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**SERVING TODAY**

**Chapel Guild**– Dick and Bev Miller  
**Continental Breakfast**- Amanda Dunnick  
**Greeters**– Alyson Cohen and Joe Luranc  
**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:**

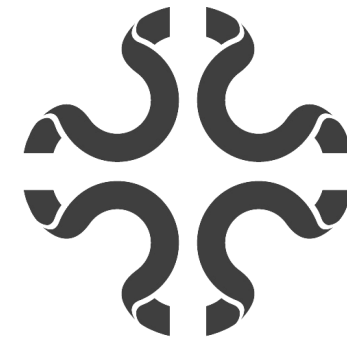
Justine Burney, Bobby Ferretti,  
Mary Frances Kitchens (*Youth*),  
Diane Lemaster, Joe Luranc,  
Lucy Painter, Debbie Parkes,  
Ron Valdes, Shari Wassell,  
Kristen Wescott (*Moderator*)

**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 10, 2017 8:30am



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**September 10, 2017**  
Ordinary Time

**Liturgical Color:** Green  
*Green is used for time periods called Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time is 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** notebooks and lacing crosses 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.

**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)

**PW CIRCLE MEETINGS BEGIN THIS WEEK —**

Just a reminder to all the women of Saint Luke's, Circle meetings begin this week on Monday, September 11 at 9:30am and 7:30pm or Tuesday, September 12 at 9:30am. Even if you have not signed up yet, come join us, and you can do so there. Hope to see you and share Bible study with you all this Fall! Call Fern Mitropoulos with any questions, 770-343-8996.

**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/>. Deadline for deposit and registration is September 13.

**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](mailto:DaviRW@hotmail.com).

**TAVERN TALKS —** David Lower would like to invite the men of Saint Luke's to join him on Monday, September 18 at 8pm to 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. Consider bringing a friend with you to be filled with good things! The Dunwoody Tavern, 5488 Chamblee Dunwoody Road.

**OWLS KICKOFF ON SEPTEMBER 26 —**

OWLS stands for Older, Wiser, Loving, Seniors. We are a group of those 55+ who gather on the 4th Tuesday of the month for a home cooked lunch, prepared by our chef, Karleen Buchholz. We enjoy each others company, get to know new folks and renew old acquaintances. Please join us on September 26 for a luncheon in the Great Hall at 11:30am. Cost is \$6pp. Sign up sheet is on the church lobby bulletin board or call Sally Hawkins at the church to RSVP, 770.393.1424. Feel free to contact Nancy Self, [nself@comcast.net](mailto:nself@comcast.net) or Gerald Aldridge, [geraldaldrige@gmail.com](mailto:geraldaldrige@gmail.com) with any questions about the OWLS group.

**WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON SEPTEMBER 30?**

Will you be sitting around watching: Georgia vs. Tennessee ? Florida vs. Vanderbilt ? 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 way to satisfy that desire. For more information or inspiration contact Ted Guerrant 770-990-4473.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**Clair Maxwell**    [clairmaxwell@slpres.org](mailto:clairmaxwell@slpres.org) / 770.393.1424 ext. 227

### CHOIR REHEARSALS ON WEDNESDAYS

5:00-5:45pm Cherub Choir, Ages 4-5, *Yvonne Miller, Director (begins September 20)*  
5:00-5:45pm Westminster Choir, Grades 1-5, *Clair Maxwell, Director (begins September 20)*  
6:30-7:20pm Festival Ringers, Youth & Adults, *Clair Maxwell, Director*  
7:30-9:00pm Chancel Choir, Youth & Adults, *Clair Maxwell, Director*

### 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](mailto:philbrown@slpres.org) / 770.393.1424 ext. 238

### HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP IN YOUTH MINISTRY

September 10: Youth group starts back. Tartan Trot Sponsorship Kickoff.  
Middle School Youth Group, 5-6:30pm at the church.  
Parents Meeting, 6-6:40pm at the church.  
High School Youth Group, 7-8:30pm at the Singley home.  
*Check Youth email or get with Phil for address.*

September 17: Middle School Youth Group, 5-6:30pm at the church.  
High School Youth Group, 7-8:30pm at Sargent/Hurst home.  
*Check Youth email or get with Phil for address.*

September 24: Corn Maze after church. Sign up on line.  
Tartan Trot Family Dinner at Vintage Pizza, 5-7pm.

October 8: Six Flags. Sign up on line.

## In Preparation for Worship

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.”

– John 1:1-5



### Prelude

Prelude *Dietrich Buxtehude*

### 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\*

**Leader:** Lord, you give life to live!  
From day one, your Spirit brooding over the deep,  
your wind rushing, your breath filling.

**People:** **As creatures of the earth we rejoice in life,  
using our breath and our being to raise this hymn of praise!**

**Leader:** Hallelujahs for the growth from seed to plant,  
greening the earth; its fruit– beauty and food!

**People:** **All the world sings praise to God,  
whose glory grows in all that breathes!**

### Hymn #5\*

God the Sculptor of the Mountains *JENNINGS-HOUSTON*

### Call to Confession\*

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.  
**People:** **And also with you.**  
**Leader:** Let us pray.

## Prayer of Confession\*

Holy and eternal God,  
Your spirit moved over the unformed waters,  
and you spoke your eternal Word, that begins “let there be...”  
and so there was light, and earth, and life, and these things were good.  
From life sprung human life,  
and you appointed us to be responsible for all the good things you have made.  
We take away from the earth and its precious forms of life  
more than we take care of it.  
Renew in us a wonder at your creation,  
a gratefulness for its fruits,  
and a sense of stewardship over its precious resources.  
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.

### Song of Invitation

1st time: SOLO, 2nd time: ALL, 3rd time: ALL, quietly

(Lis - ten) Lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vi - ting,  
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort and joy.

## SPLASH! CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, September 10** – First morning of Sunday School fun for children, 9:30am.

**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 STILL NEEDS YOU!

With a September 10 start to Sunday School and a September 20 start to Feast Wednesdays, it's never too late to support the children of Saint Luke's with your presence! The following volunteer needs remain:

- Godly Play Preschool Sunday School – 9:30 to 10:15am, work in rotation with others.
- Elementary “Dig In” Sunday School – 9:30 to 10:15am, work in rotation with others.
- Elementary Wednesday night “Character Rooted in Christ” class – 6:30 to 7:15 for 6 weeks beginning September 20; can work in rotation with others.
- Faithful Friends – after Tell Us Our Story on Sunday mornings (except for the first Sunday of each month); sign up for as few or as many lessons as you wish.

Please consider any of these fun and rewarding opportunities! Email Catherine Anne Thomas to sign up or if you have any questions, [cathomas@slpres.org](mailto:cathomas@slpres.org).

## ADULT MINISTRY

Shannon Dill    [shannondill@slpres.org](mailto:shannondill@slpres.org) / 770.393.1424 ext. 229

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday school classes will convene today 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 (NEW)

House to House will be a new adult Sunday school class replacing the FINCH class. 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.

### NEW MEMBER INQUIRER'S CLASS

If you are interested in learning more about Saint Luke's, the Presbyterian faith tradition, and what it means to be a member of this wonderful church, please join David Lower for New Member Inquirers Class on Sundays, September 17 through October 1, 9:30 – 10:15am in the Session Room (room 109). New members will be welcomed during the 10:30am worship service on Sunday, October 1. Childcare provided during classes. Contact David Lower with questions: [davidlower@slpres.org](mailto:davidlower@slpres.org) / 770.393.1424, ext. 223.

### 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 from 7:30-8:30pm.

### MOM'S MID-DAY GROUP

Please join Shannon Dill and other moms to encourage, grow, and laugh with one another! This semester we'll meet on Wednesday mornings at 10:30am, September 20 through November 1 in the Session room. Contact Carol Perry, [carolperry@slpres.org](mailto:carolperry@slpres.org), to make a child care reservation (free!).

### FAITH AND PARENTING GROUP

David and Amanda Lower would like to invite Saint Luke's parents for a small group that will meet on the first Sunday of the month beginning October 1, 5:30-6:45pm. Casual dinner and childcare offered. Also, looking to add an additional date/time. More details to follow. Please email David Lower to sign up or ask any questions. [davidlower@slpres.org](mailto:davidlower@slpres.org).

### Scripture Lesson

Genesis 1:1-2:4a, pages 1-2 of the Old Testament

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### Tell Us Our Story

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

### Sermon

"God Shows Up Creating"

David Lower

### Affirmation of Faith\*

From the Confession of 1967

*Today we read an excerpt from The Confession of 1967, a foundational confession of the Presbyterian Church USA, adopted to clarify the faith, love, and hope of the Christian tradition. These confessional words about God and the Bible offer the foundation upon which our worship journey through the Bible this year, guided by the Narrative Lectionary, might rest and flourish.*

**The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ,  
the Word of God incarnate, to whom the Holy Spirit  
bears unique and authoritative witness through the Holy Scriptures,  
which are received and obeyed as the word of God written.**

**The Bible is to be interpreted in the light of its witness  
to God's work of reconciliation in Christ.**

**The Scriptures, given under the guidance of the Holy Spirit,  
are nevertheless words of human beings,  
conditioned by the language, thought forms,  
and literary fashions of the places and times at which they were written.**

**They reflect views of life, history, and the cosmos which were then current.  
The church, therefore, has an obligation to approach the Scriptures  
with literary and historical understanding.**

**As God has spoken the divine word in diverse cultural situations,  
the church is confident that God will continue  
to speak through the Scriptures in a changing world  
and in every form of human culture.**

**God's word is spoken to the church today  
where the Scriptures are faithfully preached and attentively read  
in dependence on the illumination of the Holy Spirit  
and with readiness to receive their truth and direction.**

### Moment for Mission

Tartan Trot

TJ McGoldrick

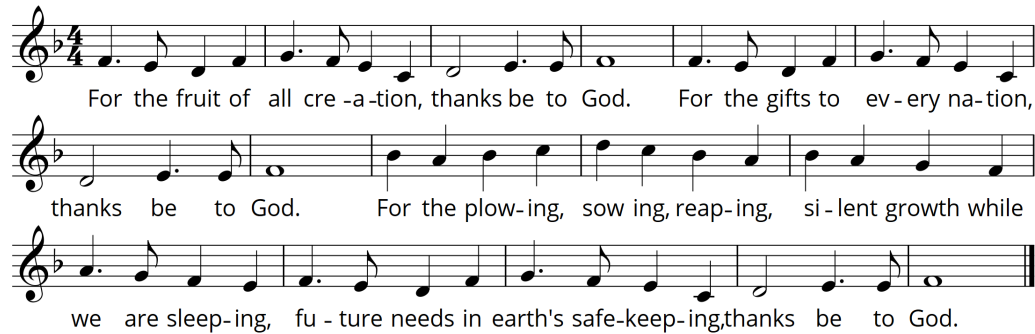
### Offering Invitation

*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

Fugue    *Dietrich Buxtehude*

## Song of Thanksgiving\*



For the fruit of all cre -a-tion, thanks be to God. For the gifts to ev - ery na-tion,  
thanks be to God. For the plow-ing, sow ing, reap-ing, si - lent growth while  
we are sleep-ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe-keep-ing, thanks be to God.

## 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 #24\*

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens *HOLY MANNA*

## Benediction\*

## Postlude\*

Chaconne *Dietrich Buxtehude*

*Worship Notes:*

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## SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT:



### **TARTAN TROT SPONSORSHIP CAMPAIGN** — Bagpipes, kilts and pies - oh my!

Yes, it's that time of year again! The Tartan Trot race may be five months away, but we're kicking off our 2018 Sponsorship Campaign this Sunday! We need your support as proceeds from this amazing event directly impact our outreach ministries at Saint Luke's. Please go to [tartantrot.com](http://tartantrot.com) for sponsorship information, or visit the table in the lobby to make your pledge. We have a special gift for every 2018 sponsor! And NEW this year - join us for a kickoff celebration on September 24, from 5-7pm at Vintage Pizza. Come support our first corporate sponsor!



### **WEDNESDAY EVENINGS ARE A TIME TO FEAST**— All are invited to Saint Luke's mid-

week programming: Feast! Come enjoy meals and faith formation opportunities (classes are grouped by age from 3 to adult) from 5:45 - 7:15pm each Wednesday. Feast begins in two weeks, September 20 and continues through November 1. Pick up a brochure in the lobby and register now on line! Or use the blue registration slip in your pew to register each week.

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!