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SERVING TODAY

Acolytes:

- Bell Ringer**– Rebecca Miller
- Bible Bearer**– Sarah Jane Shipley
- Candle Lighter**– Davis Fenger
- Supervisor**– Cailin Thelen

Chancel Guild– Jared and Linda Elliot

Greeters– Ron Davis and Kay Loerch

Lay Reader– Barbara Douglass

Open/Close– Steve Klein

Sound Crew– Roby Price

Ushers– *Thank you to all who served as ushers today.*

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:

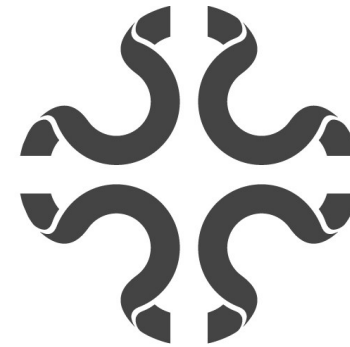
Justine Burney, Bobby Ferretti,
Mary Frances Kitchens (*Youth*),
Diane Lemaster, Joe Luranc,
Lucy Painter, Debbie Parkes,
Ron Valdes, Shari Wassell,
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Class of 2019:

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

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Thomas Brown, Karleen Buchholz,
Jenny Cummiskey, 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 26, 2017 10:30am



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770.393.1424 www.slpres.org Office Hours: M-F, 8:30am-4:30pm

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Christ the King Sunday

Liturgical Color: White

Liturgical colors can orient us to the season of the church year and help to engage the sense of sight in worship. White (and gold) symbolize days and seasons of joy and mark pivotal events in the life of Christ.

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 Sanctuary where our Pastors or a church officer 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 A hearing loop is accessible by switching hearing aids to T-coil. Also, large print hymnals and back cushions are available. Please contact an usher for further assistance.



CHILDREN are a precious part of our church family, and we welcome them in worship. Worship notebooks and lacing crosses are available on the back ledges of the sanctuary for preschool and elementary ages. Each week, children are invited to walk up for an age-appropriate message during "Tell Us Our Story." After that time, they may remain in worship, or go to child care (PreK and younger).

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 you a harvest of blessings, good health and good times.

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:

YOUTH GROUP

This week - Youth Group will not meet
December 3 - Ugly Christmas Sweater and White Elephant Gift Exchange Party. Middle School at Clara Young's house, High School at The Coffie House. Wear your best Christmas outfit. Bring a wrapped gift to exchange, \$7.50 max. amt.
December 10- Youth group will not meet because of the High School Retreat.

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.

In Preparation for Worship

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

~John 14:27



Gathering Prayer

Prelude

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name *arr. Mark Hayes*

Chiming of the Hour

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*

John 14:27

Leader: Hear the words of Jesus, “Peace I leave with you;

People: my peace I give to you.

Leader: I do not give to you as the world gives.

People: Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

Opening Hymn #32*

I Sing the Mighty Power of God *ELLACOMBE*

Call to Confession*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession*

God of hope, we confess that we are an anxious people
who deny your blessing and fail to keep your word.
Give us grace to receive what it is that you are speaking
into every corner of our lives.
Grant us willing hearts to obey all that you will speak,
that we might live in peace and reflect your love in the world;
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 #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

Barbara Douglass

Scripture Lesson

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14, pages 687-688 of the Old Testament

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

Phil Brown

Parents may take their children (through PreK) to our nursery, Room 120 in Sheppard Hall. Faithful Friends will resume December 10.

Anthem

If You Search with All Your Heart *Craig Courtney* Chancel Choir

When you seek me, you shall find me if you search with all your heart.
For I know the plans I have for you;
plans of welfare, not of evil;
plans of hope and a future.
I will bring you out of bondage to the land I have prepared;
I will bring you home to me. *(Jeremiah 29:11-14)*

Sermon

"God's Plan"

Shannon Dill

Hymn #265*

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun *DUKE STREET*

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 10 - CHRISMONS (CHRIST'S MONOGRAM)

Chrismons will be presented to the children during Tell Us Our Story at both services.

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 of the season 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.

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.

LESSONS AND CAROLS — Sunday, December 17 at the 10:30am service. Our annual tradition of readings and carols by congregation and choirs accompanied by youth instrumentalists, soloists, piano and organ. Arrive early for this special Sunday service of worship as we anticipate the light of Christ coming to our world.

A SERVICE OF COMFORT AND REST — Sunday, December 17 at 5pm in the Saint Luke's chapel. We invite you to this time of quiet reflection in the midst of this busy season. Hosted by our Stephen Ministers.

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.

Prayers of the People

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.

Offering Invitation

Giving is a tangible sign of worship. If you give electronically, there is a blue, laminated, electronic giving in the pew rack to place in the offering plate as it is passed.

Offertory

Now Thank We All our God *Johann Sebastian Bach*

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.**

Prayer of Dedication*

Closing Hymn #619*

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven *LAUDA ANIMA*

Benediction*

Choral Response*

from O Christ, Surround Me *GREEN TYLER* Chancel Choir

God, be the love to search and keep me.
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me.

Postlude*

Crown Him with Many Crowns *arr. Mark Hayes*

*Worship Notes: Thank you to our musicians today; Bruce Jones, guitar and Mark Rogers, bass.
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SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT:



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.



GET IN THE SPIRIT, COME DECORATE SAINT LUKE'S, INDOOR AND OUTDOOR — Please join us on Saturday, December 2 at 9:30am as we transform Saint Luke's for Advent and Christmas. Additionally, there will be an outdoor spruce up/clean up day beginning at 9am in preparation for Live Nativity. Please bring work gloves and rakes. Questions? Contact Nancy Self at nself@comcast.net (indoor) or Bill Womack at epwomack@bellsouth.net (outdoor). Hope to see you there!



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 which includes 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!



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 and concluding with a candlelight communion service. Please sign up in the lobby. \$15 pp. Checks can be made out to SL PW. If you have any questions? Please contact Stephanie McGoldrick at tsmcgoldrick@gmail.com.