



**First Sunday after Christmas  
New Year's Day**

**January 1, 2017**



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New Year's Day

**Liturgical Color:** White

*White is used for special days such as Christmas and Easter.*

### 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 Chapel where our Pastors will be available to greet you and answer questions.

**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** hearing devices. 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.

## In Preparation for Worship

On January 1, 1863, The Emancipation Proclamation went into effect. On December 31, 1862, many churches held services celebrating new freedoms. This night became known as The Watch Night; a night they looked for God's breaking into the world and freeing those who were in chains. This New Year's Day 2017, we can appreciate and appropriate the struggle for justice in a world that is still broken. And at the same time rededicate our lives to the God who promises newness and hope. For what is it that you Keep Watch?

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### Prelude

O Come All Ye Faithful *ADESTE FIDELES*

### Welcome and Call to Worship\*

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**People: We will be glad and rejoice in it.**

Leader: This is the year that the Lord has begun.

**People: We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness.

**People: Great is your faithfulness, O Lord.**

### Opening Hymn #132\*

Good Christian Friends Rejoice *IN DULCI JUBILO*

### Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession\*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**Lord God,**

**You promise new life.**

**We celebrated your new life and your new promise to us just last weekend.**

**May we never lose that celebration.**

**Bind us to you so that we don't venture away from Christmas and you.**

**We confess our brokenness in a broken world.**

**In this New Year renew us again and again.**

**Hear now our silent confessions...** *(time of silent confession)*

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer. Amen.**

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\* please stand

## **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.

## **A Prayer for the New Year and 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.**

## **Tell Us Our Story**

### **Scripture and Reflection**

#### **Reading One**

Luke 2:21-24 *Joseph and Mary take Jesus to the temple to be dedicated.*

Can you imagine all the questions Mary and Joseph had? What do they do? They do the "normal" things of faith and life. Mary and Joseph trusted that God had this, even this child, this Christ child. What ways do you offer your trust and hope to God? Are there new ways that you can offer your trust to God?

#### **Hymn #145**

What Child Is This *GREENSLEEVES*

Stanza 1

## Reading Two

Luke 2:25-34 *A strange man named Simeon.*

Like most new parents, Mary and Joseph are bombarded with advice on parenting. Simeon is the first adult to recognize who Jesus is without the help of an angel. He rejoices as he holds redemption and salvation in his hands. But Simeon doesn't sugar-coat it. He tells Mary and Joseph that this child will do great things, but it will cost something. And it will hurt so much it will feel like your soul is pierced. Is there anything that's piercing your soul this new year? Is there a situation or relationship where God is pushing you toward—to seek redemption, reconciliation, or forgiveness?

## Hymn #145

What Child Is This *GREENSLEEVES*

Stanza 2

## Reading Three

Luke 2:36-38 *Anna's response to Jesus.*

Anna is a person who found refuge in the church. She is a widow, older, and a woman. She is on the outside. She knows what it means to keep watch for salvation—to hold on to hope. Christmas is about seeing redemption in a new way. New Year's is about starting new. They share a storyline. As we abide in what it means for the Christ-child to enter in the world, how can we hold onto hope with the same enduring enthusiasm and commitment as Anna?

## Hymn #145

What Child Is This *GREENSLEEVES*

Stanza 3

## Meditation

Abiding...some more.

Phil Brown

## Hymn #148\*

Mary and Joseph Came to the Temple *EVENING SONG*

## Affirmation of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism, Section on Thankfulness

**Leader:** Question 86. Since we are redeemed from our sin and its wretched consequences by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why must we do good works?

**People:** **Because just as Christ has redeemed us with his blood, he also renews us through his Holy Spirit according to his own image, so that with our whole life we may show ourselves grateful to God for his goodness and that he may be glorified through us; and further, so that we ourselves may be assured of our faith by its fruits and by our reverent behavior may win our neighbors to Christ.**

## 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.*

## 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.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff covers the first line of lyrics, the second staff covers the second line, and the third staff covers the third line and ends with a double bar line.

## Prayer of Dedication\*

Prayer at the Turn of a New Year *Roddy Hamilton*

*In unison*

**On this edge of years  
the crossroads between past and future  
we come as who we have been  
and offer you who we might yet be**

**Take this offering of ourselves  
a new promise to be your people here  
holding a renewed vision of your reign here**

**Take this  
take us  
that we might be light  
and follow you anew  
as we journey across borders of time  
and find new years  
new places  
to be your renewed people. Amen.**

## The Lord's Supper

*Communion will be served by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup). Everyone is invited to participate in the sacrament. Children who have discussed the sacrament with their parents and/or 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. If you would prefer to be served where you are sitting, please raise your hand.*

## Communion Music

### Closing Hymn #143\*

Angels, From the Realms of Glory *REGENT SQUARE*

### Charge and Blessing\*

### Postlude\*

Masters in This Hall *Traditional French Carol*



## SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT:

**WHAT GOES UP, MUST COME DOWN**—Please join us after the combined 11am service this Sunday for a few minutes to help take down the decorations. Many hands make light work! Thank you, in advance, for your help. Any questions, please contact Nancy Self , [nself@comcast.net](mailto:nself@comcast.net) or 404.237.6551.

**SEEKING NEW OFFICERS**—The Officer Nominating Committee (ONC) of Saint Luke's is developing a slate of nominees to be elected to the offices of Elder and Deacon, and we need your suggestions. Please ask the person you'd like to nominate if they would consider serving Saint Luke's as an officer; if 'yes,' fill out a recommendation form and place it in the collection box in the lobby. These boxes will be available on January 8th and 15th. You may also email or speak to any member of the ONC: Lucy Painter, Shawn Hamlin, Fern Mitropoulos, Sarah Caverhill, Mark Reed, Stephanie McGoldrick, Gerald Aldridge.

## **SAINT LUKE'S LITTLE SAINTS PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN**

### **Registration for the 2017 ~ 2018 school year is coming in January!**

Our accredited program honors the individuality of the child as we prepare each student for elementary school. Children ages 12 months through Kindergarten enjoy learning in our beautiful classrooms under the guidance of our dedicated and experienced teachers.

We would love to welcome your child as we celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

Church members register on Jan. 24.

Current families register on Jan. 25.

New community families register on Jan 26.

Questions or tours, Carol Perry, carolperry@slpres.org, 770.393.1424 x240

## **SEE YOU AT THE START LINE!**

On Feb. 4, 2017, an anticipated 1,500 runners will gather to the sound of bagpipes to compete in the 2017 Tartan Trot 5K/10K race. The Tartan Trot features two full loop "Peachtree qualifying" races that start and end at Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church!

### **WE ARE A WALKER, STROLLER, DOG FRIENDLY EVENT!**

Last year, the race hosted 1,150+ runners and raised approximately \$110,000. These funds, along with generous donations from corporate and individual sponsors, helped St. Luke's provide financial and hands on support to many outreach partners locally and around the world.

### **PLEASE VISIT THE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION**

[www.tartantrot.com](http://www.tartantrot.com)



## SPLASH! CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

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### 2017—JUST A FEW SAINT LUKE'S HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Wednesday, Jan. 18th      FEAST begins
- ◆ Saturday, Feb. 4th      Tartan Trot
- ◆ Week of Feb. 19th      Family Promise Week
- ◆ Friday, Mar. 3rd-5th      Saint Luke's Women's Retreat
- ◆ Sunday, April 9th      Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch
- ◆ Sunday, May 7th      Blessing of Our Pets
- ◆ Week of June 12th      MAKER Fun Factory, VBS

## ADULT MINISTRY

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

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**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.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Phil Brown** philbrown@slpres.org / 770.393.1424 ext. 238

**Emily Wilmesherr** emilywilmesherr@slpres.org / 770.393.1424 ext. 234

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**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL**– Please note, Sunday school groups will not meet today, Sun., Jan 1.

**YOUTH GROUPS**– Please note, Youth Groups will not meet today, Sun., Jan 1.

**SPRING KICKOFF JAN. 8**– Youth and their families are invited to attend the Youth Potluck Supper on Sun., Jan. 8 from 5-7pm. If you are going on a summer trip you need to be at this potluck. Also, important Tartan Trot information will be given.

- ⇒ Last name A-M, Please bring side or dessert.
- ⇒ Last name N-Z, Please bring main dish to share.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**Clair Maxwell** clairmaxwell@slpres.org / 770.393.1424 ext. 227

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### **CHOIRS IN DECEMBER:**

Adults resume rehearsals - Jan. 4.  
Children resume rehearsals -Jan. 18.

### **CELEBRATE THE ARTS 2017**

Feb.12, 4:00 p.m., Songs of Love– *Coro Voci*  
Mar. 26, 4:00 p.m., Atlanta Guitar Trio  
April 30, 6:30 p.m., Chastain at Saint Luke's

**TARTAN TROT 2017**—Sat., Feb. 4

**Sponsorship**—To sponsor, visit our lobby table or contact Laura Singley: laurasingley@att.net.

**Volunteers: We need you!**—It takes 150 volunteers to host this event safely! Contact Krissy Williams: kcwills7104@yahoo.com or Christine Crutchfield: gafrog01@hotmail.com to sign up or visit our table in lobby to sign up.

**Runners/Walkers**—Please visit our site, tartantrot.com for all race information and to register. Cost is \$30 for the 5K/10K or \$15 for the 1 Mile.

**Bakers: The Tradition Continues!**—We are known for our pies and cakes!! Please sign up to bake a pie (or cake) for Race Day! Visit the lobby for sign up sheet and also new this year, check out our new **#willrunforpie** t-shirts and sweatshirts. Get yours now... limited quantities available.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT** —will be held on Mar., 3-5 at the Dillard House in Dillard, GA. We are excited to announce our guest speaker will be Kelly Fitzgerald, who is a former intern for Saint Luke's. Join us for a weekend of fellowship, fun and spiritual growth! Registration continues through Feb. 19. Cost is \$250 (\$258 if paying online) which includes 2 nights lodging, dinner Fri., three meals Sat. and breakfast on Sun. Contact Christy Keohane at christykeohane@yahoo.com, Jenny Troha at jbtroha@bellsouth.net or Shannon Dill at shannondill@slpres.org.

**FEAST BEGINS**—Wed., Jan. 18. Look for details about FEAST signup and educational offerings coming soon.

**BILLS, BILLS: GA LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW**—

Our legislators, Senator Fran Millar, Rep. Tom Taylor and Rep. Wendell Willard will be with us on Sat., Jan. 7 at 8am to preview upcoming legislative activity. Always popular, this Men's Breakfast event is sure to be entertaining as well as informative. You can enjoy a delicious breakfast, congratulate Fran, Tom, and Wendell for winning in the Nov. election and be a knowledgeable citizen with a pretty good idea of the issues the General Assembly will tackle. RSVP to Daryl Moore at 770.395.6278/404.993.6203 or ddmooore@yahoo.com. Saint Luke's women and their guests are always welcome.

**LIFESOUTH BLOOD DRIVE**—The Bloodmobile will be here on Sun., Jan. 8 after services. LifeSouth is a 501(c)(3) non-profit community blood supplier for more than 100 hospitals in Alabama, Florida and Georgia.

**LIVING WITHOUT BACK PAIN**—Lori Szalay will host a free workshop featuring the Gokhale Method for relieving back pain. Thur., Jan. 5 in Room 203 at 6:30pm.

**SERVE GOD, SAVE THE PLANET**—Sunday nights in January, 6:30-8pm, Saint Luke's and Dunwoody United Methodist will convene to discuss the book, *Serve God, Save the Planet - A Christian Call to Action*, by Matthew Sleeth, MD. (You can purchase a copy from Amazon for around \$10.) The plan is to discuss the first 4 of the 16 chapters at the first meeting: "Genesis," "An Ounce of Prevention Can Change the World," "A Christian's Case for Earth Care," and "The Earth is the Lord's." Please let Tom Loftis, tomloftis01@gmail.com, or Dave Tharp, dltharp@bellsouth.net, know if you plan to attend. We look forward to seeing you for this informative program.

## 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  
Intern for Children & Youth Ministry. . . . . Emily Wilmesherr  
Church Administrator. . . . . Pam Melton  
Administrative Assistant, CE & Music Ministry. . . . . Liz Catlett  
Receptionist. . . . . Sally Hawkins

## SAINT LUKE'S PERIMETER COUNSELING CENTER

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## SERVING TODAY

Sound- Brad Troha

## CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS:

The Church administrative offices will be closed in observance of the New Year holidays. We look forward to serving you with grace and renewed vigor in 2017! Thank you friends, Happy New Year.

Monday, Jan. 2- Closed

## 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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