



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

February 19, 2017

11:00am



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## February 19, 2017

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

### **Liturgical Color:** Green

*Green is used for Sundays not marked by a particular season or festival and is utilized to indicate Ordinary time.*

*Today's flowers are given by Pat & Dick Troxel to the glory of God and in grateful celebration of our many blessings.*

## 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 or a church officer 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

“Forgiveness is like opening the curtains and the window and letting the light and the air in to a dark room. You and I as Christians have such a wonderful faith, because it is a faith of ever-new beginnings. We have a God who doesn’t say, ‘Ah...Got you!’ No, God says ‘Get up.’ And God dusts us off and God says, ‘Try again.’”  
—Archbishop Desmond Tutu

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## Gathering Prayer

### Prelude

Canzonet III *Raymond H. Haan*

### Chiming of the Hour

### Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship\*

From Psalm 5

Leader: In the morning, O Lord, You hear our prayers.

People: **In the light of this day we praise Your name.**

Leader: Through the abundance of Your steadfast love You have gathered us into Your house.

People: **In the holiness of Your presence, we bow down to worship and adore You.**

### Hymn #687\*

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past *ST. ANNE*

### Call to Confession\*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

### Prayer of Confession\*

God of justice and mercy,

**we confess that we depart from Your will.**

**We do not always show justice and mercy to others.**

**We confess that we are prone to taking Your love for granted.**

**We struggle to give of ourselves at all times, and to rejoice in the blessings we receive.**

**Forgive us and grant us Your peace.**

**Help us to turn from our own ways so that we may love You by resembling Your ways,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord...(time for 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 Patri *GREATOREX*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

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

**Leader:** May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

### **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Scripture Lesson**

Luke 7:36-50, page 62 of the *New Testament*

**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**

Cantique de Jean Racine *Gabriel Fauré*

O Redeemer divine, our sole hope of salvation,  
eternal light of the earth and the sky,  
we kneel in adoration, O Savior,  
turn on us thy loving eye.

Send down on us the fire of thy grace all-consuming,  
whose wondrous might dispersed the powers of hell,  
and rouse our slumbering souls with radiance all illumining,  
that they may waken thy mercy to tell.

O Christ bestow thy blessing on us, we implore thee,  
who here are gathered on penitent knee,  
accept the hymns we chant to thine eternal glory  
and these thy gifts we return unto thee.

### **Sermon**

What Is It About Forgiveness?

David Lower

### **Hymn #201\***

A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar *HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING*

## **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 Invitation

*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

Adagio *Franz Liszt*

## Song of Thanksgiving\*

The Doxology *OLD 100TH*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## Prayer of Dedication\*

## Closing Hymn #697\*

Take My Life *HENDON*

## Charge and Blessing\*

## Choral Benediction\*

Arise, Your Light is Come *DARWALL'S 148TH*

Arise, your light is come! The spirit's call obey.  
Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

## Postlude\*

We All Believe in One God, Creator *Johann Sebastian Bach*

### Worship Notes:

*Dr. Kenneth D. Sass, Guest Organist*

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## SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT:

**SAINT LUKE'S 2016 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**—To save on paper and postage, the Annual Church Financial Report has been distributed through Highlights. It has also been added to the church website. Once on the website, go to the Resources tab on the top and then scroll down to Financial Statements, click there and it will be listed as SLPC Annual Financial Report (2017). Additionally, hard copies are available in the church office. The **January 2017 Monthly** Financial Flash has also been sent via Highlights.

**FAMILY PROMISE**— Family Promise will offer another host week opportunity beginning today, Feb. 19. We're always grateful for your time, your food, your smiles, and your support of and prayers for our guests. Here's a link to the sign-up. Hope you'll be able to join us. <http://tinyurl.com/SLPCFP022017>.

**NEW CLASS OF OFFICERS ELECTED**—At the Feb. 12 Congregational Meeting, the following new class of officers were elected. We offer our prayers and thanks for these officer-elects as they begin their officer training and leadership service. Thank you also to our Officer Nominating Committee and their discernment in the nomination process.

### **ELDERS-Class of 2020**

Carol Ciepluch  
Kim Fadel  
Leslie Hamlin  
Kay Loerch  
JJ Singley  
Kelly Sloan  
Steve Thornton  
Brad Troha  
Forest Herrick– Youth Elder,  
Class of 2018

### **DEACONS-Class of 2020**

Thomas Brown  
Karleen Buchholz  
Jenny Cumiskey  
Ron Davis  
Daryl Moore  
Emily Ritzler  
Vivian Smith  
Suzanne Thatcher  
Alyson Cohen– 2 Year Unexpired Term,  
Class of 2019  
Ron Valdes–1 Year Unexpired Term,  
Class of 2018  
Mary Frances Kitchens–Youth Deacon,  
Class of 2018

**PROVIDING CARE TO AGING FAMILY MEMBERS**  
***A Free Conference Provided by Saint Luke's Stephen Ministry***

**Peachtree Presbyterian Church, Saturday, Feb.18, 12:30-4:30pm**

Dr. Daniel Potts, renowned neurologist and author of two books,  
"A Pocket Guide for the Alzheimer's Caregiver" and "Finding Joy in Alzheimer's."  
Dr. Potts will discuss the care for family members with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

Other topics include:

Legal and Financial Issues Facing Aging Family Members  
Hospice Care, Compassion and Comfort in the Final Days  
Avoiding Caregiver Fatigue

Reservations requested. Visit [peachtreechurch.org/caringconference](http://peachtreechurch.org/caringconference) or  
contact Celeste Cody at 404.842.5853, [ccody@peachtreepres.org](mailto:ccody@peachtreepres.org) or  
Shannon Dill at [shannondill@slpres.org](mailto:shannondill@slpres.org)

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD**

Please consider joining us for the next build!  
Be part of bringing joy to Sonja Hodges and her family!  
For more information visit the Habitat for Humanity table in our church lobby.

Build dates are: March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 8, 22, 29. 7:30am-2:30pm.

Saint Luke's will be joining four other churches for this build:  
Big Bethel AME, The Cathedral of St. Philip, Dodd-Sterling UMC & Wieuca Road Baptist Church.

Set aside one or more of your Saturdays to help Sonja realize her dream of home ownership!  
If working at the site doesn't work for you, consider providing breakfast for one of the Saturdays.

The Habitat House address is 1500 Monteel Drive NW, 30318.

The first Sat., we will meet at the Atl. Habitat Warehouse, 824 Memorial Drive SE, 30316  
and enjoy a delicious breakfast prepared by our Saint Luke's Men's Breakfast kitchen crew.

We will have the usual car pool arrangement.

If you want a ride or you want to be a driver, meet at the church parking lot (Manhasset St.)  
for a 7:00 AM departure each Saturday.

**Each person must register at the Atlanta Habitat Volunteer Hub Website**  
**[www.stlukes.atlantahabitat.volunteerhub.com](http://www.stlukes.atlantahabitat.volunteerhub.com)**



## 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.

**MOM'S GROUP**– This group ( moms w/ children of all ages) meets on Wednesdays at 11am,  
Session Rm., through Mar. 15. We will focus on a study called, "Love Does", by Bob Goff.  
Questions? Contact Shannon Dill. Childcare provided for preschool age children with prior  
reservation– please let Shannon know by Mon. morning if childcare is needed for Wed.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**- Please note the FEAST dinner on Wednesday, March 1st (Ash Wednesday)  
will be the traditional pancake supper usually served on Shrove Tuesday. The Ash Wednesday  
service will follow the pancake supper.

**NEW MEMBERS CLASS**- Dates for the next new members classes will be Mar. 12, 19 and 26. More  
details to follow as we get closer to the dates.

## S P L A S H ! CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

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### **MAKER FUN FACTORY**

Get Geared Up for Vacation Bible School! The opening whistle will sound on Mon., June 12  
and the gates close on Thur., June 15. If you can help lead, teach, or decorate please email  
[cathomas@slpres.org](mailto:cathomas@slpres.org). Please join us in learning that we are ALL built for a purpose!

### **SAINT LUKE'S WELCOME WAGON**

We are seeking individuals to join the Children's Ministries Welcome Wagon Hospitality  
ministry on Sunday mornings. It's fun, easy and a great way to get to know families with  
children at Saint Luke's. The commitment is small but the payoff is huge! Please email  
[cathomas@slpres.org](mailto:cathomas@slpres.org) to say "Sign me up!"

## 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**– Join us in the youth room from 9:30-10:30am.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**– Meet at the Hurst-Sargent House on Feb.19 from 6-7:30pm.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**–Meet in the Great Hall on Feb. 19 from 4-5:30pm.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** –Today at 2:30-3:30pm.

**PARENTS, WE NEED YOUR HELP** We could use your help w/ the Middle School group. We also have some special events that we need help with. Links to sign up are in your weekly emails.

**PLEASE NOTE**--There was a typo in the Youth Summer Packets. The actual dates for Mountain TOP are June 18th-24th. Registration opens on **Feb. 21 at 8pm. (New date)**

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Mar. 5th: Hunger Walk (all day/afternoon event). Registration is now open.
  1. Go to <http://www.hungerwalkrun.org>, register under Presbytery of Greater Atlanta.
  2. Click on join team, search for Saint Luke's, and join our team.
- Youth Sunday is April 30th.

## 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.*

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*

### 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 ! Talk to Clair Maxwell for more info.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- Atlanta Guitar Trio– Mar. 26, 4pm
- Chastain at Saint Luke's– Apr. 30, 6:30pm

**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT GROUP (MEG)** — Will not meet this month. They will reconvene on Sun., Mar.19. See you then.

**SING ALONG WITH THE OWLS**—Tues., Feb. 28 in the Great Hall at 11:30am. Please join us as Susan McDonald, a soprano soloist, will sing classic songs from our parents' & grandparents' generation. Susan loves to perform and bring joy to people as they stroll down a musical memory lane. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the lobby.

**GIRL SCOUT COOKIES ARE HERE!** Our Girl Scouts will be selling cookies Feb., 26th, Mar. 5th, and Mar. 12th in the lobby. They would love to sell to you if you are interested! Please contact Michelle Moebes (michmoe@yahoo.com) for more information.

**GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY**—Please register by Fri., Feb. 24th, *even if your scout is not able* to participate in the Girl Scout Sunday activity, which is on Mar. 12th. We'd like to recognize all of Saint Luke's Girl Scouts. Daisies through Ambassadors are needed to help with the Continental Breakfast and worship service on the 12th, contact Cailin Thelen (cailinthelen@gmail.com) for more information.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW) THANK YOU**—Thanks to your generosity, PW sent 60 Valentine care packages filled to the brim with home made goodies and treats to some of our treasured VIPs; college students and home-bound members. This outreach is meant to remind them Saint Luke's is here for them, LOVES them, prays for them, and believes in them. PW could not do this without YOU.

**SAVE THE DATE**—Our next church-wide fellowship luncheon on Mar. 12 will be a special event celebrating our older adults. More details to come. Please plan on joining us!

**AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE**—Refresh your driving skills with the AARP Smart Driver Course. This course will be held at Saint Luke's on Tues., Mar. 14 from 9:30am-4pm. Please contact Maria Barnhart with the Dunwoody Woman's Club at 770.399.5204 to register. \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-members. For more information about the course, please visit [www.Aarp.org/drive](http://www.Aarp.org/drive).

**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 4th-10th & 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 planting HOPE.

**MEXICO MISSION TRIP**—July 9-15, Make plans to be a part of our annual mission trip to the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico! We will work with an amazing Presby. church to help them expand their growing church facility. We stay in a great little hotel, eat yummy food, and share in the joy and fellowship of serving together! This experience is open to all church members ages 6<sup>th</sup> grade & up! We fly in/out of Cancun. Contact Shannon Dill and/or attend an info. mtg. on Sun., Feb. 12 ,10:15 a.m., Session Rm.

**THORNWELL MISSION TRIP**—The dates are set! July 20-22nd. The cost per adult is \$160; youth are supported by the proceeds from Tartan Trot. This year we will have to limit our size to 50 volunteers. Questions or to reserve your spot for this amazing mission trip, please contact Sally Shelton at [sshelton@cwtvacatios.com](mailto:sshelton@cwtvacatios.com) or 770-396-5156.

## 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

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## SERVING TODAY

**Acolytes:** Supervisor– Carol Waller  
Bell Ringer– Bonnie Ruggiero  
Candle Lighter– Marshall Douglass  
Crucifer– Ansley Crutchfield  
**Chancel Guild**– Jared and Linda Elliot  
**Continental Breakfast**– The Urban Family  
**Open/Close**– Steve Klein  
**Lay Reader**– Jean Kammerer  
**Sound Crew**– Bob Burroughs  
**Ushers**– Captain, David King and Miles, Clara and Cole Young.  
**Communion Servers for Feb. 12th**– Captain, Beth Underhill, Carol & Langley Perry, Julie & Bob Pile, and Jan Slater.  
**Bible Bearer on Feb. 12th**– Thank you to Anna Jean Lower.

## 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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