



Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 8, 2017

11:00am



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Liturgical Color: White

White is used on special days such as the Baptism of the Lord Sunday.

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

“As Christians our baptism joins us to Christ. We share in being named and claimed by God. This isn’t primarily to fill our need to feel accepted and loved, though it certainly does that. When we forget our baptism, we forget who and whose we are. The world insists that we belong to ourselves, our employer, our family, our children’s school or sports team, or the government of our country. As Christians we reject all these claims of ownership; we belong to God. It is about God’s purposes, and through our baptism we no longer live for ourselves, we now live to, for and with God.”

- Heather Carlson, *Ekklesia Project*

Gathering Prayer

Prelude

As Rain From the Clouds *Aaron David Miller*

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: God who creates, Your spirit swept across formless waters of chaos,
making light and earth life.

People: **God who calls,
Your spirit spoke over the waters of the Jordan
naming Jesus as Your beloved child.**

Leader: God who blesses, Your spirit moves with grace in our lives.

People: **As proclaimed in our baptism,
You call us as Your children to bear Your grace for the world.
We praise You, Holy One,
for the washing and refreshing waters of Your grace.**

Opening Hymn #479*

Ho, All Who Thirst *JACOB'S WELL*

Call to Confession*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

* please stand

Prayer of Confession*

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,
making us part of the body of Christ.
We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,
separated from sisters and brothers in Christ.
We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and allow the past to hold us hostage.
In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin.
Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life,
and live together in the grace you give.
Hear us now as we offer our personal prayers of confession...(time of silent confession)

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness*

Song of Praise*

Gloria GLORIA

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Passing of the Peace of Christ*

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

Carol Allen

Scripture Lesson

Luke 3:1-22, page 56

Carol Allen

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

David Lower

*Parents may take their children (through PreK) to our nursery, Room 120, in Sheppard Hall.
Faithful Friends will resume next week. These children are welcome to stay in the worship service, however,
they are also welcome to go to the nursery, Room 120.*

Sermon

David Lower

Hymn of Affirmation of Faith #481* I Believe in God the Father *GENEVAN*

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Leader: We give you thanks, Eternal God,
for you nourish and sustain all living things by the gift of water.

People: **In the beginning of time, your Spirit moved over the watery chaos,
calling forth order and life.**

Leader: In the time of Noah, you destroyed evil by the waters of the flood,
giving righteousness a new beginning.

People: **You led Israel out of slavery,
through the waters of the sea, into the freedom of the promised land.**

Leader: In the waters of Jordan,
Jesus was baptized by John and anointed with your Spirit.
By the baptism of his own death and resurrection,
Christ set us free from sin and death,
and opened the way to the life that is eternal.

People: **We rejoice that you claimed us in baptism,
and that by your grace we are born anew.
By your Holy Spirit renew us,
that we may be empowered to do your will
and continue forever in the risen life of Christ,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all glory and honor, now and forever. Amen.**

Remembrance of Baptism

*Those wishing to renew the promises of baptism are invited to come forward to the font,
receive the water, and return to your pew by the side aisle.*

Hymn

Down in the River to Pray

*(Refrain) As I went down to the river to pray, studying about the good old way.
And who shall wear the robe and crown, Good Lord show me the way.*

Oh, sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.
Oh, sisters, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

(Refrain) Oh, brothers, let's go down...

(Refrain) Oh, fathers, let's go down...

(Refrain) Oh, mothers, let's go down...

(Refrain) Oh, sinners, let's go down...

(Refrain) Oh, children, let's go down...

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.**

Moment for Mission

Tartan Trot

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

Out of Deep, Unordered Water C. Hubert H. Parry Chancel Choir

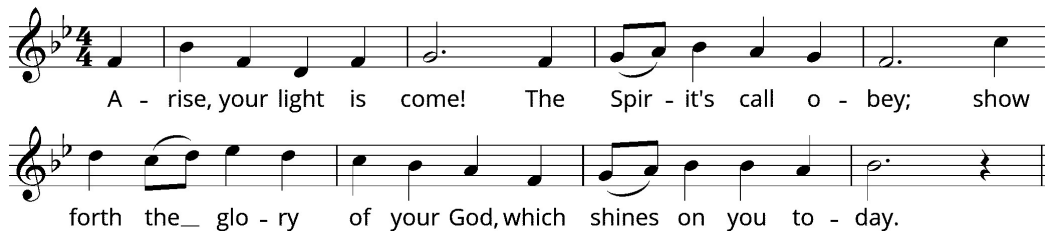
Out of deep, unordered water
God created light and land,
World of bird and beast and, later,
In God's image, woman, man.
There is water in the river
Bringing life to tree and plant.
Let creation praise its giver;
There is water in the font.

Standing round the font reminds us
Of the Hebrews' climb ashore.
Life is hallowed by the knowledge:
God has been this way before.
There is water in the river
Bringing life to tree and plant.
Let creation praise its giver;
There is water in the font. (*Fred Kaan*)

Water on the human forehead,
Birthmark of the love of God
Is the sign of death and rising
Through the seas there runs a road.
There is water in the river
Bringing life to tree and plant.
Let creation praise its giver;
There is water in the font.

Song of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 744, Arise, Your Light is Come! JUNKANOO Stanza 1



A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey; show
forth the_ glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.

Prayer of Dedication*

Closing Hymn #611*

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee HYMN TO JOY

Benediction Response*

Postlude*

Wade in the Water Barbara Harbach

Worship Notes:

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SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT:

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE, DONATE BLOOD TODAY— LifeSouth will be here today in the Great Hall after services. LifeSouth is a 501(c)(3) non-profit community blood supplier for more than 100 hospitals in Alabama, Florida and Georgia. They are committed to meeting the blood supply needs of these hospitals by providing the highest quality blood components and services. LifeSouth is a community blood center, meaning the blood supply collected from donors directly serves the needs of patients in our community.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FEAST BEGINS—Wed., Jan. 18 and will continue for ten weeks including a Pancake Supper before the Ash Wednesday Service on Mar. 1st. Innovative programs are available for all ages. Please pick up a Feast brochure in the lobby as it highlights all menu options and program details. You won't want to miss out!

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO MAKE 10,000 SANDWICHES?—Come to the Annual PW Sandwich Project on Sun., Jan. 22 in the Great Hall to be a part of this fun family event and find out! Sandwiches will be given to four different shelters to be distributed to hungry neighbors around Atlanta. You can help by sponsoring a banana box for \$25/box. These sturdy banana boxes carry about 100 sandwiches each, so your sponsorship will feed many hungry folks. Make checks payable to Presbyterian Women with Sandwich Project in memo line. See the display in the lobby for more information.

IT'S CHILI TIME!—Join us for the annual Saint Luke's Chili Supper, featuring prize-worthy homemade chili, plenty of 'fixins', appetizers and desserts. \$7.50 per person, payable at the event. Sat., Jan.28 from 6:30-9:00pm at the home of Billy and Mary Martin. This fun filled evening is being graciously hosted by Billy & Mary Martin and Steve & Faye Cashwell. Please RSVP: <https://goo.gl/forms/nhISMtxWFOD4hzjgl>.

SAINT LUKE'S LITTLE SAINTS PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

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

We would love to welcome your child as we celebrate our 20th 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

S P L A S H! CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Catherine Anne Thomas cathomas@slpres.org / 770.393.1424 ext. 228

Children's Ministries kicks off the new year with a "splash"! Mark your calendars for:

BAPTISM WORKSHOP, Jan.22nd 9:30-10:30am, Meet at The Dock.

COMMUNION WORKSHOP, Jan. 29th, 9:30-10:30am, Meet at The Dock.



Hey kids and adult volunteers, did you know that you are...

"Created by God, Built for a Purpose?"

Maker Fun Factory, VBS, June 15-12th.

Join us this summer for the best ever vacation bible school!

Registration will begin soon.

MUSIC MINISTRY

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

CHOIR REHEARSALS ON WEDNESDAYS:

5:00-5:45 p.m. Cherub Choir, *Ages 4-5, Kelly Sloan, Director. Resumes Jan. 18th.*

5:00-5:45 p.m. Westminster Choir, *Grades 1-5, Clair Maxwell, Director. Resumes Jan. 18th.*

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*

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHOIR?

All our choirs are open ensembles with no auditions or experience required. We work with your schedule, and would enjoy having you in one of our groups! Talk to a current choir member or Clair Maxwell for more info.

CELEBRATE THE ARTS

- Save the Date – Sun., Feb., 12 at 4pm – Songs of Love presented by Coro Voci.
- Performing Slots Open for Chastain @ Saint Luke's on Sun., April 30 at 6:30pm. Contact Clair Maxwell with your interest and suggestions for participation in this event before Feb., 1.

ADULT MINISTRY

Shannon Dill 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) 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

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL- Meet in the Youth Room from 9:30-10:30am.

CONFIRMATION CLASS BEGINS TODAY-Meet upstairs in the Youth Room at 2:45-3:45pm. Please
come with a parent. Please talk to Phil if you would like to participate.

YOUTH FAMILY KICK-OFF -This Sunday 5pm-7pm starting in the Great Hall. We will kick-off this spring
with a fellowship potluck and then move upstairs to the Youth Room and talk about the spring sched-
ule and summer trips. **If you are planning to go on a summer trip you need to come.** Also, important
Tartan Trot information will be given. Families with last names starting with A-M, please bring a side or
dessert and that last names starting with N-Z, please bring a main dish to share.

PARENTS, WE NEED YOUR HELP This spring we could use your help with the Middle School group. We
also have a few special events that we need drivers for. Links to sign up are in your weekly emails.

Stay current with Saint Luke's Youth Ministry by signing up for text message updates.

for Middle School updates:

Youth, text **@6th-8thsl to 81010**

Parents, text **@MSparents1 to 81010**

for High School updates:

Youth, text **@9th-12thsl to 81010**

Parents, text **@HSparents1 to 81010**

for Youth Music updates:

Text **@choirsl to 81010**

TARTAN TROT 2017

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 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 & spiritual growth! Registration continues through Feb. 19. Cost is \$250 (\$258 if paying online). Contact Christy Keohane at christykeohane@yahoo.com, Jenny Troha at jbtroha@bellsouth.net or Shannon Dill at shannondill@slpres.org.

OWLS & BEN-HUR?—What a curious combination! Join the OWLS on Jan.24 at 11:30am to learn more about the famed 19th century novel. Our own Roby Price will offer an inspired lecture about the book that has had more sales than any other book except the bible. Please see sign up sheet in the lobby.

COOL MOUNTAINS OF GUATEMALA—In the middle of Atlanta's summer heat, please join our Mission Team on its' summer mission in Guatemala to build a stove, visit a school & plant trees with Mayan farmers. AIR-Guatemala is a long time partner with Saint Luke's and will handle ALL of the details except airline flights. Dates are June 11th-18th & we need to know by Mar. 15 if you plan to attend. Please contact Anne.Hallum@AIRGuatemala.org for more info. We will share our faith by planning HOPE.

FAITH & FILM SERIES— Please consider joining the Faith & Film folks on Fri., Jan. 20 for a group viewing of God's Not Dead 2. The group meets in Room 207 at 7pm and includes a pot luck supper. Please email Josh Nunez for more information at josh.c.nunez@gmail.com. Other selections this quarter include: The Martian on Feb. 17 and Homeless to Harvard on Mar. 17.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT GROUP (MEG)—This group will meet this evening at 5-6:30pm in Room 203. Please consider joining for fellowship and lively discussion.

SERVE GOD, SAVE THE PLANET—Sun. nights in Jan. at 6:30pm, Saint Luke's & DUMC will convene to discuss the book, *Serve God, Save the Planet - A Christian Call to Action*, by Matthew Sleeth, MD. The plan is to discuss the first 4 of the 16 chapters at the first meeting. Please let Tom Loftis at tomloftis01@gmail.com or Dave Tharp at dltharp@bellsouth.net, if you plan to attend.

SHOOT HOOPS—Join in the fun with basketball each Thursday at 6am in the Great Hall. TJ McGoldrick, tsmcgoldrick@gmail.com.

WEDDING GUILD SEEKS VOLUNTEERS— For more details please contact Heather Grafton at heather_grafton@hotmail.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
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SERVING TODAY

Acolytes– Supervisor, Cailin Thelen
Bell Ringer– Thomas Rice
Bible Bearer– Yates Parker
Candle Lighter– Nina Gaitan
Crucifer– Jack Troha
Chancel Guild– John and Ellen Massey
Continental Breakfast– Christy Keohane and Jenny Troha
Open/Close– Josh Nunez
Lay Reader– Carol Allen
Sound Crew– Bob Burroughs
Ushers– Adam and Heather Grafton; TJ and Stephanie McGoldrick

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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