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SERVING TODAY

Chapel Guild- Val DeFriece
Continental Breakfast- Diane Lemaster for Presbyterian Women
Greeters- Carol Hickey and Shari Wassell
Open/Close- Josh Nunez

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:

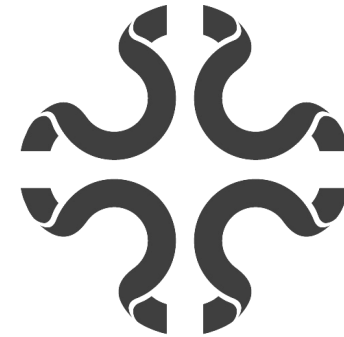
Justine Burney, Bobby Ferretti,
Mary Frances Kitchens (*Youth*),
Diane Lemaster, Joe Luranc,
Lucy Painter, Debbie Parkes,
Ron Valdes, Shari Wassell,
Kristen Wescott (*Moderator*)

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

November 19, 2017 8:30am



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1978 Mount Vernon Road Dunwoody, GA 30338
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November 19, 2017

Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: Green

Green is used for all 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 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.

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

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.

TARTAN TROT — LOVE JOY HOPE Tartan Trot Shirts for Sale! Show your Tartan Trot spirit and your desire to win some pie by purchasing a LOVE JOY HOPE Tartan Trot green hoodie for \$25! Check out Scottie and the TT table in the lobby to purchase or order one (look for cards on the table). For more information, or to place an order, please contact TJ McGoldrick at tj.mcgoldrick@gmail.com. Help us fill our Sponsor board with your names. Sponsor cards are available on the table in the lobby OR you may email Laura Singley (laurasingley@att.net) with your pledge. Don't forget we have a fun tartan gift for every Tartan Trot sponsor. Please let Laura know if you need to collect your gift. Please visit the website for full race information. www.tartantrot.com.

SAINT LUKE'S CHURCH OFFICE HOURS — The church administrative offices will be closed on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (November 22-24) in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Wishing our Saint Luke's friends a harvest of blessings, good health and good times. Happy Thanksgiving.

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

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

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Meet in the Youth Sunday school rooms at 9:30am

YOUTH GO TO THE MOVIES TODAY

Meet in the lobby at after the 10:30am worship service. We will head to lunch and then to see the 1:40pm showing of Justice League at the NCG Cinema in Peachtree Corners.

HIGH SCHOOL CHICK FIL A BREAKFAST

We will be meeting at the Jett Ferry Chick Fil A at 7am on November 28, and December 12 for breakfast before school. Let Phil know if you'll be needing a ride to school.

SENIOR HIGH RETREAT

December 8 - 10. Location: Mountain T.O.P. Camp in Central Tennessee. Registrations due November 22. Paperwork/payments due December 1. We will leave church, Friday, 6 pm and return Sunday. To register, please go to slpres.org/high-school-retreat-registration.

PARENT RETREAT REGISTRATION

Parenting retreat, February 9-11, in Montreat, NC. Let Phil know if you are interested in a roommate for the weekend. We have someone looking for one to be able to register together. Also, we may have some people who can offer child care that weekend if that is holding you back. Talk to Phil. Visit www.authenticparents.org.

In Preparation for Worship

"Anyone in need of a tutorial on the cost of too much light does not have far to look. Every time a new gas station goes up on an old country road, the lights designed to attract sleepy motorists kill another layer of stars. Why does it matter?...Because the Milky Way, about which Ovid wrote more than two thousand years ago, is now invisible to two-thirds of those living in the United States."

Barbara Brown Taylor, Learning to Walk in the Dark, p. 59



Prelude

Allegretto Grazioso *Frank Bridge*

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.

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: Radiant Lord, we praise you for the light of your glory,
shining within all creation, and reflected in the sun, moon and stars.

People: **For the gift of the day star, our sun, turning frozen night into life;**

Leader: for the gift of moonlight, bathing dark night brilliant light:

People: **for the gift of twinkling stars, reminding us of your promises yet to come,**

Leader: Blessed Source of All Light, we praise you for filling creation
with light and splendor and hope for all to see!

Hymn #14*

For the Beauty of the Earth *DIX*

Call to Confession*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession*

God of Grace and Mercy,
you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world.
We confess that we have ignored the light of truth all around us.
We have clung to destructive habits, held grudges,
and cherished the values of this world over yours.
Forgive us for preferring to walk in darkness.
Lead us once again into your light
and set our feet on the path to right living and peace.
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 #581* Glory Be to the Father *GLORIA PATRI*

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 Isaiah 9:1-7, page 638 of the Old 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. Catherine Anne Thomas

Sermon

"God Shows Up, Prophesying" Phil Brown

HAPPY ADVENT, HAPPY BIRTHDAY! SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

All members and friends of Saint Luke's are invited to come together and celebrate the first day of Advent on Sunday, December 3 from 9:15am to 10:15am in the Great Hall. Our "Happy Birthday, Jesus!" party will include a delicious brunch and a variety of Advent activities for all ages. This year we will also have the opportunity to make an advent wreath, with all supplies provided. While other crafts are free of charge, we do request a contribution of \$10 for each Advent wreath kit – consisting of a galvanized metal container, five candles, five candle holders, moss, and ribbon. After brunch, fellowship, and crafting we will sing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus and eat birthday cake. Please plan to join us for this beloved Saint Luke's event!

SPLASH! CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

GET READY TO WAIT!

The season of Advent begins on Sunday, December 3. Here are some important dates to keep in mind as calendars begin to fill:

AVAILABLE NOW, TAKE-OUT ADVENT KITS

All families with children are invited to stop by the main lobby and pick up their "Take-Out" box filled with daily Advent activities. Beginning on Sunday, December 3, just "take out" an envelope each day to experience new ways of waiting together.

DECEMBER 21 – LIVE NATIVITY

Invite your friends to this community favorite! We'll interact with the friendly beasts; see Mary, Joseph, shepherds, kings, angels, and a tiny baby; drink hot chocolate; make s'mores; hear beautiful music and the nativity gospel; and remember the joy and love!

DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY WORSHIP AT 5PM, SANCTUARY

This worship service, for many of us, is the foundation of our Christmas celebration activities. Led by our own children, it's a sweet and powerful reminder that Christ was born for all. Our speaking parts have been claimed, but we still need kid leadership for December 24 at 5pm. We need shepherd helpers, a "live sheep handler", and helpers to hand out the costume kits. We could also use a few adults to help direct and send folks to Bethlehem at the right time! We will have one run-through on December 17. Please contact cathomas@slpres.org for more information.



GUESS WHAT IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER?— ADVENT!

1st Sunday of Advent is December 3. Some highlights include:

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS—You can help decorate the church *and* honor or remember a loved one by purchasing a poinsettia. Donation envelopes are in the pew boxes. \$15 per plant (please write poinsettias on the memo line). Names will be published in the bulletin on December 17. On January 7, plants may be taken home to enjoy! Questions? Contact Nancy Self, 404.237.6551 or nself@comcast.net.

SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE— As a reminder, unwrapped purchases need to be returned to the lobby by Friday, December 1. Please contact Florence Luranc at fhluranc@comcast.net or 404.915.3148 with any questions.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW) CHRISTMAS DINNER—Monday, December 4. Mingle in the lobby from 6-6:30pm, followed by a delicious dinner prepared by Chef Quentin & concluding with a candlelight communion service. Please sign up in the lobby. \$15 pp. Checks can be made out to SL PW. Questions? Please contact Stephanie McGoldrick at tsmcgoldrick@gmail.com.

THORNWELL CHRISTMAS OFFERING—Join our tradition of donating to Thornwell in lieu of sending Christmas cards to your Saint Luke's family. Names will be published in the December 17 bulletin. Please make checks payable to SL PW, place your contribution in the specially marked envelope in the pew rack & then place in offering plate. Deadline: Sunday, December 10.

OWLS CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE— Saint Luke's OWLS (Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors) will host their Christmas Open House on Saturday, December 9 from 2-4pm. The event will be held at the home of the Buchholz's. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre to share. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the lobby.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW) CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE—The PW will have two types of mini loaves available for purchase, Triple Chocolate & Cranberry-Orange on Sunday, December 10. These delicious, homemade breads make wonderful hostess gifts. \$4 each. Please, cash or check.

TOYS FOR TOTS BENEFIT CONCERT—Sunday, December 10, 4pm at Saint Luke's. The Premiere Brass Quintet, Festival Ringers and Chancel Choir present our annual community concert program benefitting the Atlanta Chapter of Toys for Tots. Christmas carols complete with an audience sing-a-long helps capture the spirit of the season. Bring a new, unwrapped toy for donation.

SAINT LUKE'S ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY—Sunday, December 10 after the Toys for Tots Concert at the home of Dan & Sally Joyce. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Childcare will be provided in the kid-friendly basement of the Joyce home, complete with toys and a big screen movie. Babysitters will be on hand to supervise. Please sign up on the poster in the lobby.

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.**

Moment for Mission

Thornwell Offering

Julie Knotts

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 Frank Bridge

Song of Thanksgiving*

from 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 earth and heaven adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.**

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 #744*

Arise, Your Light Is Come! *FESTAL SONG*

Benediction*

Postlude*

Trumpet Tune *David German*

Worship Notes:

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SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT:



COMMITMENT UPDATE — This year's Commitment Campaign has been amazing! Who can forget our kickoff (props to "The Babe Ruth of God's Truth"), the first-ever Saint Luke's Tailgate at halftime Sunday. Not to mention the video featuring "Mr. College Football", a t-shirt cannon, and the whole congregation doing The Wave, or the amazing Sermon and Moment for Commitment we heard this past Sunday reminding us of the good that is done through each of us individually and collectively as a church family. The Commitment Committee thanks the whole congregation (100% of you) for your enthusiastic participation. The spirit of teamwork and love for our church and the good work we are doing was everywhere. We are still counting but all signs are that the Saint Luke's membership has once again given generously of its time, talents and treasure in supporting the church's continued good work in 2018. Stay tuned for a more detailed report once the counting is complete!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW) BAKE SALE TODAY — Delicious mini-loaves are on sale in the lobby for \$4 each. You can choose from Cranberry-Orange or Pumpkin. Great for Thanksgiving guests and holiday hostess gifts.



TAVERN TALKS, THANKSGIVING AND FALCONS EDITION, THIS MONDAY — So-inclined gentlemen are invited to meet David Lower at the Dunwoody Tavern on Monday, November 20 at 8pm for good conversation, festive beverages, and our beloved Falcons on Monday Night Football! Our holiday week conversations will center on the subject of thankfulness. Consider bringing a friend with you to be filled with good things! Please email David Lower with any questions, davidlower@slpres.org.



GET IN THE SPIRIT, COME DECORATE SAINT LUKE'S — Please join us on Saturday, December 2 at 9:30am as we transform Saint Luke's for Advent and Christmas. Questions? Contact Nancy Self at nself@comcast.net. Hope to see you there!