

ST. LUKE'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



February 23, 2014
11:00 a.m.

Our 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.

Our Vision: To be a beacon of faith, hope, and love—every member an active disciple in Christ's ministry.



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1978 Mt. Vernon Road

Dunwoody, Georgia 30338-4617

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8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service

Nursery provided for all services and Sunday School

OFFICE HOURS:

Mon. - Fri., 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Dr. Jason Whitener, Pastor

Rev. Shannon Dill, Associate Pastor

Rev. Phil Brown, Associate Pastor

Dr. E. Moss Robertson, Pastor Emeritus



That All May Worship: St. Luke's strives to be a welcoming church for all. Assistive hearing devices, large print hymnals, large print bulletins and pew cushions are available. Please contact an usher for further assistance.

Parents: During the worship service, if necessary, the parlor is a comfortable place to be with your child and still see the service. Children's Worship Notebooks are available for all ages on the shelves in the Narthex (Sanctuary lobby), along with activity sheets pertaining to today's scripture. An usher can assist you.

FEBRUARY 23, 2014 • 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

Green is used to represent spiritual growth.

The flowers for this Sunday are given by Ellen and Bill Womack in loving memory of Ellen's mother, Eve Gay Walsh.

SERVING TODAY

Acolytes

Supervisor Cailin Thelen
Crucifer..... Christine Turnbull
Candle Lighter Allie Hearn
Bell Ringer Matthew Turnbull
Bible Bearer..... Elliot McGoldrick
Water Bearer..... Isabella Davis

Nursery Supervisor Marcy Williams

Chancel Guild..... Mark & Kimey Reed

Sound Crew Jim Bryant

Ushers Miles Young, Captain;
Todd & Amy Parker, Keith Williams

Continental Breakfast..... Strickland Family

Greeters Sally & John Hawkins, Kris Turnbull

Open/Close..... Steve Klein

WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are delighted you are worshipping with us! As a guest, you are invited to:

1. During the **Celebration of Community**, please print the requested information on the Friendship Pad and pass the Friendship Pad down the pew.
2. After the worship service, please join Deacon Billy Martin, Elder Annie Hardy, and our Pastors in the Narthex (Sanctuary lobby). They will answer questions and provide you with a Guest Packet and a loaf of bread lovingly made by St. Luke's member, Cindy Nunez.
3. If you are interested in learning more about St. Luke's or are interested in joining, please contact Jason Whitener: jasonwhitener@slpres.org or 770-393-1424, ext. 223.

In Preparation for Worship

O God, You confirm us in Your promise. With the coming of Christ You have implanted Your Word within us, sealing the covenant once and for all. We gather to give You all praise and thanksgiving. Impart to us the fullness of Your truth. Lead us along the paths of righteousness in the name of Jesus, the Word made flesh, Whom with You we adore. Amen.

Gathering Prayer of Adoration

Jason Whitener

Prelude

Triumphal March / Michael Bedford

Festival Ringers

* Call to Worship

Psalm 119:33-40

Leader: Teach me, O Lord, the way of Your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

People: Give me understanding that I may keep Your law and observe it with my whole heart.

Leader: Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in Your ways.

People: See, I have longed for Your precepts; in Your righteousness give me life.

All: Let us worship God!

* Processional Hymn #423

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Celebration of Community

Minute for Stephen Ministry

Phil Brown
Liz Humphrey

* Invitation to Confession

Lord, Have Mercy / LAND OF REST

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Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy;

Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;

Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

*** Call to Prayer**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

*** Prayer of Confession**

We pour out our hearts before You, O God; You are our refuge and strength. Waves of doubt beat against us, weakening our faith. Tremors of discord shake our foundation. The winds of temptation drive us from our course. Too often we rely on ourselves when wisdom is sought. Still the storms in our souls! Provide in Christ a haven of hope for our troubled and distracted spirits. Amen.

*** Assurance of Forgiveness**

*** Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Kinley Grace Cockrell

Jason Whitener

*** 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.

(Congregation may be seated.)

Response Hymn #492

Baptized in Water / BUNESSAN

Following the elder's statement, the congregation shall respond:

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Kinley into Christ's church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support her, to share the good news of the gospel with her, and to help her know and follow Christ.

Tell Us Our Story

Jason Whitener

Children are always welcome to stay in worship. However, parents may take your child(ren) to the nursery. Children ages three and under may go to child care, as always. For children ages 4 through 3rd grade, today is the first of two **Children's Baptism workshops**. Parents should take their Baptism students to the chapel and sign them in there. Parents are welcome to stay in the workshop, or pick-up their child in the Great Hall at the end of worship.

Morning 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.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 119:33-40

Niki Rabren

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

The Church's One Foundation / Dan Edwards

Festival Ringers

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Here Is the Church

Jason Whitener

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Offering

Shannon Dill

Offertory

Amazing Grace / Keith McCutcheon

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'twas grace hath brought me safe thus
far, and grace will lead me on.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's
praise than when we first begun. *John Newton*

* **Doxology**

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him
above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* **Prayer of Dedication**

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

* **Sending Hymn #379**

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

* **Benediction**

* **Postlude**

Praise and Thanksgiving / Dale Wood

Baptism of Kinley Grace Cockrell, daughter of Maghan & Brandon Cockrell

As we welcome Kinley into our church family, these family members are also here to help celebrate this special occasion:

Aunt & Uncle: Kevin & Haley Brown

Great Grandmother: Rheba Lynn

Grandparents: Lisa & Tony Roberts; Jerry & Anne Powell; Mike & Jenny Cockrell

Great Aunt & Uncle: Alvin & Ann Gainey

Friends of the family: Jon & Elizabeth Hurff, Jeff & Becky Lamont, Megan Martin, Telisha Q. Chisuta,
Justin Elem, Brian & Shawn Buchan

News from SPLASH! Children’s Ministries

For any questions about the Children’s Ministry activities at St. Luke’s, **contact** Catherine Anne Thomas: cathomas@slpres.org, 770-393-1424 ext. 228.

Touch the Water, Taste the Bread!

Children ages three through third grade are invited to join us for our upcoming Baptism and Communion workshops. These will take place on Sundays after *Tell Us Our Story* on the following dates:

- Feb. 23 (*Baptism 1*) or Mar. 2 (*Baptism 2*)
- Mar. 9 (*Communion 1*) or Mar. 16 (*Communion 2*)

Pick ONE Baptism date and ONE Communion date, as we offer two sessions of the same workshop to be sure all children can be included. On the day of your workshops, please bring your child to the chapel at the appropriate time. Parents are welcome to join the experience, or they may return to worship and pick up their child in the Great Hall at noon.

Help us bury the Alleluias This year our children and youth will help us ponder the meaning of Lent by “burying the Alleluias” before those forty days of reflection begin. Starting this week, children and youth are encouraged to visit our **Alleluia station** set up in the main lobby to create as many paper Alleluias as they can. We will leave them at church and “bury” them during worship on March 2 – and, best of all – retrieve them on Easter Sunday!

We need volunteer teachers for **Faithful Friends**, our worship education class for PreK, K and first graders.

If you would like to meet young families at St. Luke’s, there’s no better way than by serving through the **Nursery Committee!** Please join us for an informational meeting on Sun., March 9 after 11:00 worship in the church Parlor.

Save the Date for Vacation Bible School: June 9-12

From the Choir Loft

Contact: Clair Maxwell (clairmaxwell@slpres.org or 770-393-1424 ext. 227).

Wednesday Rehearsals:

- Chancel Choir** 7:30-9:00 p.m. *adults*
- Festival Ringers** 6:15-7:15 p.m. *youth & adults*
- Westminster Choir** 5:00-5:45 p.m. *2nd-5th grades*
- Cherub Choir** 5:15-5:45 p.m. *4 years -1st grade*

Youth Choir rehearses on **Sundays**, 7:00-8:00 p.m. *6th-12th grades*

Monmouth College Chorale Don’t miss your opportunity to hear this Internationally-known mixed ensemble: **Sun., March 9** at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

March 2 is Open Choir Sunday You are invited to sing And the Glory of the Lord *from the Messiah* with the Chancel Choir during the 11:00 worship service. Join us for warm-ups at 10:30 a.m. in the choir room.

Russian Masterpieces The Choral Guild of Atlanta, St. Luke’s Chancel Choir, and Ensemble Kalinka combine for a unique concert of Russian music. You’ll hear choral music from the Russian orthodox tradition of liturgy, music by Rachmaninov and Stravinsky, and even the Moscow Cantata by Tchaikovsky). The Atlanta Russian School’s Children’s Choir will round out this exciting program of music. **Sun., March 16, at 4:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary.

Wednesday Morning Moms Group Spiritual parenting is not about perfect behavior, it's about vibrant faith! Join us on Wednesdays through Apr. 2 from 10-11 a.m., as we share, laugh, and grow together. Preschool-age childcare is available by reservation. Contact Shannon Dill for more information.

Men's Bible Study: Start your morning with fellowship and Bible study (I Samuel). Join Dave Elkins and other men **every Fri.** from 6:40-8 a.m. in the Parlor.

Adult Sunday School ~ 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Contact: Shannon Dill, shannondill@slpres.org; 770-393-1424 ext. 229.

Faith Foundations, Rm 232: We are studying the Gospel of Matthew with emphasis on the Church as an earthly manifestation of the kingdom of God.

FINCH (Families in Christ), Rm 203: Today we'll continue with a video study and discussion led by Bob Crutchfield. Join us for an interesting lesson and discussion.

The Story of the Bible, Rm 145, Parlor: Each Sunday includes a 30 min DVD lecture by Dr. Luke Timothy Johnson, followed by a class discussion.

Seasons of the Spirit, Rm 231-233: A biblically-based discussion class following the revised common Lectionary.

Soul Food, Finding Sustenance for Faithful Living, Rm 235: Fellowship, study and discussion on a range of topics related to spirituality in our lives. The "Thoughtful Christian" curriculum provides the source material for this class.

Youth Connection (SLYC)

SLYC Contact: Phil Brown, philbrown@slpres.org; 770-393-1424 ext. 238.

Youth Sunday School: Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Youth rooms.

Youth Connect: Sundays, 5-7 p.m.

Feb. 23: Skit night

Mar. 2: Outdoor games (hopefully!) and planning for Youth Sunday.

Mar. 9: Hunger Walk at Turner Field. Carpool from the church after the 11:00 service; return around 5:00. No regular youth group.

St. Luke's Presbyterian Women (SLPW)

SLPW Contact: Ellen Womack, Moderator, epwomack@bellsouth.net; 770-913-0314.

MARCH, 2014

Circle item: Easter Bags & Money for KRIS Kids

Book Study: "Namesake: When God Rewrites Your Story" by Jessica LaGrone

Lesson: "Embrace God's Grace" (Peter)

SCHEDULE

(All Circle meetings are held in the Parlor, Rm. 145)

March 4 Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Coordinating Team
March 10 Monday	9:30 a.m.	Circle 1
March 10 Monday	7:30 p.m.	Night Circle
March 11 Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Circle 2
March 30 Sunday	3:00 p.m.	Honorary Lifetime Member Tea

SHARE

2014 Flowers: To give flowers in memory or in honor of someone or for a special event, sign up now! Cost is \$80. The calendar is on the main lobby bulletin board. Questions? Call Celeste Fischer, 404-434-8099 or Faye Cashwell, 770-409-1960.

The joyful way to get fit! Christian Music Zumba meets here Thursdays, 8-9 p.m. \$6 per class or 5 classes for \$25. For more info, contact Chris Wallace: clw7324@comcast.net or 770-395-7324 or 404-432-0090.

February OWLS (Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors) Join us for lunch and trivia on Tues., Feb. 25 at 11:30 a.m. Lunch is \$6 per plate, and trivia will be lead by Ron Valdes, one of our members. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet on the lobby bulletin board.

Men's Breakfast: Sat., Mar. 8, 8:00 a.m. Join us for a delicious breakfast and special guests Reverend Robert Melson (Dodd-Sterling United Methodist) and Andrew Johnson (Atlanta Habitat) for a one hour event that is sure to please and inspire! We start building house number 18 on March 29. The big change is that our partnership is expanding to include Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul and Big Bethel AME, and some of their Habitat volunteers may join us for breakfast. Show your support for this amazing Christian mission that is so much a part of St. Luke's. *St. Luke's women and their guests are always welcome.*

Next Sunday, March 2, is Name Tag Sunday.

Wear your name tag (from work, military, college, church, camp, or a blank one will be provided) so your fellow worshippers can greet you by name.

Sat., Mar. 22: Supper Club Come join with fellow St. Luke's couples and singles for a potluck style dinner at a member's home! It's a great evening of food, fellowship, and fun. Sign up on the poster in the lobby to host or participate. Call Fern Mitropoulos (770-343-8996) or Sally Joyce (770-390-9743) with any questions. **Please RSVP by Mon., Mar. 17.** Hope to see you there!

Marriage Enrichment Group Meets monthly, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Finch Room (203). Childcare available 4:45 - 6:30 p.m. Spring schedule: **Mar. 23, Apr. 13, May 18.** Questions? Contact Kimey and Mark Reed: kimeyreed@gmail.com or 404-441-8614.

Curious about Tai Chi? It's lots of fun and great for improving muscle strength, flexibility and balance. Join Sam Evans and friends Tues. or Thurs. at 12:30.

If you need a "listening ear" during a stressful or difficult time in your life, **St. Luke's Stephen Ministers** are here for you. Please contact Stephen Leaders Shannon Dill or Laura Strange for a referral.

SERVE

Helping Hands: This ministry matches short term or emergent needs in the congregation with available resources. Could you use your time and talent to assist someone in the congregation? Examples are setting up or assisting with a computer, driving a member to an appointment, helping change light bulbs. If this interests you, contact Billy Martin, billybeer214@yahoo.com or 770-441-0373. If you need the Helping Hands team, contact your Deacon.

Buy Some, Share One: Support food pantries at local organizations by buying an extra non-perishable item every time you go to the grocery store, and placing your donation in the carts in the main lobby. This month we are collecting for the IOH (Interfaith Outreach Home). Thank you!

Volunteers Needed to Provide Dinner: Interfaith Outreach Home (IOH) provides transitional housing for homeless families; St. Luke's provides and delivers a meal on the third Thursday of each month. Reimbursement is budgeted. If your family or group can provide and serve a meal, please put your name on the sign-up sheet on the lobby bulletin board or contact Al Bridges at 770-394-6581. **Volunteers needed for May 15, 2014.**

Mission Trip to spectacular Guatemala: Have you ever rescued a family from lung disease and from hunger? Would you enjoy building a brick stove or planting trees in cool mountain air, with volcanoes in the background? For anyone over 18, we are planning a mission team from St. Luke's to work with long-time Mission partner, AIR-Guatemala for this summer (2014). We have a SLPC group May 31 - June 7, but individuals are welcome any Saturday to Saturday, from May 25th - July 6th. For more info, contact Anne Hallum at ahallum@stetson.edu by March 15th. Anne and AIR staff members will meet you at the airport and handle every detail of an unforgettable week!

Share a Dinner: St. Luke's provides dinner on the fourth Sunday of the month for 26 homeless men at Journey Night Shelter (formerly Druid Hills). Please sign up on the lobby bulletin board or call Al Bridges at 770-394-6581. **Volunteers are still needed for April 27, May 25, June 27, and July 27.**

Please bring your palm crosses from last year's
Palm Sunday to the church by Tue., March 4
to be burned for this year's **Ash Wednesday** service.

Collection baskets are in the Lobby and Narthex.

Serve your church with your smile! There is a need for those willing to serve as ushers or greeters:

Greeters greet members and guests as they come in through the lobby and narthex. (This is a great thing to do as a family!) Sign up to be a greeter at <http://bit.ly/slpcgreet2>

Ushers greet everyone, pass out bulletins, take up the offering, direct congregants during communion, and tidy up after worship.

Questions? Contact John Tienken, 770-394-1104, tienkenj@gmail.com.

Looking for a great way to serve your church family? St. Luke's Meal Ministry provides meals for families or individuals who are recovering from a recent surgery or illness, suffering from the loss of a loved one, or celebrating the birth or adoption of a new baby. If you are interested in delivering a meal to a congregation member or would like more information, please contact Krissy Williams at bkcook71@yahoo.com.

Get together for breakfast here at St. Luke's every Sunday morning and welcome folks as they arrive. If you and your friends could furnish a continental breakfast, we will be glad to reimburse you. Please sign up on <http://bit.ly/slpcbrkfst> or contact Jay Burton, jburton@mflaw.com.

R.O.C.K. (Reaching Out Through Crocheting & Knitting): Every Wed., 10 a.m. - noon in the Parlor. Men and women of any age and any skill level are welcome to join us in making prayer shawls, layette sets for preemies, squares for blankets, and a variety of other items for outreach projects.

Prayer Ministry: Our St. Luke's Prayer Ministry Team is involved in intercessory prayer (praying on behalf of others). If you would like to become a part of the Prayer Ministry Team, contact Paula Barbin, barbin@fulton.K12.ga.us or 678-297-9877.

Girl Scouts! Please let St. Luke's add you to our list of Girl Scouts and welcome you to take part in Girl Scout Sunday, which is coming up on March 9th. Contact Cailin Thelen at cailinthelen@gmail.com.

FEAST for ALL! Register now for our Wed. night fellowship and learning program. More details are in the brochures in the lobby, narthex, Sheppard Hall lobby and on our website. You can sign up for dinner weekly on the blue pew cards, or call Sally Hawkins in the church office by noon on Mon.

Menu for Feb. 26: BBQ Chicken, baked potatoes, slaw

Kids' Menu: Grilled hamburger (with cheese, lettuce, tomato), tater tots
(Also available: PB&J, baby carrots & Ranch dressing)

LAST SUNDAY

Tithes & Offerings..... \$13,034

8:30 attendance..... 77

11:00 attendance..... 226

Nursery 14

Financial reports available online.

Each Sunday, many of our pews will have first-time or repeat visitors. Your warm welcome to our guests expresses the inviting and hospitable character of this congregation. Your smile and welcoming word make a difference.

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Dr. Jason Whitener
Associate Pastor	Rev. Shannon Dill
Associate Pastor	Rev. Phil Brown
Pastor Emeritus	Dr. E. Moss Robertson
Dir. of Music & Organist	Clair Maxwell
Dir. of Children's Ministries	Catherine Anne Thomas
Dir. of St. Luke's Little Saints	
Preschool & Kindergarten	Carol Perry
Dir. of Communications	Tina Knoedler
Administrative Assistants	Liz Catlett & Bonnie Farrar
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Facilities Manager	Roby Price
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ELDERS

Class of 2014:

Tricia Bridges, Jim Bryant,
Faye Cashwell (Clerk of Session),
Parker Cutler (Youth Elder),
Annie Hardy, Sally Joyce,
David King, Dick Miller, John Ray

Class of 2015:

Jennie Burroughs, Jared Elliot,
Tricia Igleheart, Fern Mitropoulos,
Mark Reed, Chris Wiseman,
Chris Wallace, Les Woodside

Class of 2016:

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Tom Loftis, David McKenney,
Wayne Radloff, Mark Ryan,
David Tharp, Allison Thornton

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Class of 2014:

Diane Beidl, Jay Burton,
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Paula Morris, Luis Sepulveda,
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Class of 2015:

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Gena Spears, Taylor Vivian,
Kris Williams

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