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SERVING TODAY

Chapel Guild– Rich and Donna Crutchfield
Continental Breakfast– Soul Food Adult Sunday School Class
Greeters– Karleen Buchholz and Ron Davis
Open/Close– Steve Klein

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 Little Saints

Preschool & Kindergarten

A Gift for 20 Years!
**Providing excellent early childhood education for
our church families and community friends!**

September 24, 2017

8:30am



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September 24, 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.

TAVERN TALKS — David Lower would like to invite the men of Saint Luke's to join him on the third Monday at 8pm to the Dunwoody Tavern for "Tavern Talks." This fall we will plan to gather guys together 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. The next gathering will be October 16.

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.

FAMILY PROMISE DOUBLE HEADER — Since it's been a while since we have been able to welcome homeless children and their parents at Saint Luke's, we are excited to offer the signup for two back-to-back weeks October 15-29. Yes, that's a mere four weeks from today. We would be especially grateful if you'd scroll in the signup to Friday, October 20 through Monday, October 23 and grab a slot or two while Betsy and I (David King) are out of town and Beth Underhill is flying solo. Here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/SLPCFP2017-10> . We'll let you know closer to October 15 how many guests will be with us. Thanks so much for all you do for these families.

MUSIC MINISTRY

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

CHOIR REHEARSALS ON WEDNESDAYS

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 22: Bluegrass Mass concert with Atlanta Choral Guild and bluegrass band, 4pm. Special discounted rate of \$10pp for church members.
- 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

WHAT'S NEW

Erin Rugh, our awesome intern, has her Saint Luke's email address: erinrugh@slpres.org.

HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP IN YOUTH MINISTRY

- September 24: Youth Sunday school at 9:30am. Youth rooms. Corn Maze after church. \$10 plus lunch. Family Dinner at Vintage Pizza, 5-7pm.
- October 1: Youth Sunday school at 9:30am. Youth rooms. Middle School Youth at Saint Luke's, 5pm-6:30pm. High School Youth at Troha Home, 7pm-8:30pm.
- October 8: Youth Sunday school at 9:30am. Youth rooms. Six Flags after church. Please sign up on line, slpres.org.
- October 15: Breakfast out during Sunday school. Prayer Walk on Beltline. We will walk along the beltline learning about our city and saying prayers along the way. There will probably be some ice cream involved too.

In Preparation for Worship

Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."
-John 1: 50-51



Prelude

Fugue in F major *Georg Philipp Telemann*

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: We are assured that God is with us,

People: **and God will keep us wherever we go.**

Leader: God will not leave us until God has done what he has promised.

People: **Surely the Lord is in this place!**

Hymn 403*

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty *UNSER HERRSCHER*

Call to Confession*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession*

Loving and present God, where can we go from your spirit?
Or where can we flee from your presence?
You pursue us with faithfulness and grace
even as we may run or wander away.
Thank you for your faithful presence among us,
even when we are not fully aware of it.
Continue to reveal yourself to us.
Open our eyes to see you here among us.
Through Jesus Christ we pray...(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 cal - ling, 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 / 770.393.1424 ext. 228

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES STILL NEEDS YOU!

With Sunday School underway 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.

ADULT MINISTRY

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Individual classes have begun. Please see the website for a full description of each class. (<http://slpres.org/program-ministries/adult-ministry/sunday-school>)

Faith Foundations: Room 232
House to House: Room 203
Seasons of the Spirit: Room 231/233
Soul Food: Room 234/236

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 through October 1, 9:30am-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 / 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 meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at Shannon's home from 7:30-8:30pm.

MOM'S MID-DAY GROUP, "ANIMATE FAITH"

Please join Shannon Dill and other moms to encourage, grow, and laugh with one another! This semester we'll meet on Friday mornings at 11am, through November 3 in the Session room (room 109). Contact Carol Perry, carolperry@slpres.org, to make a child care reservation (free of charge).

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.

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17, pages 23-25 of the Old Testament

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

David Lower

Today, all Little Saints Alumni are invited to join the younger children.

Happy 20th Anniversary, SLLS! We recognize the following current church members who initiated the weekday school program for Saint Luke's in 1997, known then as Parents' Morning Out and today as Saint Luke's Little Saints Preschool & Kindergarten: Karleen Buchholz; Don Dill; Laura Jester; Bob Johnson; Ellen Massey; Tom McIntosh.

One of our teachers, Mrs. Linda King, has been on the SLLS staff from the beginning. What a gift "Miss Linda" has been to the Little Saints for 20 years!

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

Sermon

"God Shows Up, Gathering"

Shannon Dill

Affirmation of Faith*

From A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)

In 1983 the two largest Presbyterian denominations in the United States reunited. The "Plan for Reunion" called for the preparation of a brief statement of the major themes of the Reformed faith. "A Brief Statement of Faith," lifts up concerns that call most urgently for the church's attention in our time. The church is not a refuge from the world; an elect people is chosen for the blessing of the nations.

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

**preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

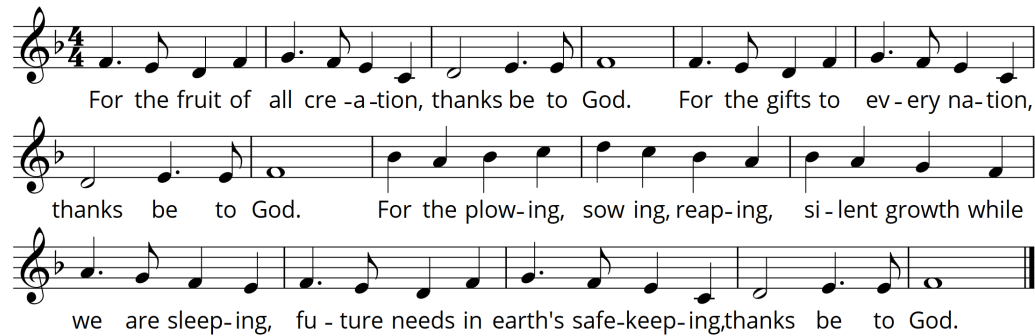
Offering Invitation

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 Antonio Vivaldi

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.

Moment for Mission

Saint Luke's Little Saints Lindsay, Sydney and Samantha Moss

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 #401*

Here in This Place GATHER US IN

Benediction*

Postlude*

Trumpet Voluntary William Boyce

Worship Notes:

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SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT:



CONVERSATIONS ABOUT WORSHIP

— Please join us, this Sunday in the Session Room, after the 10:30am worship service for a congregational conversation about worship. Worship is, of course, the center of our life together, the primary source of God's expression to us, and the chief means by which we practice faithful response to God. In these conversations, we will be asking each other questions like, "How would you describe worship at Saint Luke's?" and "How do you experience God in worship?" Our answers to those questions will yield insight and rich variety for us all to hear and enjoy. Everyone is welcome to attend more than one session, but priority will be placed on voices who have yet to be heard. All people and opinions will be respected and appreciated equally in our congregational listening.



OWLS KICKOFF ON TUESDAY, 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. Contact Nancy Self, nself@comcast.net or Gerald Aldridge, geraldaldrige@gmail.com with any questions regarding the OWLS Ministry group.



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 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.



TARTAN TROT KICKOFF DINNER

— Please join the youth and their families for a Tartan Trot 'Kickoff' dinner, this evening, September 24, at Vintage Pizzeria (our first corporate sponsor!), located at 5510 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd., from 5pm-7pm, as we celebrate a successful sponsorship campaign. Thanks to everyone who has made a pledge thus far! If you haven't yet done so, please consider sponsoring the 2018 race! Your support makes a difference! Go to tartantrot.com or visit the table in the lobby to make a pledge. We have a gift for all 2018 sponsors!