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SERVING TODAY

Acolytes: Acolyte Supervisor– Cheryl Wellford
Bell Ringer– William Tomsik
Bible Bearer–Owen Hamlin
Candle Lighter–Walker Wellford
Crucifer– Hannah Price
Chancel Guild– Mike and Dorothy Kitchens
Lay Reader– Beth Eisenmesser
Open/Close– Josh Nunez
Sound Crew– Brad Troha
Ushers– Kari Young, Captain and her usher team.

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:

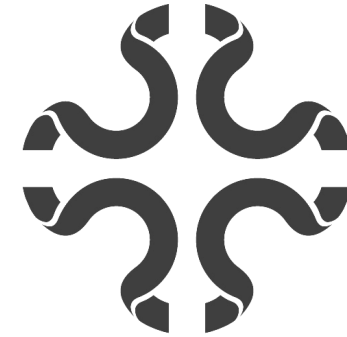
Sandra DuBois, Kris Hull,
Caroline Hurst (*youth*),
Joyce Kratzenberg, Stacey Brooks,
Joanna Mangum, Stephen Moss,
Sharon Polensek,
Rebecca Strickland (*Moderator*),
Russell Wolfe

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



SAINT LUKE'S
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April 23, 2017

11:00am



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April 23, 2017

Second Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Color: White

White is used on days we celebrate the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, such as Easter, Christmas and Communion Sundays.

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God and in grateful celebration of the marriage of Mattie Hulett and Paul Cross on April 22, 2017.

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).

HABITAT UPDATE 2017, ANOTHER HOUSE

BUILT ON A DREAM—Just two more Saturdays and it is turn-over-the-keys time for Sonja Hodges! Nearly all of the work on her new Habitat house will be completed on April 22. On April 29, we will put the finishing touches on the house and landscape the property. Following a great morning of work, volunteers will enjoy a fantastic lunch and a joy-filled dedication ceremony. We especially need volunteers on April 22 as several of the regulars will not be able to make it that day. Of course, the last Saturday is absolutely amazing. Hopefully, many Saint Luke's members will make it to the house on the last day.

The address of the house to be built is 1500 Monteel Drive NW, Atlanta, GA., 30318. We will have the usual car pool arrangement. If you want a ride or you want to be a driver, meet at the church lot (Manhasset Street) in time for a 7am departure each Saturday. The day starts at 7:30am/ends at 2:30pm. If you have any questions, feel free to contact anyone of the members of St. Luke's Habitat Leadership Team: Val DeFriece, Diane Markel, Tom McIntosh, Daryl Moore, Bill Womack, Ellen Womack.

CALLING ALL SAINT LUKE'S LADIES—You are invited to come to the Presbyterian Women's Annual Spring Gathering on May 8, starting at 6pm for fellowship and punch in the lobby, followed by a potluck dinner in the Great Hall and then a church service in the Chapel led by our guest speaker, Ms. Carrie Weatherford, Director of Children and Family Ministries at Roswell Presbyterian. All are welcome and it's a fun, casual gathering! Please register on the sign-up sheet in the lobby. Please contact the following with any questions: Andrea Price at andreacoppedgeprice@gmail.com or Fern Mitropoulos at tmitropoulos@comcast.net. We sure hope to see you there!

CAMP LITTLE SAINTS— Saint Luke's Preschool & Kindergarten is offering a fun camp for kids who turned 2 by September 1, 2016 through kids who have completed Kindergarten. 4 days each week, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Space is limited. Contact Carol Perry at 770.393.1424 ext. 240.

GETTING SPACY // May 30 – June 2 // Blast off for fun as we learn what it takes to be an astronaut! We'll suit up and climb aboard the SLLS Spaceship to explore the planets in our solar system. Along the way we'll make edible moon rocks and Martian Slime!

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME // June 5 – June 8 // Grab your baseball hat and hit the SLLS ballpark! Our ball players will spend lots of time with balls of all kinds during the week. There will be plenty of ballpark snacks and we'll take home our very own personalized trading cards!

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

Please join everyone today in the Great Hall for the Rise Against Hunger Event, 9:30am.

CHICK-FIL-A

Tuesday, April 25 at 7am at the Jett Ferry location. Contact Phil by Monday night if you need a ride to school.

VIDEO RECORDING

Seeking interested youth who may want to help video during the 11am service. No experience necessary. Email Roby Price if you would like more details. robyprice@slpres.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 30: Youth Sunday at 11am Service, Summer Trip Mtg. at 12:30pm, Chastain at 6:30pm

May 7: During Sunday School there will be a Parent Feedback Group- Year End Review with breakfast and coffee (FINCH class room) with Youth out for breakfast and Prayer Walk along the Beltline in the afternoon

May 14: Sunday School, No Youth Group (Mother's Day)

May 21: Six Flags (sign up coming soon)

May 28: No Sunday School or Youth Group (Memorial Day Weekend)

MUSIC MINISTRY

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

CHOIR REHEARSALS ON WEDNESDAYS:

6:30-7:20pm Festival Ringers, Youth & Adults, Clair Maxwell, Director

7:30-9:00pm Chancel Choir, Youth & Adults, Clair Maxwell, Director

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

End of the Year Combined Children's Choir Party, May 3, 5-6pm in Hannaford Garden.

SUMMER MUSIC

We are currently scheduling music for our summer worship services while our choirs take the summer off. If you play an instrument, take music lessons, or can't sing with the choirs during the year, this is your chance to share your gifts with the congregation. Music is needed at the 8:30 and 11am services from June 4 through August 13. All instrumentalists and singers are welcome and appreciated! Contact Clair Maxwell if you would like to participate.

In Preparation for Worship

(When asked, "Do you believe in God without any doubts?") "I believe in God with all my doubts."
~Madeleine L'Engle



Gathering Prayer

Prelude

Adagio Charles Marie-Widor

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: Followers of Jesus, by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.
Alleluia!

People: **By his rising we are free from the fear of death.**
Alleluia!

Leader: By his love we are made new in the living and redeeming Word of God.

People: **Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

Hymn #248*

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna! *HYMN TO JOY*

Call to Confession*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession*

Living God,

in the resurrection of Jesus you have shown us the way to abundant living.

Even as we gaze into the empty tomb,

we confess that we do not always live the life you intend for us.

We have not loved you with a pure heart,

nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not always done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Set us free from a past we cannot change,

and open to us a future in which we can be changed... (Silence is kept for personal reflection)

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy,

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

Assurance of Forgiveness*

Song of Praise*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Passing of the Peace of Christ*

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Prayer for Illumination

Beth Eisenmesser

Scripture Lesson

Luke 24:28-32, page 85 of the New Testament

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

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

Be Thou My Vision *arr. Lee Afdahl*

Festival Ringers

Sermon

The Emmaus Road to True Joy

Rev. Eric Powell

Hymn #252*

Day of Arising *RAABE*

Stanzas 1, 2 and 4

Confirmation Class Recognition

Phil Brown

Affirmation of Faith

Today we will affirm our faith along with the young people becoming active members. This will be done through questions spoken by the pastor to the congregation.

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 Friday from 6:40-8am in the Parlor with Dan Joyce.

DISCIPLE SERIES

The final study in the 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. Meet on Wednesdays at 10am in the church library.

SPLASH! CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Catherine Anne Thomas

cathomas@slpres.org / 770.393.1424 ext. 228

"LADIES' NIGHT OUT" DECORATING PARTY

Take a night off from cooking and dishes to join our VBS Decorating Party on **Wednesday**, April 26 from 7-9pm. (note corrected day) Join us on the stage to find some fun ways to help "make the magic" happen for decoration and scenery. We'll be painting, hanging, cutting, and climbing - so no need to primp! We'll have food, too, so if you can make it, please email Catherine Anne Thomas at cathomas@slpres.org.

VBS VOLUNTEER TRAINING NEWS

Fun Factory "employees" are encouraged to attend ONE of these two training sessions:

~ Wednesday, May 17 from 7-8pm, dessert and drinks provided or

~ Sunday, June 4 from 12-1pm, light lunch and drinks provided

Please RSVP to Liz Catlett for which session you are attending. Child Care is available by reservation only for the June 4 session. We'll provide a spot for your child if you contact lizcatlett@slpres.org. Please pack a lunch pail for your small factory workers!

CHILDREN'S WELCOME WAGON

Needed: friendly adult volunteers to serve as a Children's Welcome Wagon greeter in Sheppard Hall on Sunday mornings! Hours: Sunday mornings (that you select) from 10:45am to 12:15pm. Please email cathomas@slpres.org if you can help. This is an immediate need, and we need at least six people. Thanks!

A NIGHT UNDER THE STARS

Chastain at Saint Luke's, April 30, 6:30pm in the Manhasset parking lot.
Don't miss this evening of live entertainment in the style of the Chastain amphitheater.
Bring your own food, beverages and utensils and decorate your table!
(the church provides tables and chairs).
Table seats are available on a first come, first served basis.
Free childcare is available by reservation only.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

High school seniors, need a little financial help with your first year of college?
You may qualify for the Saint Luke's College Scholarship!
Pick up and complete an application-available in the lobby
or they may be obtained from the church web site, www.slpres.org.
Look under the Resources tab and scroll down to Forms.
Deadline is May 7.

ON-LINE GIVING UPDATE

Saint Luke's has recently converted to a new merchant processor for online giving via our website. The reasons for the change include:

- lower fees,
- friendlier user experience,
- more efficient administration,
- better functionality – which includes the ability to link donations to a specific fund and the ability to do text-giving via smartphones.

We wanted to make you aware of the change for two reasons:
First, if you have given online in the past and saved your payment method, you will need to re-enter your information, which can then be saved for future giving.
Second, text-giving via your smartphone on the Church Life app is a really safe, easy and convenient way to continue to support the church financially while you are away during the busy summer travel months.

If you have any questions about the change, please contact a member of the Finance Committee. Thanks!

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
arr. Jason Krug

Festival Ringers

Song of Thanksgiving*

Now Thank We All Our God *NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT*

**All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.**

Prayer of Dedication*

Closing Hymn #250*

Hymn of Promise *PROMISE*

Benediction*

Choral Response*

Amen *John Rutter*

Postlude*

Tuba Tune *C.S. Lang*

Worship Notes:

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CONFIRMATION TODAY AT 11:00—The confirmation process at Saint Luke’s starts in January and ends today. The 8th grade students spent Sunday afternoons learning about what it means to be Christian, and particularly what it means to be Presbyterian. The class helped lead our Ash Wednesday Service, went on a weekend retreat, and wrote personal statements of faith. They were paired with leaders from the congregation, called covenant partners, who walked with them during this process. Today we celebrate their commitment to be active at Saint Luke’s and in Christ’s church. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

Confirmand

Emily Anderson
 Belle Dixon
 Allie Hearn
 Will Hudson
 Elizabeth Koller
 Landis Mangum
 Bonnie Ruggiero
 Kennedy Ryman
 Anna Saunders
 Carson Shiller
 Grace Strickland
 Morgan Underhill
 Sydney Underhill
 Reagan Valdes
 Sam Wassell

Covenant Partner

Barbara Douglass
 Kay Loerch
 Mary Guerrant
 Terry Nall
 Taylor Vivian
 Sally Joyce
 Taylor Vivian
 Val DeFriece
 Katherine Robeson
 Gena Spears
 Jennie Burroughs
 Jennie Burroughs
 Carol Perry
 Christine and Bob Crutchfield
 Nael McCarty

SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT:



A BIG WELCOME TO REV. ERIC POWELL—Saint Luke's is blessed to welcome Rev. Eric Powell, minister of our sibling church Dodd-Sterling United Methodist Church, to preach at both worship services this Sunday. Many of you may know of our longstanding partnership with Dodd-Sterling UMC, a church in the Brown's Mill neighborhood on the south side of Atlanta, which has been revitalizing this year. This will be a very special week for our partnership, as our churches wrap up our shared work on the Habitat for Humanity house (to be dedicated Saturday April 29), and as we welcome Rise Against Hunger (formerly "Stop Hunger Now") during the Sunday School hour today. Saint Luke's has partnered with Dodd-Sterling to equip their growing Food Pantry to combat hunger in their neighborhood. Rev. Powell has served Dodd-Sterling for the last year, and entered the ministry after a 30-year career in the US Army. Saint Luke's and Dodd-Sterling will do a "pulpit share" this year, with David preaching at Dodd-Sterling on another Sunday.



RISE AGAINST HUNGER— Saint Luke’s members will know this as Stop Hunger Now; new name but same awesome organization. Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief organization that distributes food and life-changing aid to the world’s most vulnerable, mobilizing the necessary resources to end hunger by 2030. Please check out the website for more information. www.riseagainsthunger.org. Join us at Saint Luke’s, today at 9:30am in the Great Hall, as we try to reach our goal of packing 10,000+ meals!



THE MORGANS ARE BACK—For many years St Luke’s has been supporting the work of Drs. Cindy and Les Morgan, medical missionaries in Bangladesh, through prayer and financial donations. The Morgans are back in the USA and will be at Saint Luke’s sharing their work and experiences in Bangladesh and discussing the new challenges they have been facing since the July 2016 massacre in Dhaka.

You are invited to lunch and to hear the Drs. Cindy and Les Morgan. Just show up to be a part of this special and rare opportunity. Monday, April 24, 12-1:30pm in the Great Hall.