembles) are welcome and appreciated! Contact Clair Maxwell (info above) if you would like to participate.

SPLASH! CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Catherine Anne Thomas

cathomas@slpres.org / 770.393.1424 ext. 228

June 13-16 / 9:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

CAVE QUEST VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT SAINT LUKE'S

Kids learn that Jesus is the one who lights our way and gives us hope! Online registration is open and filling fast: www.slpres.org/vbs-2016-cave/

WE NEED LOTS OF HELP to make Vacation Bible School a fun and memorable adventure for our young friends this summer! There are many ways you can support this important outreach program – please visit the info & sign-up board in Sheppard Hall or contact Catherine Anne Thomas (info above). Thank you!

VBS Volunteer training TODAY after the 11:00 service in the Session Room.

APRIL 26: TRIVIA TIME WITH RON

VALDES! OWLS (Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors) Ron is so much fun and entertaining with our Trivia game. There are great questions and of course we all know the answers – we just can't always get them off the tip of our tongue! Join us for a very entertaining afternoon in which you will laugh out loud... more than once or twice!! We'll have a pizza lunch and lots of trivia. Remember to sign up on the poster in the lobby. It's April 26 at 11:30 a.m. and the cost is still only \$6 per person.

SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

On Sun., May 8, our congregation will join with more than 200 Presbyterian churches in Georgia in support of the *Caring Hands Fund* for Presbyterian Homes of Georgia. Our gifts help to provide much needed care and services for more than 400 elderly residents who have outlived their financial resources. Donation envelopes will be in the pew racks.

INSTALLATION & RECEPTION Save the date for this happy day at Saint Luke's! David Lower will be officially installed as our Senior Pastor on Sun., May 15, followed by a celebratory reception in the Great Hall. More details to come.

CALLING ALL LADIES! Join the Presbyterian Women on May 9th for our annual Spring Gathering! We will begin with fellowship at 6 p.m., a potluck dinner in the Great Hall, then a church service in the chapel. All are welcome; please register on the sign up sheet in the lobby. Questions? Contact Faye Cashwell: faye@cashwellhome.com or Andrea Price: andreacoppedgeprice@gmail.com.

MEALS FOR IOH Help us support the Interfaith Outreach Home by preparing and delivering a meal on **May 19**. Saint Luke's will reimburse your expenses. Sign up on the poster in the lobby, or contact Al Bridges at 770.394.6581.

THANK YOU for continuing to wear your name tag! You can pick up and drop off your tag each Sunday on the blue ribbons in the hallway between the narthex and the lobby. If you would like us to make a free name tag for you, please call the church at 770.393.1424 during office hours.

THIS SUMMER AT
CAMP LITTLE SAINTS

Saint Luke's preschool is offering two fun camps for kids who turned 2 by Sept. 1, 2015, through kids who have completed Kindergarten. Space is limited. Contact Carol Perry at 770.393.1424 ext. 240.

LITTLE SAINTS SCIENTISTS

May 31-June 3, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

This camp is for curious kiddos who love experimenting, questioning and discovering! Meet each morning in the Little Saints Science Room and explore the world of super cool science.

GONE WILD AT THE ZOO!

June 6 - June 9, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Pack your bags and join us as we travel to zoos all over the globe. We'll visit koalas at the Australia Zoo and giant pandas at the Beijing Zoo. In Peru, we'll go to the Tapiche Rainforest Reserve to see monkeys and toucans. Lastly, we'll travel to the Johannesburg Zoo in South Africa and hang out with the lions, zebras, elephants and giraffes!

WHEN THE KIDS ACT UP An amazing summer camp is offered by ACT UP (Arts, Creativity & Theatre Uniting People) ministry at Saint Luke's with the Missoula Children's Theatre. Children and youth (entering 1st grade - high school seniors) spend a week (July 25-29) learning and rehearsing "The Princess and the Pea," offering a free performance on Sat., July 30. 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Space is limited. Register online at www.slpres.org.

FINANCE SUMMARY

| Month: Mar 2016 | ACTUAL | BUDGET | VARIANCE |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Total Income | \$ 98,681 | \$147,396 | -\$48,715 |
| Total Expenses | 124,900 | 125,880 | - 980 |
| NET | -\$ 26,219 | \$ 21,516 | -\$47,735 |

| Year to Date: March 31, 2016 | ACTUAL | BUDGET | VARIANCE |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total Income | \$501,328 | \$552,826 | -\$51,498 |
| Total Expenses | 403,679 | 414,901 | - 11,222 |
| NET | \$ 97,649 | \$137,925 | -\$40,276 |

Detailed reports available in the church office.

ATTENDANCE

| APR 17 | WORSHIP | NURSERY | VISITORS |
|--------------|---------|---------|----------|
| 8:30 | 50 | 6 | 13 |
| 11:00 | 286 | 17 | 31 |

CHURCH STAFF

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| Senior Pastor | David Lower |
| Associate Pastor | Shannon Dill |
| Associate Pastor | Phil Brown |
| 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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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, 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

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