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SERVING TODAY

Chapel Guild– Bob and Margaret Schultz
Greeters– Emily Ritzler
Open/Close– Steve Klein

Many thank to the Presbyterian Women who provided Continental Breakfast on August 20.

LEADERSHIP

Terry Nall, *Clerk to Session*

ELDERS

Class of 2018:

Gerald Aldridge, Carol Allen, Barbara Douglass, Anne Hallum, Forrest Herrick (*Youth*), Dan Joyce, Jean Kammerer, Chip Williams, Bill Womack

Class of 2019:

Al Bridges, Beth Eisenmesser, Sonny Jester, Bob Pile, Bob Polensek, Terri Potter, Whitney Samuelson, Steven Vivian

Class of 2020:

Carol Ciepluch, Leslie Hamlin, Kay Loerch (*Asst. Clerk of Session*), Florence Luranc, J J Singley, Kelly Sloan, Steve Thornton, Brad Troha

DEACONS

Class of 2018:

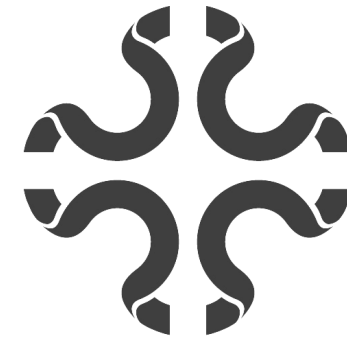
Justine Burney, Bobby Ferretti, Mary Frances Kitchens (*Youth*), Diane Lemaster, Joe Luranc, Lucy Painter, Debbie Parkes, Ron Valdes, Shari Wassell, Kristen Wescott (*Moderator*)

Class of 2019:

Melissa Blakely, Alyson Cohen, Mark Douglass, A.J.Favero, Carol Hickey, Dorothy Kitchens (*Vice Moderator*), Carol Waller, Al Wang, Scott Zannini

Class of 2020:

Thomas Brown, Karleen Buchholz, Jenny Cumiskey, Ron Davis, Kris Hull, Daryl Moore, Emily Ritzler, Vivian Smith, Suzanne Thatcher



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

August 27, 2017 8:30am



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August 27, 2017
Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: Green
Green is used for all of the other time periods (called Ordinary Time) not marked by a specific festival or season.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:30am Chapel Communion Service
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am 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 Chapel 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 hearing devices, large print hymnals, large print bulletins and back cushions are available. Please contact an usher for further assistance.



CHILDREN'S WORSHIP buckets and activity sheets are available on the table just outside the Chapel doors. For your convenience, there is a Family Restroom located in the hallway of the administrative offices, on the first floor, near the main lobby.

CARE FOR A REAL SCOTTISH HERITAGE EXPERIENCE?— We are currently planning to host a trip to Scotland next spring from April 29 to May 7, 2018. We are looking for roughly 25 people to join us as we explore this exciting country and our Presbyterian roots (our tour guide is an ordained minister in the Church of Scotland!). Please contact Phil Brown to add your name to the list and/or if you have any questions about the trip: philbrown@slpres.org.

GREEN TEAM NEEDS YOU! ELECTRONICS RECYCLE EVENT— Volunteers will be needed to assist with the City of Dunwoody Electronics Recycle Event on September 17. Two time shifts are available, but of course, you can step up for both shifts: 11:30am-2pm and 1:30pm-4pm. Please email Ron Davis with your availability. DaviRW@hotmail.com.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT GROUP (MEG) — The Marriage Enrichment Group starts meeting again on Sunday, September 10, 5-6:30pm in the Finch Room #203. We meet once a month on a Sunday evening. There is childcare provided. Our goal is to enrich our marriages by intentionally spending time together as a couple, away from the many distractions of our busy lives. If you want more information or just want to come see what the group is all about, please call either Kimey or Mark Reed. (Kimey 404.441.8614 or Mark 404.441.7410)

TAVERN TALKS — David Lower would like to invite the men of Saint Luke's to join him on Monday, September 18 at the Dunwoody Tavern for "Tavern Talks." This fall we will plan to gather guys together on the third Monday of each month for fun, food, beverages, Monday Night Football, and conversation about life and spirituality. The first gathering will prioritize relaxed conversation and football, but also

demonstrate "Tavern Talking" by addressing the topic "Respecting Differences: How can people who think about faith differently respect each other well?" Consider bringing a friend with you to be filled with good things! The Dunwoody Tavern address is 5488 Chamblee Dunwoody Road.

SAINT LUKE'S UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thursday, August 31 - Saint Luke's Little Saints Sneak-A-Peak, 10:30am-11:30am
- Tuesday, September 5 - Saint Luke's Little Saints First Day of School
- Sunday, September 10 - Tartan Trot Sponsor Kickoff
- Sunday, September 17 - Electronics Recycling Event
- Wednesday, September 20 - FEAST Begins
- Sunday, September 24 - Saint Luke's Little Saints 20th Anniversary
- Weeks of October 15 and October 22 - Family Promise
- Sunday, October 22 - Bluegrass Mass Concert

Saint Luke's Little Saints
Preschool & Kindergarten

A Gift for 20 Years!
Sunday, September 24

Please join us during worship as we celebrate 20 years of providing an excellent early childhood education for our church families and community friends!

MUSIC MINISTRY

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

CHERUB CHOIR DIRECTOR

We are looking for an energetic individual with a love of music to lead our Cherub Choir on Wednesday nights from 5:15 to 5:45pm as part of our FEAST program beginning in the fall. This group is comprised of our children 4 years of age through Kindergarten and sings twice a year in worship as well as periodically with the Westminster elementary-age choir. If you or someone you know would be a good fit for this opportunity, please contact Clair Maxwell.

ASSISTANT ORGANISTS NEEDED

Announcing a new opportunity to experience more about music and worship at Saint Luke's. Spend a Sunday worship service of your choice on the bench with Clair as he leads worship and learn firsthand all that happens "behind the scenes" at church. Sign up by contacting the church office, talk to Clair or online at the following: <https://tinyurl.com/AsstOrganistNeeded>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 20- Westminster and Cherub Choirs begin (also beginning of FEAST)
October 22 - Bluegrass Mass concert with Choral Guild and bluegrass band - 4:00pm
December 10 - Toys for Tots concert with brass - 4:00pm
December 17 - Lessons and Carols service - 10:30am

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

WE HAVE A NEW SEMINARY INTERN!

Erin Rugh will join us this Sunday morning for her first Sunday at Saint Luke's. We are so excited for her to get going at Saint Luke's. She starts classes at Columbia Seminary in the next few weeks. Please give her a warm welcome.

HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP IN YOUTH MINISTRY

August 27: Kickoff Pancake Breakfast in the Great Hall.
 Sunday school and church.
 High School Kick-off at Top Golf right after the 10:30am worship service.
 Bring \$10 and extra money for lunch.

September 10: Youth group starts back.
 Middle School Youth, 5-6:30pm at the church.
 Parents Meeting, 6-6:40pm at the church.

In Preparation for Worship

"Let us therefore no longer pass judgement on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling-block or hindrance in the way of another."
- Romans 14:13



Prelude

Cortège Dale Wood

Welcome and Announcements

If you are new to Saint Luke's today, welcome, we are so glad you are here! We have a gift of fresh bread we would love to give to you as a token of our gratitude. Please introduce yourself after worship to receive your welcome gift.

After every worship service at Saint Luke's, there is a Stephen Minister in the Prayer Room (across the hall from the Chapel) available to hear your concerns or joys and help you offer a prayer to God. You are invited to receive this ministry of listening and prayer.

Please take the time now to fill out the Friendship Pads situated at the end of each pew. Write down your names and pass the pad down the pew, so that you may greet your pew neighbors by name and that we may know you are here.

Call to Worship*

Based on Romans 1

Leader: We are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

People: **He is the One whom God promised to send, who died and rose for us.**

Leader: In Him we know we are beloved creatures of God, called to be saints.

People: **Grace and peace to all as we celebrate mercy and freedom,
and seek to glorify God!**

Hymn #821*

How Can I Keep from Singing? HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

Call to Confession*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession*

Gracious and Loving God,

You have lived for us, yet we struggle to live for you.

You have forgiven us, yet we struggle to forgive others.

You have loved us, yet we struggle to love ourselves and one another.

**Help us to live for you, help us to forgive, and help us to love
as you have shown us to do in Christ.**

Hear now our silent prayers of confession...(Silence is kept for personal confession)

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy,

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

Assurance of Forgiveness*

Song of Praise*

Glory Be to the Father *GLORIA PATRI*

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.

Sacrament of Baptism

James Leavitt Wellford (Jack)

David Lower

Parents: Walker and Cheryl Wellford along with big brothers, Walker and William Wellford

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Romans 14:1-13, page 163 of the New Testament

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Passing On Judgment"

David Lower

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.**

SPLASH! CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 3 – Movie Morning! Children in PreK and Kindergarten will enjoy "Mischief Sunday" in Room 121; kids in Grades 1 – 5 will love "Clive and Ian's Wonder Blimp of Knowledge"!

Sunday, September 10 – First morning of Sunday School fun for children, 9:30am to 10:15am Get ready for some fun changes!

Wednesday, September 20 – First Night of Feast! Children's Choirs begin rehearsals, delicious family dinners are back, and engaging new classes debut for all ages!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES NEEDS YOU!

Saint Luke's is ready to roll out a brand-new semester of fun and engaging classes for our children! We've kept some old favorites – but we're also bringing in some exciting new learning opportunities. Since our ministry with children is a church-wide partnership, we depend completely upon adult volunteers to immerse our children in the Christian faith - through learning, relationships, and experiences. We have spots open for Sunday morning and Wednesday evenings during FEAST. Please see Catherine Ann Thomas for full details and prayerfully consider a commitment to Children's Ministries. You can reach Catherine Anne Thomas via email at cathomas@slpres.org.

ADULT MINISTRY

Shannon Dill shannondill@slpres.org / 770.393.1424 ext. 229

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Will convene on September 10 with a group meeting in the chapel at 9:30am to discuss the fall line-up. Individual classes will begin on September 17.

FRIDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Fellowship and Bible study every Friday from 6:40-8am in the Parlor with Dan Joyce.

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.

CELEBRATING CLAIR MAXWELL'S 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY WITH SAINT LUKE'S

You obviously enjoy working at Saint Luke's or you wouldn't have stayed for 10 years. What do you like best about your job?

The short answer is the great people! The leadership and congregation of Saint Luke's has afforded me the opportunity to expand the music program in a multitude of ways. Atlanta has become my home in more ways than one, but having a place where I can be encouraged and inspired to make great music is invaluable and rewarding.

What's your favorite program or aspect of Saint Luke's ministry? How have you contributed to making it a success during your time here?

Obviously, my focus has been on music, and am very grateful for the importance placed on it especially as an integral part of worship. Music can stir the soul in unique and powerful ways that enhance the worship experience for everyone. We have involved more youth both in singing and with instruments and hosted numerous outside musicians and programs through the Celebrate the Arts program. In conjunction with the Choral Guild of Atlanta, the Chancel Choir has performed several concerts and community events, and we now have a full bell choir. Not to mention the perennial favorite...Chastain at Saint Luke's. Also, I really enjoy and am enlivened by our outside mission work. I've been fortunate enough to participate in a number of those including trips to Mexico, Montreat, Massanetta, and Thornwell.

How have things changed around the church in the last ten years?

I guess it goes without saying that things have changed a lot. However, despite lots of turnover in leadership we have continued to stay focused on our vision and working to live out our mission. Worship has always been a priority and frequent topic of conversation (as it should be!), and music exists primarily to support our worship life as a congregation. Our services have changed from year to year, and we now have new hymnals, which continues to give the congregation a new voice and ways to express their worship. The rebuilding of the sanctuary organ console, the installation of the chapel organ, and the new donation of the sanctuary piano have further supported our service music.

What would you like to see us do in the future with respect to music at Saint Luke's?

I see us continuing to expand the options for people to participate in the music life of the church. Such things might include a part-time accompanist and/or Cherub Choir director, a chamber ensemble, an expanded church orchestra, or perhaps a summer music camp for kids at Saint Luke's or elsewhere. In addition, I'd like to see us partner more with other area churches on special music programs or services.

Anything else?

Yes. I just want to express my gratitude to everyone for being so supportive of me personally, my family specifically, and music in general. The work environment is extremely collaborative, friendly, and fulfilling, which makes my time here a joy!

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

Song of Thanksgiving*



God, we hon-or you. God, we trust in you. God, we wor-ship and a- dore you.

Take what we bring, of-fered to you. Teach us to show your a-bun-dant bles-sings.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, a - men.

Holy Communion

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.**

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.

Closing Hymn #363*

Rejoice, the Lord is King! *DARWALL'S 148TH*

Benediction*

Postlude*

March de Fête *HENRI BÜSSER*

Worship Notes:

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SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT:



KICKOFF PANCAKE BREAKFAST, WAX MUSEUM AND TIMELINE OF THE BIBLE! Join us for the Fall Kickoff and Pancake Breakfast in the Great Hall from 9am to 10:30am. After pancakes, the Children’s Wax Museum will take place in the sanctuary hallway and narthex from 9:30am to 10:15am. After touring the Wax Museum, make sure to check out the Bible Timeline, newly installed in the parlor hallway, east of the sanctuary.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW) REGISTRATION — Sunday, August 27, PW will have a registration table in the lobby. Presbyterian Women (PW) is a group that meets monthly for Bible study and mission-oriented projects. We hope you will plan to join us at one of our three monthly circle meetings beginning September 11 or 12.

- 2nd Mondays, 9:30am (childcare available)
- 2nd Mondays, 7:30pm
- 2nd Tuesdays, 9:30am

This year the Bible study will be "Cloud of Witnesses, The Community of Christian Hebrews" by Melissa Bane Sevier.