

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

Chancel Guild- Mike and Dorothy Kitchens
Continental Breakfast- The Miller Family
Lay Reader- Al Wang
Open/Close- Bill Womack
Sound- Bob Burroughs
Ushers- Thank you to all who served as ushers today.

LEADERSHIP

Kay Loerch, *Clerk to Session*

ELDERS

Class of 2019:

Al Bridges, Beth Eisenmesser,
Sonny Jester, Bob Pile, Bob Polensek,
Terri Potter, Whitney Samuelson,
Steven Vivian, Sydney Sloan (*Youth
Elder, Class of 2018*)

Class of 2020:

Carol Ciepluch, Leslie Hamlin,
Florence Luranc, J J Singley, Kelly Sloan,
Steve Thornton, Brad Troha

Class of 2021:

Bob Burroughs, Steve Cashwell (Asst.
Clerk to Session) Tracy Coffie, Val
DeFriece, Matt Fogarty, Nael McCarty,
Todd Parker, Kristen Wescott

DEACONS

Class of 2019:

Melissa Blakely, Alyson Cohen,
Mark Douglass, A.J.Favero,
Carol Hickey, Dorothy Kitchens
(*Moderator*), Debbie Parkes, Carol
Waller, Al Wang, Rosie Coffie (*Youth
Deacon, Class of 2018*)

Class of 2020:

Thomas Brown, Karleen Buchholz,
Jenny Cummiskey, Ron Davis, Kris Hull
(*Vice Moderator*), Daryl Moore, Emily
Ritzler, Vivian Smith, Suzanne Thatcher

Class of 2021:

Marylyn Brown, Kelda Hearn, Janis
Jones, Alan Keel, Christy Keohane,
Betsy King, Molly Naugher, Gena
Spears, Steve Wassell



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 17, 2018 10:30am



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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 denotes Ordinary Time; time which is not marked by a specific festival or season.

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 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).

A NOTE FROM CAROLINE HURST -- Hello! After attending Mountain TOP for 6 years with Saint Luke's youth mission trip, I now have the privilege to be on summer staff as a ministry coordinator. I am so looking forward to spending the summer at my favorite place and serving people throughout the Cumberland Plateau. I am looking for your support prayerfully, emotionally, and financially as I prepare for a summer on the mountain serving the Lord. Thank you!

<https://mountain-top.networkforgood.com/projects/51741-caroline-hurst-s-fundraiser>

EXCITING NEWS! BEHIND THE SCENES ACTION TAKING PLACE — The Saint Luke's staff has been undergoing training to learn about a new church data management system. This summer Saint Luke's will begin the conversion process to REALM. Check out the features of Realm if you are interested, <https://www.acstechnologies.com/products/realm>. It is important for you to know that this is occurring behind the scenes. Please note, that now through early fall, you will begin to see Realm conversion updates in Highlights and in the Sunday bulletin. Some may require action on your part. We will keep you apprised to ensure a smooth transition and of course, will assist with anything needed.

The current Church Life App is still available for your use but any recent changes (since May 31) may not be visible. In the short term, any recurring gifts and associated set up information will remain the same and be processed as usual.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Next meeting dates for Sunday school are August 5 and August 12.

SHIPWRECKED VBS

We have been knee-deep in the sand of Shipwrecked Island. Thank you to all our youth who helped this week. We could not have done it without you!

NEW BABY NORA!

You may have heard by now that Katherine Robeson (youth advisor extraordinaire) has a new baby! They would appreciate some meals. The family likes all foods and are not picky at all. Supplying meals is a very big help as the Robesons start this new adventure with Nora. Please see below website to sign up for a meal. Call Emily Ritzler with any questions about a meal at 404-234-4069.

To access Katherine Robeson's CareCalendar site, visit <https://www.carecalendar.org/login/271511> and enter the following information in the appropriate spaces:
Calendar ID : 271511 and Security code : 8728

HELP TO GET READY FOR MOUNTAIN TOP

If you have any time next week to help us get ready for Mountain Top please let me know. Even an hour here or there can help. Text Phil: 970-215-9041

ADULTS TO MONTREAT

We still could use a couple more adults to come along with us to Montreat. Please call or text Phil if you can help out. Even if you want to come up for a few days that would be helpful too.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Clair Maxwell clairmaxwell@slpres.org / 770.393.1424 ext. 227

SUMMER MUSIC

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

In Preparation for Worship

To say that God is Love is to claim God's power over and above fear. In true love, strength and power come from unbridled joy for one another rather than fear of someone else.



Gathering Prayer

Prelude

What Wondrous Love Is This arr. Bill Wolaver

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*

1 John 4:7,19

Leader: Beloved, let us love one another.

People: **We love because God first loved us.**

Hymn #286*

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Call to Confession*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession*

Almighty God,

you love us, but we have not always loved you.

You call, but we have not listened.

We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns.

We condone evil, prejudice, warfare and greed.

Help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy,

we may repent and turn to you and receive forgiveness,

through Jesus Christ our redeemer.

Hear now the silent prayers 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 #627*

I Love You, Lord

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to wor-ship you; O my soul, re-joice. Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

Passing the Peace of Christ*

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

Al Wang

Scripture Readings

John 15:9-11 and 1 John 4:7a;16b-18a
pages 103 and 226-227 of the New Testament

Tell Us Our Story

Erin Rugh

After Tell Us Our Story, parents may walk children 3 and younger to their classrooms in Sheppard Hall. Pre-K, 1st and 2nd graders may go to childcare or remain in worship. The Faithful Friends movie will return next Sunday.

Duet

More Love to Thee, O Christ *Camille Saint-Saëns*
Thomas McKean and Ron Valdes, Soloists

Sermon

"God is...Love?" Phil Brown

Hymn #366*

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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;**

SPLASH! CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

SUMMER SUNDAYS FOR CHILDREN, 9:30AM-10:15AM FOR BOTH GROUPS

Ages 3 through Kindergarten will meet in Room 120 on August 5 and August 12 for a series entitled, "God Helps Me"!

1st grade through 5th grade will prepare for "Are you Smarter than a 5th Grader?" with our House to House Adult Education Class. This group will meet in The Dock on August 5. On August 12 the children will take on the parents in a competition showdown. You will not want to miss this.

SHIPWRECKED VBS CELEBRATES RESCUE!

The castaways and crew from our 2018 Vacation Bible School have experienced loneliness, worry, struggle, and powerlessness – but we learned that God's love stays with us even in really hard times. Through stories, skits, movies, games, songs, snacks, science, God sightings – and so much more – we managed to patch the holes in our sails and return "home" with new friends and renewed faith.

Our church-based castaways learned about urban agriculture in Haiti, and how planting seeds can give hungry families food security. That's why we raised enough money to feed 13 families of four FOR A WHOLE YEAR! We also decorated cloth bags for the people of Guatemala, which will be delivered by our own AIR missionaries and prepared kindness rocks for the kids at Mountain T.O.P. to be delivered next week by our youth.

Our kids in 4th and 5th grade were on a mission across the mainland to show God's love to others! After learning about children with a wide range of special needs, they created activities and play therapy items for the campers at Beyond Play, an incredible play therapy group based at Saint Luke's. Next, our 4th and 5th graders harvested 200 pounds of plums at Concrete Jungle! This fresh fruit was divided between two local food ministries.

We are profoundly grateful for each volunteer who helped keep our castaways on course. We welcomed 120 kids at the church and 22 more in the outreach bus. It took 125 volunteers – both youth and adult – to make our Shipwreck absolutely epic. Countless others donated snack items, gift cards, volunteer food, scenery supplies and errand-running. And even though our ship was "doomed", we give a heartfelt salute to Anna Ferretti, Stephanie McGoldrick, Lindsay Moss, Cheryl Wellford, and their amazing families for the time and love they have invested in our 2018 VBS since February. They have juggled swim team, voice lessons, vacations, camps, birthday parties, and doctor visits (including Urgent Care and ER!) with making this incredible ministry so memorable.

ADULT MINISTRY

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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

Summer schedule for each adult education class is noted below:

Faith Foundations meets all summer.

House to House will be off June 17 through July 29. Resumes on August 5.

Seasons of the Spirit will meet all summer.

Soul Food will meet in June and July, but will take off August. Resumes August 26.

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.

Please note that Wayfarers will NOT meet on the four Wednesdays in July. The group will resume on Wednesday, August 1.

SUMMERTIME BREAK

Please note that our Faith and Parenting Group, as well as, our Tavern Talks Group will take a small summertime break during the months of June and July. Many folks are traveling or just enjoying some less regularly scheduled time. Notices will be in Highlights and the Sunday bulletin when we resume in August!

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.

Moment to Envision the Possibilities

Dave McKenney

Offering Invitation

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

Offertory

Song of Thanksgiving #697* Take My Life

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take my-self and
I will be ev-er, on-ly, all for thee, ev-er on-ly all for thee.

Prayer of Dedication*

Closing Hymn #300*

We Are One in the Spirit

Benediction*

Postlude*

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus *Thomas Williams*

Worship Notes:

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SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT:



ENVISION THE POSSIBILITIES, CAPITAL CAMPAIGN — If you have been waiting for just the right moment of inspiration to complete your pledge to the *Envision the Possibilities* capital campaign, your timing is perfect! How could there be any more fitting day than this Sunday, Father's Day, to make your contribution toward furthering our heavenly Father's work at Saint Luke's?!

Envision the Possibilities was launched six short weeks ago with a goal of raising \$1.25 million to reduce the mortgage debt. The capital campaign committee is extremely pleased and encouraged to report that pledges thus far are **over 90% of that goal!** And that's with just about 50% of our expected participation. On behalf of the Diaconate, the Session, and the campaign committee, a huge THANK YOU goes out to those of you who have already pledged. Your contribution has, indeed, allowed us all to *envision* a future where Saint Luke's has more financial flexibility to do God's work.

For those of you who have not yet pledged, we invite you to go ahead and do so now. If everyone who has not yet pledged will give some amount - any amount they are comfortable with - we are confident that we will meet or even exceed our goal, which would allow us to reduce the debt even more. There are several ways to communicate your pledge. Print and complete a pledge form (on our website under Resources and then Forms) and drop off at the church office. The collection box sits behind Pam Melton's desk in the church office; or pledge on-line here: <http://slpres.org/envision>; or visit the table in the church lobby on Sunday to pick up and drop off your pledge form.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact a member of the *Envision the Possibilities* committee: Bob Crutchfield, Sonny Jester, Kay Loerch, David Lower, David McKenney, Chuck Seets, Rebecca Strickland, Justin Wilkes, Chip Williams, and Kari Young.



GOING TO PUERTO RICO WITH SAINT LUKE'S THIS JULY? If you are registered for the Puerto Rico Mission Trip July 8-14, please plan on attending a meeting this Sunday, June 17. We will gather at 9:30am in the church library to answer questions, review itineraries, and provide information for the trip. Any questions or if you cannot make the meeting or you missed the meeting, please contact Shannon Dill at shannondill@slpres.org.



JULY 4TH PARADE, COME ONE, COME ALL — Join Saint Luke's for the 4th of July parade float preparation and walking in the parade. All ages are invited to participate. Volunteers will receive a celebratory SLPC 4th of July T-shirt and stylish SLPC water bottle. Questions? Contact Kelly Sloan at 770.789.4126 or kellymsloan@yahoo.com. Sign up on the sign up genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e44a9af22a75-stlukes1>. There are volunteer opportunities for June 30, July 1 and of course, July 4.