



SAINT LUKE'S
P R E S B Y T E R I A N C H U R C H

STEPHEN MINISTRY SUNDAY
CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF MINISTRY

September 11, 2016 ✦ 11:00 a.m.



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Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: *Green*

Green is used to represent spiritual growth.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in support of those valiantly battling cancer.

Donated by Bob and Joyce Johnson

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.

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 or go to **child care** (PreK and younger).

In Preparation for Worship

We all long for heaven where God is... being happy with God now means:
Loving as He loves,
Helping as He helps,
Giving as He gives,
Serving as He serves,
Rescuing as He rescues,
Being with Him twenty-four hours,
Touching Him in his distressing disguise.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta



Gathering Prayer

Prelude

It Is Well with My Soul *Craig Phillips*

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Minutes for Mission

Tartan Trot

David King

* Call to Worship

Psalm 98

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song, a song of hope and rejoicing!

People: Praise God for wonderful acts of mercy and kindness!

Leader: God has remembered God's faithful ones.

People: God has poured blessing upon blessing upon us!

Leader: Praise the Lord, all the earth, shout your praise!

People: Rejoice, for God is truly with us. AMEN.

* Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

* Hymn #761

Called As Partners in Christ's Service *BEECHER*

* Call to Confession

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

* Prayer of Confession

God of love and grace,
through the example of Jesus, you taught us to abide in your generous love,
for it completes our lives and gives us joy;
you ask us to love others as you have loved us,
for it brings your creation to fruition.

We sometimes struggle
to love the people in our lives
as you have loved us.

Forgive us, we pray,
and teach us your love again... *(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 God's 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 all the glo - ry: great things God has done!

Tell Us Our Story

Shannon Dill

*Parents may take their young children (through PreK) to our nursery, Rm. 121 in Sheppard Hall
Parents of children in K, 1st or 2nd grade may take them to **Faithful Friends** in **The Harbor**, Rm. 213.*

Moment for Stephen Ministry

Laura Strange

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.

Scripture Lesson

John 15:9-17; page 103

Leslie Berry

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Broken beyond repair...
and mended by Grace

Pam Montgomery

* Hymn #316

Where Charity and Love Prevail *TWENTY-FOURTH*

Stanza 1: All
Stanza 2: Men
Stanza 3: All
Stanza 4: Women
Stanza 5: All

* Affirmation of Faith

from the Confession of Belhar

**We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit.
This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.
We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church
as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;
that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways:
in that we love one another;
that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another;
that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully
to be of benefit and blessing to one another;
together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ;
together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity;
together know and bear one another's burdens,
thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and upbuild one another,
admonishing and comforting one another;
that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness;
pray together; and together serve God in this world.**



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.

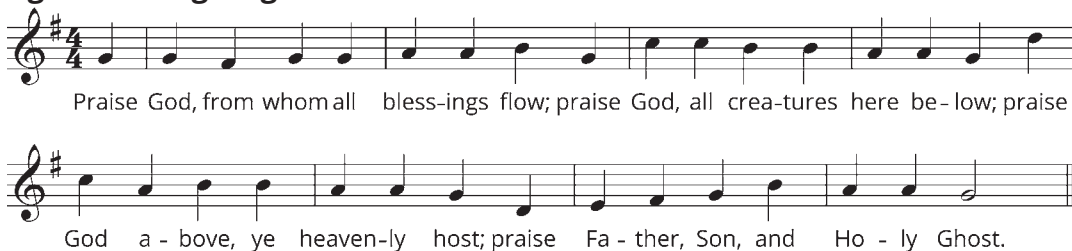
Offertory

Precious Lord, Take My Hand *arr. Roy Ringwald* Chancel Choir

Precious Lord, take my hand, bring me home through the night, through the dark,
through the storm, to Thy light. I have been to the mount, I have seen the promised land.
Bring Thy child home at last where the strife and the pain all are past.
I have dreamed a great dream that Thy love shall rule our land.
Take Thy child home to Thee with my dream of a world that is free.
For that day when all flesh joins the glory Thou has planned.

Joyce Merman

* Song of Thanksgiving



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here be-low; praise
God a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn #754

Help Us Accept Each Other *BARONITA*

* Charge & Blessing

* Choral Benediction

Amen *Peter Lutkin*

* Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *arr. Phillip*

Worship Note: *Today's Affirmation of Faith comes from the Belhar Confession, the newest confession of the Presbyterian Church USA, adopted this year by presbyteries and the General Assembly. The Belhar Confession was written by the Dutch Reformed Mission Church in 1986 as a theological challenge to South African apartheid, emphasizing the Christian commitments to unity and justice, standing by all those who endure suffering.*

Sunday Spotlights:



FREE CONCERT HERE TODAY AT 5:00 P.M.

Songs of Peace – Coro Voci *Ed Weaver, Conductor*

The Atlanta choral ensemble *Coro Voci* presents reflections on peace by American composers and arrangers on this poignant anniversary for our nation and world. An offering will be collected to benefit the charity *Tuesday's Children*, a response and recovery organization that supports youth, families, and communities impacted by terrorism and traumatic loss. Stay after the concert for a reception with coffee and home-baked "peace pies." Childcare is provided.



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS ARE A TIME TO FEAST!

All are invited to Saint Luke's mid-week programming: Feast! Come enjoy meals and faith formation opportunities (classes are grouped by age from 3 to adult) from 5:45 - 7:15 p.m. each Wednesday. Feast begins this week, Sept. 14 — pick up a brochure in the lobby and register now! Or use the blue registration slip in your pew to register each week.



TARTAN TROT 5K/10K IS FEB. 4, 2017

...150 days away!! We look forward to another successful event thanks to all who volunteer, run and/or sponsor. Today we kick off our 2017 Tartan Trot Sponsorship Campaign. Sponsorship information is available online at tartantrot.com, or come by the table in the lobby to make your pledge. Proceeds from this race support outreach ministries at Saint Luke's.

Watch your "Highlights" email for the next 2 weeks for a little Tartan fun: be the first person to email the correct answer to the Tartan Trivia Weekly Challenge and you'll win a prize! The correct answer will be announced during Sunday's worship. If you answered correctly, come by the Tartan Trot table in the lobby to see if you were the first to answer. If so, claim your prize!

(Here is last week's question... visit our table in the lobby to see who won.)

Which of the following ingredients would you NOT put in traditional haggis?

- A. Suet B. Liver C. Lard D. Oatmeal

STEPHEN MINISTRY SUNDAY

We welcome all the Atlanta-area Stephen Ministers and Leaders who are joining us today to celebrate a ministry that reaches out to area churches, the community, and all over the world: Stephen Ministry. Saint Luke's is blessed to have our own Stephen Ministers for over 10 years. Current ministers are Leslie Berry, Janis Jones, Liz Humphrey Lee, Bob Polensek, Sharon Polensek, Jan Slater and Stan Thornton, and Stephen leaders: Shannon Dill, Paula Morris, Cathie Rogers and Laura Strange.

The idea for Stephen Ministry began when Kenneth Haugk, a Lutheran Minister, trained people in his congregation to walk alongside individuals experiencing difficult times and everyday challenges of life. The mission of the Stephen Ministry is summed up in Paul's letter to the Ephesians: "To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ." *Ephesians 4:12-13*

Stephen Ministry brings distinctively Christian care to those in our congregation and the community by confidentially listening, comforting, using their training, and employing the tools of faith. They receive 50 hours of initial training before they are commissioned, and learn skills such as active non-judgmental listening and identifying and expressing feelings. The hallmark of the ministry is confidentiality. We invite you to use this valuable resource by contacting one of the leaders listed above.

ABOUT OUR GUEST

Our guest speaker today is **Pam Montgomery**. She has been a Stephen Leader since 1987. She is a graduate of Western Michigan University and has worked for the Evangelical Lutheran Church as an Associate in Ministry in the area of Evangelism. Pam and her husband, Mike, have four children and live in Raleigh, North Carolina. Pam has been a **Stephen Ministry Introductory Workshop** presenter since 1992 and a regular instructor at **Stephen Series Leader's Training Courses** since 2001. Pam brings a wealth of inspiration and insight as she shares how God works through Stephen Ministry.

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 final study in the Disciple Series, *Christian Believer*, will be offered at Saint 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 makes 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.

NEW BIBLE STUDY: "WAYFARERS" convened by David Lower. Come join David, Shannon and Phil as this week's preacher leads a study of the scripture for the upcoming Sunday's worship. During our worship year, we will read episodically through the Bible through May, starting with Abraham in Genesis. This study will enrich that journey through the Bible by following, clearly and deeply, the great big story of God and the people and the remaking of the world. We will listen and learn and discern God's Word together, and it will enrich our life of worship and faith! **Wednesdays at 10 a.m., starting on Sept. 14th**, in the church library (2nd floor above the lobby).

MUSIC MINISTRY

Clair Maxwell

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Choir Rehearsals on Wednesdays:

5:00-5:45 p.m.	Cherub Choir	Ages 4-5	Kelly Sloan, Director
5:00-5:45 p.m.	Westminster Choir	Grades 1-5	Clair Maxwell, Director
6:30-7:20 p.m.	Festival Ringers	Youth & Adults	Clair Maxwell, Director
7:30-9:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Youth & Adults	Clair Maxwell, Director

YOUTH CONNECTION

Phil Brown

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- SEPT 11** **5:30-7:30 p.m. Kick off Potluck** A time of fellowship with all youth and their families to discuss the schedule for the year. If your last name begins with the letters A-J please bring a main dish, K-R a side dish, and S-Z a dessert.
- SEPT 20,** **7 a.m.** HS students meet at Chick-fil-a on Jett Ferry.
- OCT 4,** **7 a.m.** HS students meet at Chick-fil-a on Jett Ferry.
OCT 18
- OCT 28-30** **Middle school retreat @ Calvin Camp & Retreat Center** This trip will be \$120/ youth. Registration on the Saint Luke's website opening up next week. Please sign up by October 2nd. We also need 4-5 male and female adults to join us, talk to Phil if you are interested.
- NOV 1, 15** **7 a.m.** HS students meet at Chick-fil-a on Jett Ferry.
- NOV 11-13** **High school retreat @ Mountain TOP**
- DEC 6, 20** **7 a.m.** HS students meet at Chick-fil-a on Jett Ferry.
- DEC 18** Youth Christmas parties

SPLASH! CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Catherine Anne Thomas

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Volunteers needed in Children's Ministries:

- 1) One person to job-share in our First Grade Holy Moly Class, 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Sundays.
- 2) Three or four people to coordinate our Trunk-n-Treat event on Sun., Oct. 30.
- 3) Two or three people to help coordinate Happy Birthday, Jesus – which is Sun., Dec. 18.

Please contact cathomas@slpres.org if you can fill any of these roles. Thanks!

STEPHEN MINISTRY

You: "It's impossible." **God:** "All things are possible."

Luke 18:27: Jesus replied, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

Nothing you are facing is insurmountable with God's help. What a comforting thought.

Allow a Stephen Minister to be a conduit to God's grace. Take the first step. Contact Stephen Leader Shannon Dill (770.393.1424 ext. 229) or Laura Strange (770.490.4395) for a referral. After that first step, a Stephen Minister will walk with you.

FAMILY PROMISE: DOUBLE FEATURE

Saint Luke's is hosting two consecutive weeks: Sept. 25 – Oct. 9. Volunteer opportunities available for groups, families, or individuals: <http://tinyurl.com/SLPCFP2016-09>.

OWLS (OLDER, WISER, LOVING SENIORS): Tues., Sept. 27, 11:30 a.m.

The **Bob Roberts Comedy Show** is full of comedy, magic, ventriloquism, and hilarious audience participation. Don't miss this one!

BECOMING CREATION WISE: a lecture series by Georgia Interfaith Power & Light. If you missed this great series at Saint Luke's, be sure to catch it at Dunwoody United Methodist Church. 4 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 11 - Oct. 9.

IT'S A NEW YEAR FOR OUR HOMELESS OUTREACH PROGRAMS:

Please sign up on the sheet in the lobby. Contact All Bridges, 770.394.6581, for info.

JOURNEY Volunteers needed on the 4th Sun. to prepare and serve a meal to approx. 26 homeless men: Nov., Jan., Mar., Apr., May, Jun. & July.

IOH (INTERFAITH OUTREACH HOME)

Volunteers needed on the 3rd Thurs. to deliver a meal for approx. 15 kids and 10 adults. Your cost is reimburseable. Sept. 2016 - May 2017.

**** Immediate need for IOH volunteers on September 15th—this Thursday. Please contact All Bridges at 770.394.6581. ****

MOVE INTO BETTER HEALTH

Begins Sept. 12: Mon. & Wed. in the Great Hall, 8:15 - 9:15 a.m. with Sally Joyce (SallyJoyce@comcast.net) Light aerobics, walking, and light weights for toning, stretching and relaxation.

FAITH & FILM — FRI., SEPT. 16

Bring a friend! "Pot Luck" style dinner at 7 p.m., movie at 7:45 p.m. Call Cindy Nunez (678.230.1236) to RSVP.

A Walk in the Woods *Returning to America after living abroad many years, aging travel writer Bill Bryson decides to focus on his native land by hiking the length of the Appalachian Trail with his long-estranged pal Stephen Katz – a tottering, wisecracking ex-alcoholic.* (Rated R, 1:44)

SEPT. 18: MEG (Marriage Enrichment Group) meets one Sun. per month from 5-6 p.m. in room 203. Childcare available. Contact Mark and Kimey Reed, 404.441.8614 / kimeyreed@gmail.com.

8 STEPS TO A PAIN-FREE BACK

Attend a free workshop at Saint Luke's on Thurs., Sept. 22, 6:30 p.m. Register under "Free Workshop" at www.GokhaleMethod.com

MOUNTAIN T.O.P. BOOK DRIVE

for gently used children's books. Please use the labeled bin in the lobby. This bin will also be a collection site for books from the community from Oct. 1-22. If you can help count, label and pack the books, please contact Marylyn Brown at 770.441.9383.

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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SERVING TODAY

Acolytes: Supervisor, Kelda Hearn

Bell Ringer, Allie Hearn

Bible Bearer, William Hearn

Candle Lighter, Carlisle Hearn

Crucifer, Elise Hearn

Chancel Guild: Rob & Sara Caverhill

Continental Breakfast: Stephen Ministers

Open/Close: Bruce Jones

Sound Crew: Roby Price

Ushers: Janis Jones, Bob & Sharon Polensek; Jan Slater

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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