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SERVING TODAY

Chapel Guild– Becky Loftis
Continental Breakfast– Welcome to Worship
Deacon Committee
Greeter– Diane Lemaster
Open/Close– Miles Young

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:

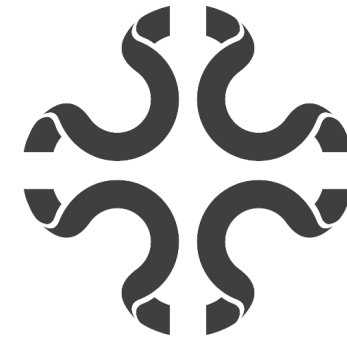
Justine Burney, Bobby Ferretti,
Mary Frances Kitchens (*Youth*),
Diane Lemaster, Joe Luranc,
Lucy Painter, Debbie Parkes,
Ron Valdes, Shari Wassell,
Kristen Wescott (*Moderator*)

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

September 3, 2017 8:30am



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P R E S B Y T E R I A N C H U R C H

1978 Mount Vernon Road Dunwoody, GA 30338
770.393.1424 www.slpres.org Office Hours: M-F, 8:30am-4:30pm

September 3, 2017
Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: White

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

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.

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.

TARTAN TROT SPONSORSHIP CAMPAIGN — It's that time of year again! Our 2018 Tartan Trot Sponsorship campaign will kickoff next week, September 10.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON SEPTEMBER 30? Will you be sitting around watching: Georgia vs. Tennessee ? Florida vs. Vanderbilt ? FSU vs. Wake Forest ? Alabama vs. Ole Miss ? Clemson vs. Virginia Tech ? Maybe we can cheer for something else altogether. Appalachian residents will do just that if you help them prepare to combat the arrival of inclement weather and isolation. Mountain TOP gives adults the opportunity to participate in a special rivalry the weekend of September 28-October 1. If you are looking for a different mission trip or considering your first, AIM (Adults In Ministry) is a perfect and painless way to satisfy that desire. For more information or inspiration contact Ted Guerrant (770) 990-4473.

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. Full information is on the Saint Luke's website. Please go to <http://slpres.org/Scotland-2018/>. Deposit and registration deadline is September 13.

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

NEW CHERUB CHOIR DIRECTOR, YVONNE MILLER

Yvonne Miller is a native of Scotland and Saint Luke's member who made Atlanta her home in 1998. She graduated from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland with a BA in Music Education. She has worked as a music and band teacher in several countries including Scotland, England, Singapore and the U.S. As a veteran teacher of almost 30 years she most recently was the general music, band and choral teacher at Dunwoody Elementary school where she founded the Dunwoody Singers and the Dunwoody Elementary Concert Band. Yvonne is a professional trumpet player who performs regularly and is also a member of the local band, Family Truckster. She is excited to share her love of music with the Saint Luke's Cherub Choir.

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 - 4pm
December 10 - Toys for Tots concert with brass - 4pm
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!

Welcome to Erin Rugh. We are so excited for her to get going at Saint Luke's. She starts classes at Columbia Seminary in the next few weeks.

HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP IN YOUTH MINISTRY

September 3: No youth group.
September 10: Youth group starts back. Tartan Trot Sponsorship Kickoff.
Middle School Youth, 5-6:30pm at the church.
Parents Meeting, 6-6:40pm at the church.
High School Youth, 7-8:30pm at The Singleys.

In Preparation for Worship

"Your house is not going to fit on someone else's foundation."



Prelude

He Comes to Us Robert Powell

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 #301*

Let Us Build a House TWO OAKS

Call to Confession*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession*

God, we face you in all we do.

**Forgive us when we don't see you in the people we meet,
the decisions we make, and the work we do.**

**Forgive us for our lack of zeal for faith
and our lack of excitement for what you have called us to do.**

Return us to you Lord.

Hear our silent confessions of our brokenness...(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.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Romans 15:17-21, pages 164 of the New Testament

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

Children are always welcome to stay in worship. If preferred, parents may take their child(ren) to the nursery.

Sermon

"Building on Somebody's Foundation"

Phil Brown

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

This 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" in The Dock.

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!

Thanks to all the adult leaders who have stepped forward to serve in our children's programs this year! We do, however, have a few programs still in need of human energy:

The Family Welcome Wagon

We need ten to twelve folks willing to serve in rotation with others from 10:15 -11:30am. Responsibilities include greeting families as they enter Sheppard Hall, helping them place children in the correct classroom, helping out with minor classroom needs (maybe refilling the goldfish snacks or helping with an "owie"), refilling the lessons packets for the next week, and turning in attendance records to the CE office.

Wednesday Night Classes – Begins September 20

We need one person to support the 4/5th Grade class from 6:30-7:15pm. Columbia Seminarian, Erin Rugh will be leading this class, but she needs some help!

We need two to three people to assist Catherine Anne Thomas with the 1st – 3rd graders in the Dock, also from 6:30 to 7:15pm. Hoping to have enough folks so that they can take turns and attend a few adult classes, as well.

Faithful Friends – Begins September 10

We need a team of eight to ten adults to take turns leading Faithful Friends, our worship education class for Kindergarten, First, and Second grades. This class happens after Tell Us Our Story during 10:30am worship. However, the class will NOT meet the first Sunday of each month OR on major school holiday weekends. All leaders will be supported by a paid care giver who is there each week. A Sign-Up Genius will be posted to the website this week.

For more information about any of these roles, please contact Catherine Anne Thomas – cathomas@slpres.org. Thanks!

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.

HOUSE TO HOUSE

House to House will be a new adult Sunday school class replacing the FINCH class. In early times Christians worshiped in community in each other's homes, and Christianity spread from House to House. In this class, we will seek to spread the love of Christ from House to House within our congregation and community. House to House is building community through social and service activities and spreading the love of Christ through learning with educated leaders. Study topics include: parenting, relevant current issues of today, Bible study and church calendar events. (Advent, Lent)

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.

MOM'S SMALL GROUP, "LOVE DOES"

A new small group for moms of all stages to explore all that God wants to do with us. This class will begin on September 14 and meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at Shannon's home. Time is TBD; either 7:45-8:45am or 7:30-8:30pm. Please email Shannon Dill with your time slot preference, shannondill@slpres.org.

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

Hymn Mark Kellner

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 #463*

How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION

Benediction*

Postlude*

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer arr. J. Bert Carlson

Worship Notes:

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SAINT LUKE'S UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday, September 5 - Saint Luke's Little Saints First Day of School
- Saturday, September 9 - Men's Breakfast
- Sunday, September 10 - Tartan Trot Sponsor Kickoff
- Thursday, September 14 - Mom's Group, LOVE DOES begins
- Sunday, September 17- Electronics Recycling Event
- Monday, September 18 - Kickoff of "Tavern Talks"
- 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

SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT:



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE— Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is in touch with presbyteries affected areas of Texas to offer assistance. We are standing by with resources and National Response Team members ready to deploy upon invitation and when it is safe to do so. For those who wish to support PDA's emergency response and recovery efforts, gifts can be designated to **DR000169-Harvey**. We need your help. Please give generously. If you prefer to mail a check, you may send it to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Reference DR000169-Harvey, PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA, 15264-3700.

You may also call them Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (EST), at 1-800-872-3283 and donate by phone. For updates, please go to pda.pcusa.org.

Please join us in praying for courage for those who are suffering; wisdom and diligence among agencies and individuals assessing damage and directing relief efforts; and for generosity to flow as powerfully as rivers and streams, as we respond to the deep human needs left in the wake of the storm.



MID-YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT— The Mid-Year Financial Report was completed and presented to Session on August 17. At Saint Luke's, we are committed to transparency in all matters financial. The church is in good financial shape and we are light years ahead of where we were five years ago as a result of the Foundations Capital Campaign, The Tower Lease Sale, the growth of the Endowment Fund, and tight management of expenses; however, the financial challenges of running a church our size never cease. To learn more about those challenges, we encourage you to take a few minutes and read the entire report. You may view on the Saint Luke's website by clicking Resources on the top tab and then scroll down to Financial Statements; or you may pick up a hard copy of the report in the church office. Questions regarding the report should be directed to Dan Joyce at DJoyce@iragroup.com.



MEN'S BREAKFAST— A special day for Men's Breakfast on Saturday, September 9 at 8am. Our very own TJ McGoldrick will be with us as our guest speaker to talk about the history of Tartan Trot and the phenomenal results that have been achieved. We will also enjoy a "Mark Reed and team" special breakfast that morning which will be enjoyable as usual. Saint Luke's women and their guests are always welcome. We need to know the number of people who are coming, so please take time to send a response if you are going to attend to Bob Schultz at bobschultz1@gmail.com or to Tom Loftis at tomloftis01@gmail.com.