



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.

August 7, 2016 ✦ 11:00 a.m.



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Ordinary Time

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

Chancel GuildTed & Mary Guerrant

Communion ServersCaptain, Beth Underhill;
Marylyn Brown; Lindy Farley;
Bruce Jones; Jenny & Rob Price

Continental BreakfastWassell/Hulls

Open/CloseMiles Young

Sound CrewBrad Troha

UshersKari & Miles Young;
Adam & Nolan Grafton

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

“Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul
And sings the tune without the words
And never stops at all.”

Emily Dickinson



Gathering Prayer

Prelude

At the Lamb's High Feast *Charles W. Ore*

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

* Call to Worship

Leader: The God who speaks comfort to us calls us here.

People: The God who addresses us with tenderness meets us here.

Leader: The God who guides us with gentleness cares for us here.

People: We come to prepare a way for the Lord.

Leader: We come to ready ourselves for the transformation of our lives.

All: For the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it.

* Hymn #3

Womb of Life and Source of Being *RAQUEL*

* Call to Confession

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

* Prayer of Confession

Holy God,
when our faith is rooted deeply in You,
our lives reflect Your kingdom values of justice and righteousness.
We confess, however, that sometimes our lives become so entangled
with the values of the world,
that Your values take second place.
Forgive us, O God,
and reconnect us to Your Holy Spirit, source of power and life. Amen.
In Jesus' name, we pray... *(time of silent confession)*

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer, Amen.

* Assurance of Forgiveness

* Song of Praise



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the
Lord; let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther through
Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry: great things he has done!

Welcome New Members

* Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Catherine Anne Thomas & Shannon Dill

Parents may take their young children (through PreK) to our nursery in Sheppard Hall. Children are encouraged to stay in worship with their family and enjoy the activities in their worship buckets (available in the Sanctuary lobby [Narthex] on the window sills).

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.

First Lesson

Luke 3:1-6; page 56

Amanda Lower

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-11; page 627

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A New Old Word

David Lower

* Hymn #87

Comfort, Comfort Now My People *GENEVAN 42*

* Affirmation of Faith

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. Who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

(Robert Robinson)

* Song of Thanksgiving



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be-low; praise



God a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

* Prayer of Dedication

The Lord's Supper

When coming forward for Communion, please kneel at the closest available space to the center aisle. If you would like to be served where you are sitting, please raise your hand as the communion servers come down the center aisle and you will be served by intinction (dipping the bread in the cup). Everyone is invited to participate in the sacrament. Children who have discussed the sacrament with their parents and/or a pastor are welcome. A server with gluten-free bread will be standing at the center aisle. If you prefer gluten-free bread, please indicate your preference as you approach. Parents, please note the center rings of the communion trays are filled with wine. Only the outer ring is filled with grape juice.

Communion Music

Here I Am, Lord *Dan Schutte, arr. Jack Schrader*

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

(chorus) Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

(chorus)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

(chorus)

* Hymn #23

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets *PLEADING SAVIOR*

* Benediction

* Postlude

Now *Charles Ore*

WORSHIP NOTE *Thanks to our adult ensemble: Jenny Cummiskey, Mary Guerrant, Anne Hallum, Sonny Jester, Steve Klein, and Janice Young.*

Sunday Spotlights:



COLLEGE FOOTBALL 2016: PREDICTIONS YOU CAN BANK ON

at the next Men's Breakfast: Aug. 13, 8 a.m.

Mr. College Football, Tony Barnhart, will share his predictions for 2016 college football. As an author of college football books, a sports commentator and a TV personality, Tony will have some good stuff to throw our way. Put on your favorite team's colors and make your way to a delicious breakfast in the company of fellow football fanatics. Saint Luke's women and their guests are always welcome. Please RSVP by Tues., Aug. 9: Daryl Moore (H)770.395.6278 / (M)404.993.6203 / ddmoore@yahoo.com.



FAMILY PROMISE: DOUBLE FEATURE

Now that our Family Promise network is ramping back up, we anticipate a full house when we do our first-ever, back-to-back hosting weeks: September 25 – October 9. Our doing this saves the network an entire week of hotel lodging expenses. Volunteer opportunities abound for people wanting to volunteer in groups, as a family, or even alone. Please take a moment and find a spot to lend a hand: <http://tinyurl.com/SLPCFP2016-09>. We are incredibly grateful for an epic summer response from the Saint Luke's family for our July Family Promise hosting week — thank you!

YOU SAY, "I'm not able."

GOD SAYS, "I am able."

*2 Corinthians 9:8 says, "**And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.**"*

In all things God gives to us generously. He will equip you and help you. Stephen Ministers hope to be a conduit to God's grace for each of our care receivers. We are well trained and available to meet confidentially with you on a weekly basis. Take the first step. Reach out to Shannon Dill (770.393.1424 ext. 229) or Laura Strange (770.490.4395) for a referral.

BEWARE OF SENIOR SCAMS Perimeter North Villages invites you to a seminar about common scams against senior adults. Speakers include Ann Hardin, a rising Lovett High School senior who received a gold service project award from the Girl Scouts on this topic, and officer Samuel Worsham from the Sandy Springs police department. **Wed., Aug. 10 at 10:00 a.m.** Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, 471 Mount Vernon Highway, Sandy Springs, 30328. Please RSVP by email (Lee Smith: pnvillages@gmail.com) or phone 470.231.0015.

JUST ASK! After School Kids (A.S.K.) is a weekly Bible study for elementary school age students where they can fellowship, eat, sing, and study the Bible with their peers. This fall's study is titled "Chosen to be a Leader"– an Old Testament study focusing on the life of David and how to be a Godly leader. Classes meet for 10 weeks on Mondays after school (4-5:30 p.m.), starting Aug. 29, here at Saint Luke's. For more info, visit our **Open House on Mon., Aug. 22** at Saint Luke's from 4-5:30 p.m. For a registration form, contact Judy Weathers: weathers5002@gmail.com

CALLING ALL WOMEN: Save the date for the annual Saint Luke's Women's Retreat, March 3-5, 2017. We will have a weekend of fun, fellowship and God at The Dillard House in Dillard, Georgia. More details to come!

RETURNING BY POPULAR DEMAND: 8 STEPS TO A PAIN-FREE BACK

Sat., Aug. 27, 1-2 p.m. in room 203: Have you tried everything and your back, hip, neck or shoulder still hurts? Experience what healthy posture can do for you in this free workshop. Register under "Free Workshop" at www.GokhaleMethod.com

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN REGISTRATION

Presbyterian Women (PW) is a group that meets monthly for Bible study and mission-oriented projects. We hope you will plan to join us at one of our three monthly circle meetings beginning in September:

- 2nd Mondays at 9:30 a.m. (childcare available);
- 2nd Mondays at 7:30 p.m.; or
- 2nd Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

This year the Bible study will be "Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes" by Judy Yates Siker. Stop by our table in the lobby on Aug. 14, 21 and 28 for more information and to register. There is a cost for the study materials, so bring your checkbook. Contact PW Moderator Andrea Price: andrecoppedgeprice@gmail.com if you have any questions. Don't miss this special opportunity to study and grow spiritually with other women at Saint Luke's!

SPLASH! CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Catherine Anne Thomas

cathomas@slpres.org / 770.393.1424 ext. 228

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: LIVING WAX MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE Children in first through fifth grade are invited to pick a role in our upcoming **Living Wax Museum of the Bible: New Testament Edition**. Our museum will be open on Sunday morning, Aug. 28, during our Kickoff Pancake Breakfast. See the display in the lobby for details and to sign up for a character.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL In August, we do children's Sunday School a little differently: preschoolers attend "Light the Dark" class in Room 120; elementary kids have "Cave Capers" in the Great Hall. Both classes are 9:30-10:30, and both offer lots of fun activities!

THE ACOLYTES NEED 2ND – 8TH GRADERS! 2nd through 8th graders are invited to be a part of Saint Luke's acolyte program, a wonderful way for kids to take part in leading worship. Please contact Cailin Thelen (cailinthelen@gmail.com / cell 770.330.9622) to let her know if your kids want to join or if you'd like to be added to the "more information" email list. Training will be in the next few weeks; more details coming soon!

YOUTH CONNECTION

Phil Brown

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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	

UPCOMING SUNDAY YOUTH EVENTS:

AUG 21	6th Grade Pool Party
AUG 28	Sunday School Pancake Breakfast; Druid Hills Shelter Dinner
SEPT 11	Youth Family Potluck
OCT 16	All youth: Corn Maze
OCT 28-30	Middle school retreat @ Calvin Camp & Retreat Center
NOV 11-13	High school retreat @ Mountain TOP
DEC 18	Youth Christmas parties

MUSIC MINISTRY

Clair Maxwell

clairmaxwell@slpres.org / 770.393.1424 ext. 227

CHANCEL CHOIR AND FESTIVAL RINGERS return to rehearsal on Wed., Aug. 24. Both groups are open to youth and adults and rehearse weekly. There is an exciting year of music being planned! Festival Ringers practice 6:30-7:20 p.m. in the bell room, and the Chancel Choir practices 7:30-9 p.m. in the choir room. Contact Clair Maxwell for more information.

CELEBRATE THE ARTS (CTA) concert series begins Sept. 11 in the sanctuary with “Songs of Peace,” presented by the Atlanta choral group *Coro Voci*, conducted by Ed Weaver. Support this community outreach ministry by attending these free concerts with your friends and family, and contribute financially by becoming a **Friend of Music**. Look for more info on the CTA flyers and in the bulletin.

ADULT MINISTRY

Shannon Dill

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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.

DISCIPLE SERIES The sixth and final study in the Disciple Series, *Christian Believer*, will be offered at Sant Luke's this fall beginning on Sept. 13 in the Session Room (#109). This 30-week study focuses on essential doctrines of the Christian faith and attempts to “make connections between the doctrine and daily living.” Classes will be from 7-9 p.m. each Tuesday. Please call Liz Catlett to order materials: 770.393.1424, ext. 236.

ATTENDANCE

JULY 31	WORSHIP	NURSERY	VISITORS
8:30	64	0	1
11:00	218	22	32

*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

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
Church Administrator	Pam Melton
Administrative Assistant	Liz Catlett
Receptionist	Sally Hawkins
Facilities Manager	Roby Price
Treasurer	Mark Rogers

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LEADERSHIP

Terry Nall, *Clerk to Session*

ELDERS

Class of 2017:

Zachary Burroughs (*youth*),
John Eagar, Gil Hearn, 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

Class of 2019:

Al Bridges, Beth Eisenmesser,
Sonny Jester, Cindy Nunez,
Bob Pile, Bob Polensek,
Whitney Samuelson, Steven Vivian

DEACONS

Class of 2017:

Sandra DuBois, Kris Hull,
Caroline Hurst (*youth*),
Joyce Kratzenberg, Stacey Brooks,
Joanna Mangum, Stephen Moss,
Sharon Polensek,
Rebecca Strickland (*Moderator*),
Russell Wolfe

Class of 2018:

Justine Burney, Bobby Ferretti,
Diane Lemaster, Joe Luranc,
Lucy Painter, Debbie Parkes,
David Stover, Shari Wassell,
Kristen Wescott (*Vice Moderator*)

Class of 2019:

Melissa Blakely, Mark Douglass,
A.J. Favero, Carol Hickey,
Dorothy Kitchens, Richard Lawry,
Carol Waller, Al Wang, Scott Zannini



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