

## CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor ..... Rev. Dr. David Lower  
Associate Pastor ..... Rev. Shannon Dill  
Associate Pastor ..... Rev. Phil Brown  
Director of Music & Organist ..... Clair Maxwell  
Director of Children's Ministries ..... Catherine Anne Thomas  
Director of Saint Luke's Little Saints Preschool ..... Carol Perry  
Treasurer ..... Mark Rogers  
Program Coordinator for CE & Music Ministry ..... Melissa King  
Intern for Children & Youth Ministry ..... Erin Rugh  
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## SERVING TODAY

### Acolytes:

**Bible Bearer**- Cooper Waller  
**Bell Ringer**- Walker Wellford  
**Candle Lighter**- Wells Waller  
**Crucifer**- Davis Fenger  
**Supervisor**- Cheryl Wellford

**Chancel Guild**- Andrea Price

**Continental Breakfast**- Gena Spears

**Lay Reader**- Sally Larson

**Open/Close**- Roby Price

**Sound**- Brad Troha

**Ushers**- Donna Nall, Captain; Faye Cashwell, Saralyn Hill, Fern and Tony Mitropoulos, and Debbie Parks

## LEADERSHIP

### 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 2020:

Carol Ciepluch, Leslie Hamlin, Kay Loerch (*Clerk of Session*), Florence Luranc, JJ Singley, Kelly Sloan, Steve Thornton, Brad Troha

#### Class of 2021:

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

### DEACONS

#### Class of 2019:

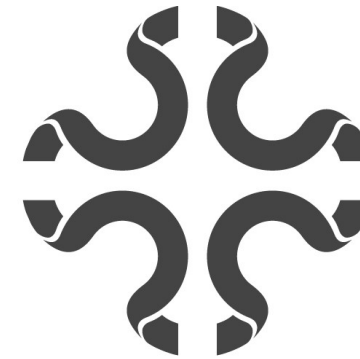
Melissa Blakely, Alyson Cohen,  
Mark Douglass, A.J. Favero,  
Carol Hickey, Dorothy Kitchens (*Moderator*), Debbie Parkes, Carol Waller, Al Wang, Rosie Coffie (*Youth Deacon*),

#### Class of 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  
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September 23, 2018

10:30am



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**September 23, 2018**

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**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 is used for all other time periods (called Ordinary Time) not marked by a specific festival or season.*

**Flowers:** *The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Thomas Lee Coffey, beloved husband to wife Diane Coffey and beloved father to daughter Andrea Coffey Stewart.*

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

- 8:15am Chapel Communion Service
- 9:15am Sunday School
- 10:30am Sanctuary Worship Service

**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 blue Worship Carts in the back 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).

**HAVE YOU LOGGED ON TO REALM?** — We have a new database and we need you to log in! Why? So we have your most up-to-date information! You can access realm at: <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 1<sup>st</sup> time user of our online services then send an email to [realm@slpres.org](mailto:realm@slpres.org) and someone will respond and help you.

**OWLS LUNCHEON ON SEPTEMBER 25** — Whooo are the owls, you ask? We're a group of Older, Wiser, Loving seniors, many of who you see in Church each Sunday, and participating in many activities around the Church. Join us for our monthly luncheons, Christmas open house, programs, and end-of-year picnic. Hope to see some new faces and former members on Tuesday, September 25 at 11:30 am in the Great Hall. It's \$6 pp and first timers are FREE! If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Self at [nself@comcast.net](mailto:nself@comcast.net).

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

- Tuesday, September 25 – SLLS Family Fun Night
- Sunday, October 14 - Blessing of the Pets, Pernoshal Park
- Sunday, October 28 - Trunk-N-Treat
- Sunday, November 11 - Celebrate the Arts, Family Promise Benefit Concert
- Sunday, November 18 - City of Dunwoody, Electronics Recycling Event

## 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.

### #BETHEGOOD *Living What We Believe*

Are you yearning to grow deeper in your faith so that your life might better reflect what you believe? Then "Be The Good" might be for you! This small group will:

- Meet monthly , September to May, on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30pm
- Commit to participate in mission and worship, daily personal devotions and readings
- Seek to live your daily life in a way that reflects that there is good in the world and that God is calling us to be the good in whatever way we can.

Contact Shannon Dill to sign up or for more information!

## MUSIC MINISTRY

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

### THE CHOIR NEEDS YOU

YOU should be in a choir this fall! Choirs are fun opportunities for: getting to know other church members, growing in your personal knowledge and faith, and enhancing your worship experience. Contact Clair about more information on one of our choirs.

## In Preparation for Worship

"Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees, and looks to God alone; laughs at impossibilities. And cries it shall be done."

- Charles Wesley



## Gathering Prayer

### Prelude

Prelude *arr. James Woodman*

## 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\*

**Leader:** Here, in this place, God welcomes all the dreamers, as well as the doubters.

**People:** Here, the worriers and wonderers can call on God by name.

**Leader:** Here, in this time, we can remember all the ways God has graced us.

**People:** Here, in these moments, we are reminded that God is with us, always!

## Opening Hymn #12\*

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

## Call to Confession

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Leader:** Let us pray.

## Prayer of Confession

Have mercy on us, O God.  
We cannot take back what we have said, or undo what we have done.  
We cannot atone for the harm we have caused.  
We are haunted by the past, preoccupied with the present, and fearful of the future.  
Yet the faith You have planted in us reaches out for your favor,  
returns to your presence, and hungers for your mercy,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
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 #606\*** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## Passing the Peace of Christ\*

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

## Prayer for Illumination

Sally Larson

## Scripture Reading

Genesis 32:22-30, page 29 of the Old Testament

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

## Tell Us Our Story

Phil Brown

*After Tell Us Our Story, parents may walk children 3 and younger to their classrooms in Sheppard Hall.  
Pre-K, K and 1st graders may gather in the narthex, make a nametag, and follow your teacher up to The Harbor for a series of "Whirl" videos.*

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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

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

#### SEPTEMBER 23

- **Sunday School:** We will meet upstairs in the youth room at **9:15am**
- **Middle School:** We will meet at the church from **5-6:30pm**
- **High School:** We will meet at the Munn home (1315 Martina Dr, Dunwoody) from **7-8:30pm**

#### SEPTEMBER 30

- **Sunday School:** We will meet in the lobby at **9:15am**, then head to breakfast
- **No Youth Group**

#### HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT:

We will head up to Mountain T.O.P. **September 28th- 30th** for a fun and refreshing weekend! **Parents:** we need drivers and would love to have you, let Phil know today if you'd like to come. If you're not registered and would like to go, register **ASAP** at <http://tiny.cc/c8ykxy>

# SPLASH! CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Catherine Anne Thomas    [cathomas@slpres.org](mailto:cathomas@slpres.org) / 770.393.1424 ext. 228

## REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN ON REALM!

Please let us know all the important information about each child in your family so we can better serve them with classes and events. Go to the [slpres.org](http://slpres.org) home page and look for the Children's Ministry post with details on how to register.

## BREAKFAST CLUB BEFORE SUNDAY SCHOOL!

All first through fifth graders are invited to "ease in" to class time from 9:15 to 9:30am in the Sheppard Hall Loft. Come for eye-opening snacks, low-key activities, and conversation with friends and teachers!

## SACRAMENT SUNDAYS BEGIN IN OCTOBER

Beginning Sunday, October 7, on the first Sunday of each month our children ages PreK through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to join a worship workshop after Tell Us Our Story at 10:30 worship. We will focus on Communion in October, November, December, and January; and Baptism will be our topic in March, April, and May. We will learn the hows and the whys of these important sacraments through stories, games, and other activities. For more information, please contact [cathomas@slpres.org](mailto:cathomas@slpres.org).

## SAVE THE DATE: TRUNK-N-TREAT IS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28!

Trunk-n-Treat is Sunday, October 28! Here is the schedule of events:

- 4:30pm    Carnival
- 5:30pm    Candy Collecting
- 6pm       Dinner in the Great Hall

## Anthem

Blest Are They    *David Haas*

Chancel Choir

Blest are they, the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow,  
they shall be consoled.  
Rejoice and be glad!  
Blessed are you; holy are you!  
Rejoice and be glad!  
Yours is the Kingdom of God!  
Blest are they, the lowly ones;  
they shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst;  
they shall have their fill.  
Blest are they who show mercy;

mercy shall be theirs.  
Blest are they, the pure of heart;  
they shall see God!  
Blest are they who seek peace;  
they are the children of God.  
Blest are they who suffer in faith,  
the glory of God is theirs.  
Blest are you who suffer hate  
all because of me.  
Rejoice and be glad,  
yours is the kingdom,  
shine for all to see.  
*(Matthew 5:1-12)*

## Sermon

"Wrestling in Faith"

David Lower

## Hymn #823\*

Shall Tribulation or Distress  
*stanza 1 - choir; stanza 2&3 - all*

## 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.

## Prayers of the People

### 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.

### The 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

Variations arr. James Woodman

Chancel Choir

### Song of Thanksgiving\*

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

### Closing Hymn #731\*

Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm

### Benediction\*

### Benediction Response\*

Farewell, Good Friends!

Chancel Choir

Farewell, good friends, till we meet again, shalom.

### Postlude\*

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*Worship Note: Today's organ selections are short movements from a collection based on the tune ST. ELIZABETH most commonly sung with the hymn text "Fairest Lord Jesus."*

## SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT:



**TARTAN TROT SPONSORSHIP CAMPAIGN** — Proceeds from the Tartan Trot provide support for outreach as close as VBS and as far as Puerto Rico. Please go to [tartantrot.com](http://tartantrot.com) for sponsorship information, or visit the table in the lobby to make your pledge. If you have already pledged but haven't yet picked up a sponsor gift, please stop by so we can thank you and give you your sponsor gift! Church Members may also make a Tartan Trot Pledge and Payment online through Realm. (Go to the Giving Page, hit "+Give" or "+Pledge", and choose Tartan Trot 2019 in the dropdown.) Please contact TJ or Phil with questions as needed. Also, if you have a club, group, or business that would be interested in sponsorship opportunities, please let TJ McGoldrick know.



**WENESDAY NIGHT FEAST**— We're at our best when we're together! There's more energy, more laughter, and more discovery. Join us for dinner at 5:45 p.m., followed by weekly group programming that has been carefully selected to help us dive deeper into our relationships with God and each other. **ALL ages** will be truly engaged each week! For more information or to register, go to [slpres.org](http://slpres.org)!

Wednesday evening schedule (**September 19– October 24**):

**5:00-5:45 pm** Children's choirs (Westminster and Cherub Choirs) rehearse

**5:45-6:25 pm** Dinner! Cost is \$7 per person (\$3 for 5th Grade & under), \$20 per family max

**6:25-7:15 pm** Program for all age groups (go to [slpres.org](http://slpres.org) for weekly program information)

**6:30-7:20 pm** Festival Ringers (handbell choir) rehearse

**7:30-9:00 pm** Chancel Choir rehearses



**BLESS YOUR PET**— Join us on **October 14 at 5 pm** at Pernoshal Park for the Blessing of the Pets. All pets—furry, floaty, feathery and slithery—are welcome! Cookout to follow (BYO food/picnic).



**NEW MEMBER INQUIRER'S CLASS**— If you are interested in learning more about Saint Luke's, the Presbyterian faith tradition, and what it means to be a member of this wonderful church, please join senior pastor David Lower for a New Member Inquirer's Class on **October 14, 21, and 28 at 9:15 am** in the Session Room (room 109). New members will be welcomed during the 10:30am service on **Sunday, October 28**. Childcare provided during classes. Contact David Lower with questions: [davidlower@slpres.org](mailto:davidlower@slpres.org) / 770.393.1424, ext. 223.