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Kay Loerch, *Clerk to Session*

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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, JJ 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 Cumiskey, 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



SAINT LUKE’S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 22, 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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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 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.

**SOME SAINT LUKE'S UPCOMING EVENTS
MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- Sunday, August 5- Blessing of the Backpacks at services
- Sunday, August 5- Float Your Boat Fellowship Gathering, 11:30am
- Saturday, August 11- Football Forecast w/ Tony Barnhart at 8am
- Sunday, August 12- Family Promise Week & LifeSouth Blood Drive
- Sunday, August 19- RISE Against Hunger Event
- Sunday, August 26- Kickoff Pancake Breakfast & Wax Museum
- Thursday, August 30- SLLS Sneak-A-Peek, 10:30am-11:30am
- Tuesday, September 4- SLLS 1st Day Of School, 9:15am
- Wednesday, September 19- FEAST Begins
- Sunday, October 14- Pernoshal Park Picnic & Blessing of the Pets

Other events are still being finalized.

FAMILY PROMISE, COMING SOON — As we think about Independence Day from this past week, we have the opportunity to help homeless children and their parents achieve independence through Family Promise. Your generosity of time and talents helps these families stay together instead of going to shelters where older boys could be separated from the rest of the family. That's an amazing gift. Speaking of amazing gifts, Family Promise of North Fulton / DeKalb has welcomed Andrea Brantley as our new Executive Director. Be sure to tell her hi when you see her at Saint Luke's and - if you are so called - let her know if you have talents you'd like to share with the broader program.

Sunday, August 12- Sunday, August 19 is when our guests will next be staying at Saint Luke's. School will have started in DeKalb and Fulton counties by then. Our signup: <https://tinyurl.com/FPSLPC2018-08>.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR FAMILY PROMISE!

As you shop with Back to School sales, you might consider picking up a few items for the children in Family Promise. Since kids of many ages enter the program at different times of the year, we'd like to stock the Day Center here at Saint Luke's with the things those kids will be needing for homework and other assignments. Please drop items in the marked bin in our main lobby between now and Sunday, August 5 - which is our annual Blessing of the Backpacks during both worship services. Copies of the wish list are outside of the drop off bin in the lobby and on the front page of the Saint Luke's website.

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.

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/logon/271511> and enter the following information in the appropriate spaces:
Calendar ID : 271511 and Security code : 8728

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

“Whatever happens in this life, God’s promises revealed in the glory of Christ and his resurrection are sure. God will continue to restore with creative gifts, to establish us firmly when we stumble, to give strength in times of weakness, and to build us up on the firm foundation of the community of faith.”

–James Boyce, Working Preacher



Prelude

Arise, My Soul Arise

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.**

Opening Hymn #716*

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Call to Confession*

Sonny Jester

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession*

Holy God,

we confess that being part of your family is harder than we think.

We are quick to judge rather than love our brothers and sisters.

We would rather limit who's in than welcome those different than us.

Like a loving Parent, forgive us, guide us, empower us

so that we might live lives that glorify you.

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

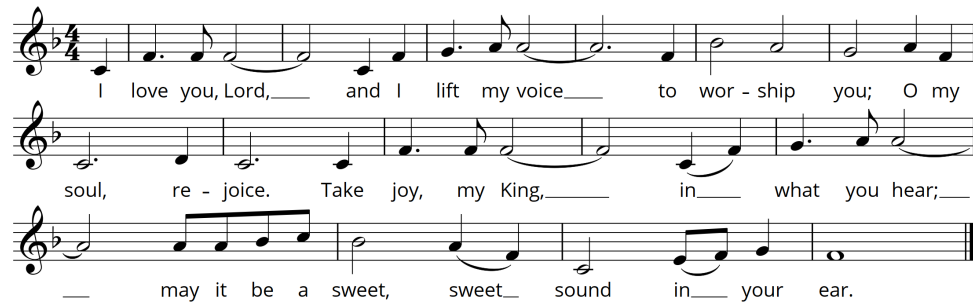
Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness*

Song of Praise #627*

I Love You, Lord



I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to wor - ship you; O my soul, re - jice. 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

Scripture Readings

1 Peter 4:7-11, page 235 of the New Testament

Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

Children are always welcome to stay in worship. If preferred, parents may take their child(ren) to the nursery.

Sermon

"Love is Grace"

Shannon Dill

Affirmation of Faith*

Apostles' Creed

Becky Loftis

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.

SPLASH! CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

Ages 3 through Kindergarten will meet in Room 120 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. On August 12 the children will take on the parents in a competition showdown.

Since our kids' Sunday School classes are not meeting during the month of July, we will offer child care for kids whose parents would like to attend one of the adult classes meeting at 9:30am.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Yes, that's right. July is a great time to get adult leaders in place for our school year Sunday School classes. Leading children is a fun way to share faith with the younger members of our church family. We know you're busy. That's why we get enough adults in each class to "job share", which allows you to coordinate your own schedule with your class teaching partners. And if you're scheduled and something comes up, we can still make it work. You get all the appreciation with none of the guilt! You don't have to be an expert on Bible stories, either. We have the lessons planned and prepared. You just might learn something, too! Here are our age group needs:

3'S, PREK, K – GODLY PLAY

This wonderfully interactive, imaginative, and tactile way of telling stories is simply fascinating for young ones. As each story unfolds, there is always room for "wondering". Saint Luke's has a complete collection of the smooth hand-carved wood and felt pieces that combine to tell each story.

1ST THROUGH 5TH GRADES – DIGGING INTO DISCIPLESHIP

Though we divide into three different age groups, (1st, 2nd/3rd, and 4th/5th) each class will explore a different version of the same story each week. "Digging into Discipleship" allows kids to explore God's character as shown throughout the Bible so that they will discover what it means to reflect the heart of God in everyday life. Each lesson has a simple observation about God. For example, the observation might be "God Shows Grace". Our application would be "So We Show Grace." Each lesson is engaging, imaginative, and addresses a range of learning styles: science, games, discussion, crafts, and more.

Needs vary by class; for more information – or to reserve your spot – please reach out to cathomas@slpres.org.

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

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 of 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!

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.

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

Be Thou My Vision arr. Dan Forrest

Men's Ensemble

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light
Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always
Thou and thou only, first in my heart
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art
High King of Heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart, whate'er befall
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

Song of Thanksgiving #697* Take My Life



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

Holy Communion

Communion will be served by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup). Everyone is invited to participate in the sacrament. 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 #296* Go in Grace and Make Disciples

Benediction*

Postlude* My Jesus, I Love Thee

Worship Notes: The piano pieces this morning are arrangements for keyboard by Dan Forrest of his own choral settings of hymns tunes. Music: All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net (A-719333).

SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT:



REALM, TIME TO LOG IN — You can now access realm here: <https://onrealm.org>, or by going to the member login tab at the top of our website.

If you are a previous user of the former system you should be able to log in using the same credentials as before: your primary email account and your password. (Some previous passwords may not have the correct amount of digits and may need to be reset) If you don't remember your password you can use the password reset function that is present on the login screen. If you have difficulty or if you are a 1st time user of our online services then send an email to realm@slpres.org and someone will respond and help you.

Then once you gain access to Realm you can download the new app (Realm Connect) on your smartphone and login using the same credentials. This app replaces the Church Life app that many of you have utilized for several years. Feel free to utilize the website or the app to update your contact information, review your pledging/giving history, or make new gifts. There are many other exciting features that Realm will enable so stay tuned for more information on that front. The 'back-end' work is still continuing, so you may see that you belong to 'groups' that you don't recognize. Don't worry about those just yet, cleanup and consolidation is ongoing.



REALM SYSTEM GENERATED EMAIL — We have learned that we need to make a change in Realm in order for all of our members to see each other's basic contact information in the same way as was done in Church Life. This change to your 'Privacy Settings' will result in a system-generated email to you and will look like the message below. As in Church Life, the information available is name, mailing address, primary email, primary phone, and birthday (month/day, not year). We expect to make this change early next week, so don't be alarmed if you see such an email. Please refer any questions to realm@slpres.org.



WAX MUSEUM PARTS READY FOR PICK-UP! Our 2018 edition of the ever-popular children's Wax Museum is entitled "Eyewitnesses of the New Testament" and it will feature people whose names we do not know! But the part they played in God's story is just as important as our own. Kids in 1st through 5th grades are encouraged to select a part, learn just a few facts about the person or story, and come "be" the person on Sunday morning, August 26. We'll provide the costumes. This event will coincide with the great unveiling of our four "New Testament" panels of our amazing Bible timeline. Parts are available in the main lobby. For questions, contact cathomas@slpres.org.