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SAINT LUKE’S PERIMETER COUNSELING CENTER

Georgia C. Griffin, J.D., M.Div.
Director, Perimeter Center
Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist/Mediator

SERVING TODAY

Chapel Guild– Rich and Donna Crutchfield
Continental Breakfast- Louise Lewis
Greeter(s)- Ron Davis, JJ Singley and Suzanne Thatcher
Open/Close– Roby Price

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

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

January 28, 2018 8:30am



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

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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Liturgical Color: Green

Liturgical colors can orient us to the season of the church year and help to engage the sense of sight in worship. Green is used for time periods marked as Ordinary time; Ordinary time is time not marked by a specific festival or season.

Today's flowers are given by Vivian Smith to the glory of God and in loving memory of Barry Smith.

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.

JOIN US FOR FEAST — FEAST will run through March 7 and conclude with a variety show. Dinner at 5:45pm/Programs at 6:25pm. Please register on our website at the following link: <http://slpres.org/feastregspring2018/>.

WOMEN'S RETREAT, MARCH 2-4, DILLARD HOUSE — Registration is now open. Join us for a weekend of fellowship, fun and spiritual growth. Rev. Meredith Loftis will be the guest speaker. Deadline to sign up is January 28. <https://tinyurl.com/slpcwomensretreat2018>.

SAINT LUKE'S FRIENDS — please sign up for Continental Breakfast slots in 2018. It is a great way to meet new people and share hospitality. The sign up genius link is: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094daeac22aa8-continental>.

SAINT LUKE'S EXTENDS 10:30AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP THROUGH MAY — Experimenting with sanctuary worship at 10:30am, like most other churches in the area now do, has aimed to fit our primary worship service better into the lives of families with school-age children. It appears anecdotally that the goal has been met, as families with children generally indicate preferring the change.

But change is always hard, as is analyzing the benefits and costs of a change in community. Anecdotally the change has helped families with children, but statistically the change has not seemed to increase sanctuary worship attendance. So there are counter-balancing forces at work, too, it would seem, which we need to understand better before making a permanent decision. Therefore the Session on Sunday unanimously agreed to extend the experiment through May, so that we can work on optimizing the change while we learn more about how it is received. If you have thoughts about the schedule change that you have not yet shared, I would welcome the chance to hear them directly, please call or email me at davidlower@slpres.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Phil Brown philbrown@slpres.org / 770.393.1424 ext. 238

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28:

Sunday school at 9:30am. Meet in youth room.

Everyone (high school & middle school) Great Hall, **4:30pm** (New time) to decorate. Need parents to help with hanging signs/banners. Anyone have an extension ladder we can use? Plan to finish 6:15pm-ish. **Dinner at Vintage Pizza** with your families. Families pick up at church and head on over. 10% of proceeds while there benefit Tartan Trot!

JOIN US FOR FEAST

Dinner at 5:45pm and Youth Gathering at 6:25pm.

Youth Gathering at FEAST: Mixed Bag. A fun mix of movies, running, playing, and creating. Every week will be a little different as we take a Sabbath break in the middle of the week.

CONFIRMATION CLASS:

For 8th graders, we began on January 21, 3:30pm-4:30pm. You should have information if you are in the 8th grade. If you are not in the 8th grade and want to participate please let Phil know.

PARENT RETREAT IN MONTREAT, FEBRUARY 9-11:

More information here on an amazing weekend to recharge, learn, and grow as parents with people from around the Southeast. www.authenticparents.org. Let Phil know if you are interested in a roommate for the weekend. We have a female looking for a roommate.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT DATES:

We had to reschedule the high school retreat due to the snow. New dates are March 16-18. Same details as before. Still going to Mt. TOP. Still, need adults to come along with us. The new registration page will be up soon.

In Preparation for Worship

“God, who needs nothing, loves into existence wholly superfluous creatures in order that he may love and perfect them.”

~C.S. Lewis, *The Four Loves*



Prelude

Choral *Marcel Dupré*

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: We've come to worship God, who loved us before we were yet born,

People: **who knows us even better than we know ourselves,**

Leader: whose presence never leaves us,

People: **and whose love for us never ceases!**

Opening Hymn #774*

There is Now a New Creation *STUTT GART*

Call to Confession*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession*

God of salvation,
you shower our lives and our world with love,
yet we too often turn away from your blessing.

Free us from our unwise choices, O God.

When we are distracted and confused,
redirect our attention to the abundant opportunities to experience your love.

Focus our hearts on you,
that we may choose the blessing of salvation
offered us each day through Jesus Christ...*(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*

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.

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(s)

John 3:1-21, *pages 93-94 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

Overthinking It

Shannon Dill

Affirmation of Faith*

from Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA

A Brief Statement of Faith, adopted in 1991 by the PCUSA, was a promised by-product of the 1983 reunion between the Northern Presbyterians (UPCUSA) and the Southern Presbyterians (PCUS), which formed the PCUSA. It seeks, in a few lines, to provide an overview of contemporary Presbyterian faith that is both faithful to the ten essential tenets of Reformed Faith and inclusive of theological insights from scripture.

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 God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.**

SPLASH! CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING 2018 EVENTS

Details to follow in future publications.

- "Shipwrecked" VBS is June 11-14. Online registration is coming in February. Please contact Catherine Anne to volunteer.

JOIN US FOR FEAST, DINNER AT 5:45PM AND PROGRAMMING AT 6:25PM

Heroes of the Bible, Age 3 through Kindergarten — We'll keep learning about the exciting adventures of people who did great things for God. We can do great things for God, too! Room 120.

Grow Together Now, 1st Grade through 5th Grade — Our learning focus for this session will be Humility, Kindness and Cooperation. We'll examine these virtues through the lens of scripture as well as our own lives. This class learns through a lively assortment of group activities; always something new! 1st- 3rd- The Dock and 4th & 5th- The Lighthouse.

ADULT MINISTRY

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL *(all classes will join in the PW Sandwich Project this Sunday)*

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.

LENTEN JOURNAL/STUDY

To access the Lenten Journal/Study please go to this link: <http://tinyurl.com/slpcclent2018>. The journal is entitled *Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John*; a six week offering of prayer and reflection from the Society of Saint John the Evangelist and the Center for Ministry of Teaching at Virginia Theological Seminary. Printed copies will also be available in the church office.

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*

Loving us still,

God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,

like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,

God is faithful still.

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of God

in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Offertory *Marcel Dupré*

Song of Thanksgiving*

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation *WESTMINSTER ABBEY*

Stanza 4

Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or to the Son,
laud and hon - or to the Spir - it, ev - er three_ and ev - er one:
one in might and one in glo - ry while un-end - ing a - ges run!

Holy Communion

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.

Communion Music

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

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.

Sending Hymn #462*

I Love to Tell the Story HANKEY

Benediction*

Postlude*

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee arr. David Cherwien

Worship Notes:

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SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT:



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW) 2018 VALENTINE BOXES — Presbyterian Women (PW) of SLPC will send approximately 70 Valentine Boxes to college students, military family members, and our homebound members. We invite your help in the following ways:

SUBMIT name and address of individuals you'd like included to Liz Catlett in the church office, lizcatlett@slpres.org, by Thursday, February 1.

POSTAGE is around \$7.00 per box. We appreciate any donations to help in offsetting the cost. Drop off in the church office in an envelope marked PW Treasurer.

TREATS (candy, cards, snacks, hot chocolate packets, etc.) may be donated and placed in the parlor collection box (Room 145).

HOMEMADE treats are awesome! Individually wrapped treats may be brought to Parlor collection box on/before 10am on Wednesday, February 7.

TIME of fun and fellowship. Please join us on Wednesday, February 7 at 10am in the Session Room for filling each box with sweetness and love from our church family! The boxes will be mailed afterwards.

CONTACT Jean Cronan, cronan39@msn.com or cell 770.630.8423 with questions or for more information.



TARTAN TROT, NEXT WEEK— It's almost time to run and celebrate our 12th year of O' Scottish tradition on Saturday, February 3. Proceeds from this event subsidize Saint Luke's youth and outreach events throughout the year. See TartanTrot.com: it's not too late to sign up - we will accept race registrations until race day. If you're not a runner, there are still some great ways you can help make this event a success:

SPONSORS: Please try to pay your pledge by Race Day. Contact Laura Singley (LauraSingley@att.net) with questions.

BAKERS: We are famous in the running world for our awards of baked goods. We need 150+ homemade pies and cakes; please sign up in the lobby. ****Lots more needed!**** Baked goods can be dropped off at the church on Friday, February 2. There will be a cart in the lobby to put your goodies on. Please have them wrapped/covered and ready to give to the lucky winners.

VOLUNTEERS: Meet in the chapel on Sunday, January 28 right after the 10:30am service. We will hand out maps, go over safety points, cover inside roles and let you know where we need extra hands if you don't already know where you are lined up.

SPAGHETTI DINNER: Friday, February 2, from 5-7pm, Great Hall. All are welcome! Donations at the door, sponsors and their families are free.