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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– Bob and Margaret Schultz
Continental Breakfast– Karleen Buchholz
Greeter(s)- Carol Allen and Emily Ritzler
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*), Flor-
ence 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



First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2018 8:30am



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Liturgical Color: Purple

Liturgical colors can orient us to the season of the church year and help to engage the sense of sight in worship. Purple marks the seasons of penitence and preparation, Advent and Lent.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS — Next OWLS meeting will be on Tuesday, February 27 at 11:30am. Lunch and conversation. \$6pp. Please sign up on lobby bulletin board. Questions? Please contact Nancy Self at nself@comcast.net.

SAINT LUKE'S SUPPER CLUB — Come join with fellow Saint Luke's couples or singles for a potluck style dinner at a member's home! It's a great way to reconnect with old friends or meet new friends and share food, fellowship, and fun. The date is Saturday, March 10 around 7 pm. Sign up on the poster in the lobby to host or participate. Call Fern Mitropoulos, 770.343.8996 with any questions. Please RSVP by Monday, March 5. Hope to see you there!

IOH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — Interfaith Outreach Home (IOH) provides transitional housing for homeless families. On the third Thursday of each month, when the adults have life skills training, Saint Luke's provides and delivers a meal which feeds about 10 adults and 15 children. Meal expenses are reimbursable by Saint Luke's. Volunteers are needed for the following Thursdays: March 15, April 19, and May 17. Please sign up in the church lobby or contact Al Bridges at bridgtr@aol.com or 770.394.6581 to reserve your spot.

FAMILY PROMISE — Family Promise will be gearing up for the week of March 18 when our guests arrive to begin their stay with us. Thanks to our Saint Luke's family for your generosity of time and spirit! Can you believe it takes over 250 volunteer hours to complete a host week? Please start thinking about ways in which you can help. Details to follow in future Highlight/Bulletin news.

FROM THE GROUND UP, A DREAM FULFILLED — Be a part of doing something really good right here in Atlanta. Join in the fun of helping Ms. Lisa Reyes and her daughter, Alexandria, build their Habitat house at 1484 Akridge Street NW. The fun begins on March 10 and continues for seven more days through April 28, skipping March 31. All workdays are Saturdays except for April 26, which is a Thursday. Invite your friends to join you! For Lisa, building her house will be a dream fulfilled, from the ground up!

The first workday, all volunteers meet at the Atlanta Habitat Warehouse at 824 Memorial Drive SE where they will enjoy a delicious breakfast.

We will have the usual car pool arrangement. If you need a ride or are willing to drive, meet at the church parking lot (Manhasset Street) in time for a 7am departure each workday. Register on the internet at the Atlanta Habitat Volunteer Hub Site using the following link. Please sign up a week prior to the day you plan to work: www.stlukes.atlantahabitat.volunteerhub.com

Questions? Contact any one of the members of Saint Luke's Habitat Leadership Team. Email Daryl at ddmore@yahoo.com. The Team: Val DeFriece, Ted Guerrant, Diane Markel, TomMcIntosh, Daryl Moore, Bill Womack, and Ellen Womack.

THORNWELL — Join us June 7-9 for the Thornwell mission trip. This trip is perfect for any age. Grab your spot today!! For questions email Christine Crutchfield at gafrog01@hotmail.com.

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

CHASTAIN AT SAINT LUKE'S

Save the date, Sunday, April 22 at 6:30pm. Performing slots are open. Contact Clair Maxwell with your interest in participating. clairmaxwell@slpres.org.

In Preparation for Worship

"Grace is the gateway to heaven."

-Lailah Gifty Akita



Prelude

Softly and Tenderly *arr. Will Thompson*

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*

from Psalm 118

Leader: Blessed are those who come in the name of the Lord.

People: **We come to this holy house to praise God!**

Leader: God is good, and has given us light.

People: **O give thanks to the Lord, whose steadfast love endures forever.**

Opening 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*

**We thank you, Lord God, for you alone are good,
and your loving kindness is everlasting.**

**We acknowledge that we depend on your mercy,
as we look for our own ways through,
and consider ourselves more than others.**

**Shine your light upon our brokenness,
and help us to receive your marvelous grace,**

**So that we might live righteously and justly
as you have shown us to do in Christ.**

Hear also the personal confessions on our hearts...(Silence is kept for personal reflection.)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness*

Song of Praise #468* In My Life *LORD, BE GLORIFIED*

In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

Passing the Peace of Christ*

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson Psalm 118, *pages 565 –566 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.

Erin Rugh

Sermon

"Gates"

David Lower

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Sunday school at 9:30am-10:15am in the Youth room.

ESCAPE ROOM, THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Breakout Escape Room, Norcross after the 10:30am service. We will get lunch, then head on to the puzzle solving adventure. We will be back to church by 3:15pm.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, HUNGER WALK, GA STATE STADIUM (OLD TURNER FIELD)

Register here to walk with 16,000 people to help end hunger in Atlanta. The money raised goes directly to our ministry partners, the Atlanta Community Food Bank, and the Presbytery's Grants for Hunger Ministries. Go here to register and join a team: <https://tinyurl.com/slpchungerwalk2018>. Select Saint Luke's in the pulldown or search for SLPC in the team search box. \$25 for walk /cotton shirt or \$35 for run/technical shirt.

HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT, MARCH 16-18

Registration is open: register under Youth Ministry on the website. We will need adults. Cost is \$120 per youth/ free for adults who come along. The cost includes transportation, meals (except for lunch on the way home), lodging, high ropes course, and programming. Registrations due March 1. Payments and paperwork March 10. We will leave Saint Luke's at 6pm on Friday and return mid-afternoon on Sunday.

SPLASH! CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

LENT IS HERE!

Families with children are invited to pick up a Lent Activity Guide in the main lobby. Prepare your hearts!

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.

FEAST VARIETY SHOW

Wednesday, March 7 at 6:30pm on the Great Hall stage. All acts and all ages are welcome! Sign up on the poster in the lobby.

SHIPWRECKED!

Shipwrecked VBS registration will be up and running on the church website on February 25. Get ready for an adventure to an uncharted "island" experience where kids are anchored in the truth that Jesus helps them in many ways to weather life's storms.

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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus *arr. Phillip Keveren*

Song of Thanksgiving #606* Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
OLD HUNDREDDTH

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

As the Deer Longs *arr. Chuck Marohnic*

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.**

Closing Hymn #65*

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah *CWM RHONDDA*

Benediction*

Postlude*

I've Got Peace Like a River *arr. Phillip Keveren*

*Worship Notes: Thank you to David Singer, organist, for sharing his talents with us this Sunday.
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SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT:



SAINT LUKE'S ANNUAL MEETING CALLED — The Annual Meeting of Congregation and Corporation is called by Session for Sunday, February 25, 2018 immediately following the 10:30am worship for the stated purpose of: 1) Hear the report of Officer Nominating Committee and elect a new class of Elders and Deacons, plus fill any officer vacancies; 2) Hear the report of the Finance Committee on 2017 results and 2018 budget; 3) Approve Terms of Call for Pastors; and 4) Conduct any other business pertinent to the Congregation and/or the Corporation.



SAINT LUKE'S GREEN TEAM, AWARD WINNING — Saint Luke's Green Team has won the **City of Dunwoody Sustainability Hero Award**. The Sustainable Hero Award is an annual campaign recognizing an individual resident and a company, business or nonprofit organization located in Dunwoody for "particular and commendable involvement and promotion of sustainable activities or programs." The presentation of the award will be held at the State of Dunwoody meeting on **Thursday, February 22** at the Crowne Plaza Ravinia, 4355 Ashford Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody, Georgia from 6pm - 8:30pm.



SAINT LUKE'S GREEN TEAM ANNOUNCES — City of Dunwoody Electronics Recycle Event on February 25. Please note, pre-registration is required by going to this site on the city website- <https://tinyurl.com/slpcrecycle2018>. Green team needs you! Volunteers will be needed to assist with the event on February 25. 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.



TIME FOR TAVERN TALKS — It is that time again; the third Monday of month. Please join David Lower and other so inclined gentlemen at the Dunwoody Tavern for good conversation and fellowship. Feel free to bring a friend! Monday, February 19 at 8pm.

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.

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. Everyone can sign up to receive daily videos - sign up here: <http://meetingjesusinjohn.org>. Hard copies of the journal/study are available in the church lobby.