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SAINT LUKE’S PERIMETER COUNSELING CENTER

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SERVING TODAY

Acolytes:

- Bell Ringer**- Madeleine Douglass
- Bible Bearer**- Nolan Grafton
- Candle Lighter**- Mason Douglass
- Crucifer**- Marshall Douglass
- Water Bearer**- William Wellford

Chancel Guild- Mike and Dorothy Kitchens

Continental Breakfast- “Shipwrecked” VBS

Greeters- Debbie Parkes

Lay Reader- Gerald Aldridge

Open/Close- Bill Womack

Sound- Brad Troha

Ushers- TJ and Stephanie McGoldrick (Captains); Shawn, Leslie, Owen and Lilly Hamlin; Elliott, Sydney, and Nolan McGoldrick.

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, JJ 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 Cummiskey, Ron Davis, Kris Hull, Daryl Moore, Emily Ritzler, Vivian Smith, Suzanne Thatcher



SAINT LUKE'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 18, 2018 10:30am



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

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Fifth Sunday in Lent

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, Lent and Advent.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Casper John's baptism by John and Anne Hardy.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:30am Chapel Communion Service

9:30am Sunday School

10:30am Sanctuary Worship Service

Nursery available at all services and Sunday School.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday, March 25

8:30am Communion Service/Chapel

9:15am Fellowship Brunch/Egg Hunts

10:30am Procession of Palms Service/
Sanctuary

Maunder Thursday, March 29

7pm Communion Service/Sanctuary

Good Friday, March 30

6pm Light Soup Supper/Great Hall

7pm Service/Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 1

7am Sunrise service/Courtyard

8:30am Easter service/Sanctuary

10:30am Easter service/Sanctuary

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 tactile activities 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, go to Faithful Friends (K-2nd) or go to child care (PreK and younger).

TAVERN TALKS THIS MONDAY —

Gentlemen, please join us on Monday evening, March 19, 8pm, at the Ye Olde Dunwoody Tavern, 5488 Chamblee Dunwoody Road. Please send Pam Melton an email at pammelton@slpres.org so we can let the Tavern know a rough estimate of attendees. Grab a friend and come hang out for cheer and conversation!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW) BAKE SALE —

On Sunday, March 25, the PW will be offering two flavors of the mini loaf cakes for sale, \$4 each, Lemonade Cake and Carrot Cake. Both are perfect for Easter entertaining.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS — Need a little financial help with your first year of college?

Thanks to a generous gift from an anonymous donor, \$2,500 will be awarded to a high school senior who is enrolling in an accredited four-year college in the US. To be considered for this award, a student must be an active participant in the ministry and mission of Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church and must complete an application and submit it to the Saint Luke's College Scholarship Committee.

Applications are available in the church office or may be obtained from the church web site, www.slpres.org (Resources Tab and then scroll down to Forms.) Drop off your completed application to Pam Melton, Saint Luke's church office or scanned images may be emailed to pammelton@slpres.org. Deadline for submission: April 14.

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 Saturdays 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!

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 or email Daryl at ddmore@yahoo.com.

OWLS — The OWLS will take a small break and not meet in March. Please plan on joining the group at their next gathering on April 24.

THORNWELL — Join us June 7-9 for the Thornwell Mission Trip. This trip is perfect for any age. Email Christine Crutchfield with any questions, gafrog01@hotmail.com.

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 Seasons of the Spirit: Room 231/233
House to House: Room 203 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

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

TODAY, MARCH 18

Sunday school at 9:30am-10:15am in youth room.
Youth groups will not meet this week due to the high school retreat.

SIX FLAGS

Sunday, March 25. Registration is open on the website under youth ministries. We will leave after the 10:30am worship service. Also, that morning during Sunday School we will help with family promise clean up and have a church-wide brunch.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, UGA

Shari Wassell is coordinating a special tour of University of Georgia with Maddie and Callie Dill for Saint Luke's people. Leave at 7am return around 5pm. Sign-up and more details to come. Parents, we will need some drivers too.

SUMMER TRIPS

Thank you for your continued interest in summer trips. We are working on getting all the paperwork up on the website and will do so as soon as possible. Hold tight for right now. Dates, locations and estimated cost per trip are on the website under Youth Ministry.

In Preparation for Worship

"The greatest barrier to someone achieving their potential is their denial of it."

~Simon Travaglia



Gathering Prayer

Chorale Prelude Samuel Scheidt

Prelude

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.

Moment for Recognition Saint Luke's Green Team

Call to Worship*

(from Psalm 17)

[REFRAIN]



Lord, bend your ear and hear my prayer.

Hear a just cause, O Lord; give heed to my cry;

Listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

Let my vindication come forth from your presence;

Let your eyes be fixed on justice.

Examine my heart, visit me by night,

Melt me down; you will find no impurity in me. [REFRAIN]

I have not regarded what others do;

At the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.

My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path;

And my feet do not slip.

I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;

Incline your ear to me and hear my words.

Show me your marvelous loving kindness,

O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand

from those who rise against them. [REFRAIN]

Opening Hymn #404* What Is This Place
Stanza 1- Soloist, Stanzas 2 and 3- All

Call to Confession*

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession*

Gracious God,
we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace.
You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not.
When it is threatening to declare our faith, we deny and hold back.
We struggle to understand how to follow you with our whole life.
Help us to be renewed in the way of Christ,
willing to stay faithful in every moment, willing to go to every length.
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
In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

Sacrament of Baptism Casper John Hardy Shannon Dill
*Parents, Chris and Lauren Hardy and big brother, Percy Hardy.
Also here to celebrate are: John and Annie Hardy (grandparents), Brent and Jennifer Hardy
(uncle and aunt), Luke, Logan and Lena Hardy (cousins).*

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;

SPLASH! CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

CHILDREN'S HOSPITALITY NEEDED

The first impression we leave with many families is the experience we deliver in our child care area. It is for that reason that we are offering ALL members the opportunity to serve in a new – and easy – capacity. This ministry is called Children's Hospitality, and it only requires 30 minutes of your time and a warm smile.

From 10:15am (at the conclusion of Sunday School) until approximately 10:45am (after Tell Us Our Story) our Hospitality volunteer will be stationed behind or around the preschool desk in Sheppard Hall. They will keep an eagle-eye out for visitors who may not know where to go, as well as for member families just to say "good morning".

Here is the link to sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/slpcchildhosp>.

SHIPWRECKED!

Shipwrecked VBS registration is live! 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. Here are the links for registration.

3's through 3rd Grade: <https://tinyurl.com/slpcvbs2018-1>
4th and 5th Grade: <https://tinyurl.com/slpcvbs2018-2>

VBS VOLUNTEERS (A.K.A. CREW MEMBERS)

Our castaways will need many crew members to guide their journey. Here are the links to sign up and get ready to set sail!

Adult "Crew Members": <https://tinyurl.com/slpcvolvbs2018>
Youth "Crew Members": <https://tinyurl.com/slpcyouthvbs2018>

AND... IT GET'S EVEN BETTER

The only thing better than being "Shipwrecked" with VBS from June 11-14 is getting a beautiful "early bird" volunteer T-shirt! While supplies last, our first volunteers (there are quite a few) will receive their volunteer shirt NOW...no waiting around.

Adults and youth who have already volunteered may pick up their shirts this Sunday morning – or any weekday in the Christian Education office. We'll go ahead and put your name on a shirt if we see you on the Sign Up Genius...so hop on board this ship right away! After this initial supply runs out, others will receive their shirts on or before June 11.

SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT:



NEW OFFICER LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND ORIENTATION — Just a reminder that newly nominated officers will have their second training workshop this Sunday, March 18 at 4:30pm-6pm, Session room. Future training dates are April 15 and April 22.



EASTER EGG HUNT AND FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH, 9:15am-10:15am — Sunday, March 25. Our menu will be simple so you can even take it “on the go” if need be! The PW Bake Sale will take place this Sunday, as well.

3's and under – 9:30am on the toddler playground. **PreK/Kindergarten** – 9:40am on the big playground (located next to the toddler play ground). **1st through 5th Grades** – 9:55am in the church yard past the Columbarium (we will walk as a group from the Great Hall).

Parent note: Our Easter Eggs will be empty...just like the tomb on Easter morning! Children may visit the “prize station” on the Great Hall stage and select their small toys and candy appropriate for their age, allergies, and orthodontic considerations.

Member note: We invite our members to drop off individually wrapped Easter candy or other treats before March 24. Please avoid hard candy or other choking hazards. Look for the marked bins in the main lobby by our bulletin board and in Sheppard Hall.

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

Chastain returns on Sunday, April 22 at 6:30pm in the Manhasset parking lot. Invite your neighbors and friends to this annual celebration of music and fellowship. Tables and seats can be reserved through Liz in the church office, lizcatlett@slpres.org but walk ups are welcome! Interested performers should contact Clair ASAP, clairmaxwell@slpres.org.

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.

Response Hymn #482* Baptized in Water

Following the elder's statement the congregation shall respond:

With joy and thanksgiving,
we welcome *Casper* in to Christ's church,
for we are all one in Christ.

We promise to love, encourage, and support him,
to share the good news of the gospel with him,
and to help him to know and follow Christ.

Passing the Peace of Christ*

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

John 18:12-27

Gerald Aldridge and Chancel Choir

Page 106 of the New Testament

John 18:12-14

O große Lieb, o Lieb ohn alle Maße, *O great love, o love without any limits,*
Die dich gebracht auf diese Marterstraße *that has brought you along this way of martyrdom*
Ich lebte mit der Welt in Lust und Freuden, *I live with the world in pleasure and delight,*
Und du musst leiden. *and you must suffer.*

John 18:15-18

Dein Will gescheh, Herr Gott, zugleich *May your will be done, Lord God, both*
Auf Erden wie im Himmelreich. *on earth as in heaven.*
Gib uns Geduld in Leidenszeit, *grant us patience in time of sorrow,*
Gehorsam sein in Lieb und Leid; *obedience in love and sorrow,*
Wehr und steur allem Fleisch und Blut, *restrain and guide our flesh and blood*
Das wider deinen Willen tut! *that acts against your will.*

John 18:19-24

Wer hat dich so geschlagen, *Who has struck you in this way,*
Mein Heil, und dich mit Plagen, *my saviour, and with torments*
So übel zugericht'? *treated you so badly?*
Du bist ja nicht ein Sünder *You are indeed not a sinner*
Wie wir und unsre Kinder, *as we and our children are,*
Von Missetaten weißt du nicht. *of wrongdoing you know nothing.*
Ich, ich und meine Sünden, *I, I, and my sins,*
Die sich wie Körnlein finden *that are as many as grains*
Des Sandes an dem Meer, *of sand by the sea*
Die haben dir erreget *have provoked for you*
Das Elend, das dich schläget, *the misery that has struck you*
Und das betrübte Marterheer. *and the host of troubles and torment.*

John 18:25-27

Petrus, der nicht denkt zurück, *Peter, who does not think back at all,*
Seinen Gott verneinet, *denies his God,*
Der doch auf ein' ernsten Blick *but then at a look of reproach*
Bitterlichen weinet. *weeps bitterly.*
Jesu, blicke mich auch an, *Jesus, look at me also*
Wenn ich nicht will büßen; *when I am reluctant to repent;*
Wenn ich Böses hab getan, *when I have done evil*
Rühre mein Gewissen! *stir up my conscience!*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"What a Friend We Have in Peter"

David Lower

The 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

Offertory Samuel Scheidt

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

Prayer of Dedication*

Closing Hymn #418*

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

Benediction*

Choral Response*

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Chancel Choir

I want Jesus to walk with me, all along my pilgrim journey.

Postlude*

Echo Postlude Samuel Scheidt

Worship Notes:

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