

CHURCH STAFF

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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- Wilson and Eileene Pritt
Continental Breakfast- 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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2018 8:30am



1978 Mount Vernon Road Dunwoody, GA 30338
770.393.1424 www.slpres.org Office Hours: M-F, 8:30am-4:30pm

April 29, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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 is used for special seasons in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, such as Easter.

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.

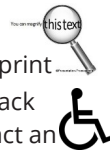
DURING the Welcome, please print the requested information on the Friendship Pad and pass the Friendship Pad down the pew.

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 are a precious part of our church family, and we welcome them in worship. Worship notebooks and tactile activities are available on the table just outside the Chapel doors. For your convenience, there is a Family Restroom located in the administrative office's hallway, on the first floor, near the main lobby.

MEN'S BREAKFAST, LEGISLATIVE UPDATE —

Please join us for our first ever US legislative update with Congresswomen Karen Handel, US House representing the 6th district in Georgia, Saturday, May 12, 8am-9:30am

As with all of our Men's Breakfast meetings, the women of Saint Luke's and guests are always welcome. In order to prepare for this event it helps to know how many will attend. Please RSVP to Pam Melton at the church office at pammelton@slpres.org. Deadline is May 9, 2018. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tom Loftis at tomloftis01@gmail.com or Bob Schultz at bobschultz1@gmail.com.

CALLING ALL SAINT LUKE'S WOMEN! You are all invited to the Presbyterian Women's Annual Spring Gathering on Monday, May 14, starting at 6pm for fellowship and punch in the lobby, followed by a potluck dinner and church service in the Chapel, led by our guest speaker, Reverend Betsy Turner. ALL are welcome, and it's a fun and casual event! Please register on the sign-up poster in the lobby. For questions, contact either Fern Mitropoulos: tmitropoulos@comcast.net or Sandra Dubois: sandradubois@bellsouth.net. 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 Thursday: May 17. Please sign up in the lobby or contact Al Bridges at bridgtr@aol.com or 770.394.6581.

SUMMER CAMPS, SAINT LUKE'S LITTLE SAINTS PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

Choose from two fun-filled weeks!

- May 29 – June 1: SLLS County Fair Days
- June 4 – June 7: Things with Wings

Camp is \$165 and is open to kids who turned 2 by September 2, 2017 through rising 1st graders. Lots of fun from 9am – 1pm! Check online for reservation forms or stop by the Preschool Lobby.

THORNWELL — Join us June 7-9 for the Thornwell Mission Trip. This trip is perfect for any age. Thornwell Children's Home is located in Clinton, SC. Thornwell's foster care program, residential program, and family and educational support programs offer homes to at-risk children that are safe and loving, hope for a brighter future, and wholeness and healing. Email Christine Crutchfield with any questions, gafrog01@hotmail.com.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

Sunday school in youth room at 9:30am.

Movie clip night with discussion about the movie Wonder. Middle school at church, High School at the Sargent/Hurst house.

SUNDAY, MAY 6

First Annual Youth Field day. Families (siblings too) are invited to a great afternoon of field games and a cook out, hosted by the Youth Leadership Council. Location Mount Vernon School, time 4pm- 7pm. Pack a picnic for you and your family, bring blankets/lawn chairs.

SUMMER TRIPS

Thank you for your continued interest in summer trips, Please register ASAP! Dates and information can be found on the Saint Luke's website. There is still lots of room on all the trips.

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

* These have ended for the season and will resume in the fall.

SUMMER MUSIC

Musicians are needed for our summer services at both 8:30 and 10:30 worship. Dates this year are June 3 – August 12. Soloists, instrumentalists and small groups are welcome. Contact Clair about Sundays when you could share your gifts.

In Preparation for Worship

No deadly blade, no hunger's ache, no future shame, no past mistake.
No mountain high, no chasm broad can overcome the love, the love of God.
Nothing can overcome the love, the love of God.

From "Paul's Shipwreck", By Tom Long and Allen Pote



Prelude

Ceremony at Stonehenge *Chrissy Ricker* Ian Ballow, Piano

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: Good news, hallelujah!

People: **Good news about a God who saves.**

Leader: God comes looking for you when you're lost.

People: **Good news, hallelujah!**

Opening Hymn #39*

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Call to Confession*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession*

God of love,
we are created in your image,
to love others as you have loved us,
but we confess that our love falls short.

Too often, our courage fails, and we stay silent when we should speak up.

Too often, we are tempted by our own insecurities to keep for ourselves
that which might heal another's pain.

Too often, we are overwhelmed by suffering in the world
and we turn away in fear and hopelessness.

Grant us a spirit of courage and mercy,
so that we will be beacons of hope in your world...*(Silence is kept for personal reflection.)*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness*

Song of Praise #238* Thine Is the Glory

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!

Passing the Peace of Christ*

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson from Romans 8 and Acts 27, *selected verses*

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

"Good News"

Shannon Dill

SPLASH! CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

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>

VBS TRAINING

VBS Training - Sunday, April 29, 11:30am-12:30pm, Rm. 231/233

VBS Training - Wednesday, May 2, 7pm-8pm, Rm. 231/233

VBS Volunteers should attend the training session that best suits their schedule. If you cannot attend either session, let Catherine Anne know, cathomas@slpres.org and we'll catch you up to speed later. Whether you've already signed up, are planning to sign up, or just want to come and see if you're swept into serving in this fun way...you're invited!

ONE MORE THING

We need large quantities of cardboard boxes of all shapes and sizes for VBS. Please drop off on the Great Hall stage.

* please stand

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 6:40am-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.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Our next classes and welcome of new members in April/May, will start Sunday, April 29 and will run for three consecutive Sundays. We will meet in the Session Room #109 at 9:30am. New members will be welcomed on Sunday, May 20 by the Session and the congregation. Please contact David Lower at davidlower@slpres.org with any questions.

"LOVE DOES" WOMEN'S GROUP

The group will meet on Thursday, May 10, 7:30pm, at the home of Shannon Dill. Please contact Shannon with any questions. shannondill@slpres.org.

FAITH AND PARENTING, MAY MEETING

Please plan on gathering Sunday, May 20 at 5:15pm at the home of David and Amanda Lower. In early May, look for email details about dinner plans and topic for the meeting. Questions? Please contact David Lower at davidlower@slpres.org.

Affirmation of Faith*

from A Brief Statement of Faith

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.
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. Amen.

Moment to Envision the Possibilities

Bob Crutchfield

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

Romans 8

Tom Long and Allen Pote

Anna Jean Lower, Sydney Moss and

Sophie Price - Soloists

Our fear is great; our faith is small. Yet in Christ's love, we conquer all.
There is no force in time or space can tear us from his firm embrace.
No deadly blade, no hunger's ache, no future shame, no past mistake.
No mountain high, no chasm broad can overcome the love of God.
A mother's heart cannot be tamed, a father's love is fierce as flame.
Yet there is love more deep and wild – the love God holds for ev'ry child.

Song of Thanksgiving #232* Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as God's love, Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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.

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.

Words of Institution

Communion Music

Closing Hymn #435* There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

Benediction*

Postlude* Allegro

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SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT:



A HABITAT THANK YOU — Thank you to those of you who have plugged into this year's adventure. It is always a time of great joy and anticipation as the house takes form and personality. It is also a time to rejoice in the relationships that are built, especially with the home buyer; so evident in the bond we have built with Lisa and Alexandria. They were present at the Chastain at Saint Luke's event on Sunday! And, last year's home buyer, Sonja Hodges, and her daughter, Shania, and son, Christian, were with us that night also! Thank you to Ted, Mary and Diane for hosting!



EXCITING NEWS — The *Envision the Possibilities* capital campaign is underway. This campaign is designed to reduce the church's mortgage debt by half before refinancing the loan in 2021, with the intent of completely retiring the debt within 10 years of refinancing. Our ability to raise funds outside of our annual operating budget to pay down the balloon payment when it comes due in 2021 is a one-time opportunity to decrease our mortgage payment going forward so that we can more fully dedicate our resources toward God's work. In order to achieve this outcome, the goal of this campaign is to raise \$1.25 million over the next three calendar/four tax years and, to do this, we will need every member of the church family to participate.

We invite you to envision how this could dramatically impact our future ability to continue expanding the reach of God's work while maintaining and developing our facility, staff, and programs. Please prayerfully consider your commitment to this campaign; then complete your pledge by May 15, 2018. You can pledge on-line here: <http://slpres.org/envision> or pick up a pledge form in the church office. For more information, please join us for a Question and Answer session in the Chapel immediately following the 8:30am and 10:30am services on April 29, or at 7:30pm on May 6.