



**First Sunday of Advent**

November 27, 2016

11:00am



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**Liturgical Color:** *Purple*  
*Purple marks the season of preparation and penitence: Advent and Lent.*

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

8:30am Chapel Communion Service  
9:30am Sunday School  
11:00am Sanctuary Worship Service  
*Nursery available at all services and 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 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 Sanctuary where our Pastors will be available to answer questions and provide you with 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**

**ASSISTIVE** A hearing loop is accessible by switching hearing aids to T-coil. Also, large print hymnals and back cushions are available. Please contact an usher for further assistance.



**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 Faithful Friends (K-2nd) or go to child care (PreK and younger).

## In Preparation for Worship

"Advent is concerned with that very connection between memory and hope which is so necessary to man. Advent's intention is to awaken the most profound and basic emotional memory within us, namely, the memory of the God who became a child. This is a healing memory; it brings hope. The purpose of the Church's year is continually to rehearse her great history of memories, to awaken the heart's memory so that it can discern the star of hope...It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope." *Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger*

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## Gathering Prayer

### Prelude

### Chiming of the Hour

### Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship\*

Leader: Holy God, the beginning and the end of all things: we join our voices with the angels to sing your praises.

**People: Blessed are you for the birth of creation.**

Leader: Blessed are you for your promise of deliverance to Daniel and all who find themselves in dens of despair.

**People: Blessed are you in the hopes and dreams of the prophets Joel and Isaiah.**

Leader: Blessed are you for Mary and Joseph's openness to your will.

**People: Blessed are you for your Son Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, God-with-us.**

Leader: Alleluia! The Lord is coming soon.

**People: Christ is coming indeed. Alleluia!**

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Sonny and Laura Jester

## Opening Hymn #165\*

The Glory of These Forty Days *ERHALT UNS, HERR*

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\* please stand

### **Call to Confession\***

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

### **Prayer of Confession\***

God of Deliverance,

we confess that we are not ready for Your advent.

We scoff at those who await Your return, and live as though You were never here.

We long for Your coming to change the world,

and yet are unwilling to change even our own hearts.

Deliver us from these sins and open our eyes to see Your presence all around us...

*(time of silent confession)*

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer. Amen.

### **Assurance of Forgiveness\***

#### **Song of Praise\***

Gloria in Excelsis Deo *GLORIA*

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

#### **Passing of the Peace\***

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

Zachary Burroughs

#### **Scripture Lesson**

Daniel 6:6-28 pages 779-780

Zachary Burroughs

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### **Tell Us Our Story**

Shannon Dill

*Parents may take their children (through PreK) to our nursery, Room 120 in Sheppard Hall.*

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

**Anthem**Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus *Taylor Davis* Chancel Choir

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne. *(Charles Wesley)*

**Sermon**

Awaiting Deliverance

David Lower

**Hymn #97\***Watchman, Tell Us of the Night *ABERYSTWYTH***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.**

## Prayers of the People 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.**

## 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 in the offering plate as it is passed.*

## Offertory

### Song of Thanksgiving\*



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\***

**Closing Hymn #92\***

While We Are Waiting, Come *WAITING*

**Charge and Blessing\***

**Choral Benediction\***

**Postlude\***

*Worship Notes:*

*Trey Clegg is our guest organist this morning.*

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## Sunday Spotlight:

**2017 COMMITMENT UPDATE:** Thanksgiving is a wonderful holiday because it brings family and friends together over good food and maybe a football game; just come and enjoy the company. As we reflect on the blessings in our lives, let us remember all bounty comes from God. We in turn commit a portion of our good fortune back to St. Luke's in order to support the spreading of the good word and acts of kindness. Thank you to all who have made pledges for 2017. We encourage all members to financially support the work we do in this sacred place.

**SANTA CLAUS EXPRESS**—Saint Luke's will be a drop off location again this year for this Presbyterian Women sponsored gift collection for residents at Presbyterian health services. Deadline for purchases to be brought to Saint Luke's is this Wed., Nov.30. There is a drop off bin in the lobby. Please refer to the flyer attached to the bin as it details more about the program.



## IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE... ADVENT!

1st Sunday of Advent. Some highlights include:

**POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS**—You can help decorate the church *and* honor or remember a loved one by purchasing a poinsettia. Donation envelopes are in the pew boxes. \$15 per plant (please write poinsettias on the memo line). Names will be published in the bulletin on Dec. 18. On Jan. 1, plants may be taken home to enjoy! Questions? Contact Nancy Self, 404.237.6551 or nself@comcast.net.

**SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE**— As a reminder, unwrapped purchases need to be returned to the lobby by Fri., Dec. 2. Please contact Jan Slater at 770.391.0489 or 770.757.5924.

**SAINT LUKE'S ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY**—Sat., Dec. 3 from 5-8pm at the home of Dan & Sally Joyce. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Childcare will be provided in the kid-friendly basement of the Joyce home, complete with toys & a big screen movie. Two babysitters will be on hand to supervise.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW) CHRISTMAS DINNER**—Mon., Dec. 5. Mingle in the lobby from 6-6:30pm, followed by a delicious dinner prepared by Chef Quentin & concluding with a candle-light communion service. Please sign up & pay online at [www.slpres.org](http://www.slpres.org), or in the lobby. Inviting family & friends is highly encouraged. \$15 pp. Checks can be made out to SL PW. Questions? Please contact Stephanie McGoldrick at [tsmcgoldrick@gmail.com](mailto:tsmcgoldrick@gmail.com).

**OWLS CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE**— Saint Luke's OWLS (Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors) will host their Christmas Open House on Dec. 10 from 2pm-5pm. The event will be held at the home of the Buchholz's. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the lobby.

**TOYS FOR TOTS BENEFIT CONCERT**—Sun., Dec. 11 at 4pm at Saint Luke's. Ret. Col. Richard H. White, Chairman of the Board, GA Military Veterans' Hall of Fame will be there for the presentation of the GA Military Veterans' Hall of Fame Certificate of Honor to Master Sergeant Cecil W. Hannaford & Lieutenant Colonel Byron Craig Brown. Marylyn Brown will receive this recognition for her late husband, Byron. All are cordially invited to a reception after the concert.

**THORNWELL CHRISTMAS OFFERING**—Join our tradition of donating to Thornwell in lieu of sending Christmas cards to your Saint Luke's family - names will be published in the Dec. 18th bulletin. Make checks payable to SL PW, place your contribution in the specially marked envelope in the pew rack & then place in offering plate or on the tree in the lobby. Deadline: Sun., Dec. 11.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW) CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE**—The PW will have two types of mini loaves available for purchase, Triple Chocolate & Cranberry-Orange, Sun., Dec. 11. These delicious, homemade breads make wonderful hostess gifts. \$4 each. Please, cash or check.



**AWAIT, AWAKEN, ARISE, ASTOUND and ABIDE**

**NOV 27 1st Sunday of Advent**

Pick up Advent Resources in the Lobby:

- \* A Journey of Memories: Advent Devotional
- \* Advent Sharing Box
- \* Manger in the Mantle

**DEC 4 2nd Sunday of Advent**

11AM Service of Lessons and Carols

**DEC 5**

6PM PW Dinner & Worship Service

**DEC 11 3rd Sunday of Advent**

PW Christmas Bake Sale

4PM Toys for Tots Benefit Concert & Presentation-GA Military Hall of Fame

**DEC 15**

5:30PM Live Nativity

**DEC 18 4th Sunday of Advent**

JOY Offering

Chrismons ("Christ's Monogram")  
Presentation by PW; both services

9:30-11AM Happy Birthday Jesus & Fellowship Brunch

5PM Service of Comfort & Rest

**DEC 24 Christmas Eve Worship Services**

5PM Family (*Sanctuary*)

8PM Candlelight (*Sanctuary*)

11PM Candlelight (*Chapel*)

**DEC 25 Christmas Day**

11AM Worship Service (*Sanctuary*)

**SPLASH! CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**

**Catherine Anne Thomas**    [cathomas@slpres.org](mailto:cathomas@slpres.org) / 770.393.1424 ext. 228

**ADVENT SHARING BOX**- Pick up your box in the church lobby & awaken the "giving spirit" of the season. Collect non-perishable food items in the provided box for donation to The CAC.

**MANGER ON THE MANTLE**- This unique activity is a wonderful tool which reinforces the Advent season of wait, watch and prepare. Pick up your Manger on the Mantle Kit in the church lobby.

**LIVE NATIVITY** - Thur., Dec. 15 at 5:30pm. Consider if your family would like to portray a costumed Bethlehem character. Contact Mary Kent at [gkent4@aol.com](mailto:gkent4@aol.com), if you are interested in playing a role or if you would like to intern with Mary Kent to take the reins in 2017.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS & FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH** - Sun., Dec. 18 from 9:30-11:00am. Contact Catherine Anne Thomas, [cathomas@slpres.org](mailto:cathomas@slpres.org), if you'd like to help plan and share in this intergenerational event with your Saint Luke's family.

**FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**- Sat., Dec. 24 at 5pm. Every child who comes will have a part, but contact Catherine Anne if your child would like an assigned part. If you would like to sing with the Christmas Eve choir, rehearsals will be Dec. 7, 14, and 21 at 5-5:45pm in the choir room.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**Clair Maxwell**    [clairmaxwell@slpres.org](mailto:clairmaxwell@slpres.org) / 770.393.1424 ext. 227

We have some exciting opportunities planned for youth during the upcoming holiday season. They include:

- ◆ Participating in the Lessons & Carols Service at Saint Luke's on Dec. 4.
- ◆ Caroling for Community Assistance Center on Dec. 8.
- ◆ Also, participating in the Live Nativity on Dec. 15.
- ◆ For those interested in singing with the Christmas Eve choir, rehearsals are Dec. 7, 14 and 21 from 5-5:45pm in the choir room.

Email Clair with your interest and stay current with music updates by texting @choirsl to 81010.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Sun., Dec. 4 at 11am Service– Advent Lessons and Carols

Sun., Dec. 11 at 4 pm – Toys for Tots benefit concert featuring our choirs and the Premiere Brass quintet. At this service, Cecil Hannaford and Byron Brown will be honored by the Georgia Military Hall of Fame. Childcare provided.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Phil Brown**    [philbrown@slpres.org](mailto:philbrown@slpres.org) / 770.393.1424 ext. 238

**Emily Wilmesherr**    [emilywilmesherr@slpres.org](mailto:emilywilmesherr@slpres.org) / 770.393.1424 ext. 234

**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL**– Join us upstairs from 9:30-10:30am to decorate the youth rooms for Christmas.

**YOUTH GROUPS**–No Youth Group on Nov. 27, please enjoy time with your family.

**HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST**- Tues., Dec. 6 at 7am at the Jett Ferry Chick-fil-A.

Other dates: Dec. 20. Text Phil by Mon. night by 8pm if you need a ride in the morning.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- ◆ Toys for Tots on Dec. 11, 4pm. From 3-6pm, youth will be providing childcare for 3yr. olds through 5th graders during the concert. This is a great opportunity to prepare for Mountain TOP camp. We would also like a few adult volunteers. Talk to Phil or Emily if you can help out.
- ◆ Live Nativity on Dec. 15, 5:30pm. Come in your Tartan Trot gear to help set up. We will be selling hot chocolate to raise money for Tartan Trot.

## ADULT MINISTRY

**Shannon Dill**     [shannondill@slpres.org](mailto:shannondill@slpres.org) / 770.393.1424 ext. 229

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** classes meet between the worship services, 9:30-10:30am  
Descriptions of current groups are available on our website ([slpres.org](http://slpres.org)) or  
<http://bit.ly/AdultSundaySchool>. Please join us!

**FRIDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** Fellowship and Bible study every Fri. from  
6:40-8:00am in the Parlor with Dan Joyce.

**DISCIPLE SERIES** The final study in the Disciple Series, *Christian Believer*, focuses on  
essential doctrines of the Christian faith and makes connections between the doctrine and daily  
living. Classes are Tuesdays, 7-9pm.

**BIBLE STUDY: "WAYFARERS"** Come join David, Shannon or Phil as this week's  
preacher leads a study of the scripture for the upcoming Sunday's worship. Wed. at 10am in the  
church library on the 2nd floor.

**STEPHEN MINISTERS** People don't always need advice. Sometimes all they really need is a hand  
to hold, an ear to listen, and a heart to understand them. If you are experiencing difficult times  
and would like a Stephen Minister to help, please contact Stephen Ministry Referrals  
Coordinators: Rev. Shannon Dill ([shannondill@slpres.org](mailto:shannondill@slpres.org), 770-393-1424, ext. 229) or Laura  
Strange ([jandlstrange@comcast.net](mailto:jandlstrange@comcast.net), 770-392-9284). If you have a friend in need, have the  
person call or obtain permission to inquire on their behalf.

**ADVENT RESOURCES AT SAINT LUKE'S:** Please be sure to stop by the Advent Outpost in the  
church lobby to pick up a few tools for you and/or your family's use during this Advent season.  
There are three items available this year. *A Journey of Memories* is a daily Advent devotional  
published through Presbyterians Today. The *Advent Sharing Box* is an outreach tool for all who  
are interested in collecting food for The Community Assistance Center. Finally, for families with

**FAMILY PROMISE**—Join us for our last  
Family Promise host week opportunity of  
2016! We will welcome homeless children &  
their parents to make themselves at home  
at SLPC on Dec. 11 & will host them through  
Dec.18. We are so thankful for each of you  
who are able to offer hospitality, time,  
meals, prayers and support. Sign up at:  
<http://tinyurl.com/SLPCFP2016-12>.  
David King, [cardheel@yahoo.com](mailto:cardheel@yahoo.com) or  
Beth Underhill, [bunderhill.mail@gmail.com](mailto:bunderhill.mail@gmail.com).

**HOOPS AT SAINT LUKE'S!**—Start your day off  
right with morning basketball in the Great Hall  
from 6-7am each Thursday. Questions?  
Email TJ McGoldrick, [tsmcgoldrick@gmail.com](mailto:tsmcgoldrick@gmail.com).

## 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  
Director of Communications. . . . . Tina Knoedler  
Facility Manager. . . . . Roby Price  
Treasurer. . . . . Mark Rogers  
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## SERVING TODAY

**Acolytes**– Supervisor, Cailin Thelen  
Bell Ringer– Bonnie Ruggiero  
Bible Bearer– Brady Anderson  
Candle Lighter– Katie Miller  
Crucifer– Rebecca Miller  
**Chancel Guild**– Rob & Sara Caverhill  
**Continental Breakfast**– Gena Spears  
**Open/Close**– Miles Young  
**Lay Reader**– Zachary Burroughs  
**Sound Crew**– Bob Burroughs

## LEADERSHIP

Terry Nall, *Clerk to Session*

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## 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

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## 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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