

ST. LUKE'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



March 2, 2014

11:00 a.m.

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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

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LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

White is used on days we celebrate the redemptive work of Jesus Christ.

Last Sunday, the flowers given by Ellen and Bill Womack in loving memory of Ellen's mother, Eva Gay Walsh, were only used at the 8:30 a.m. service. We apologize for this mistake.

SERVING TODAY

Acolytes

SupervisorCailin Thelen
Crucifer..... Scott Whitener
Candle LighterThomas Rice
Bell RingerAndrew Rice
Bible Bearer.....Brian Whitener

Special thanks to the Acolytes who substituted last week:

Julia Strickland, Water Bearer; Elise Hearn, Bible Bearer

Nursery Supervisor.....Amanda Dunnick

Chancel Guild.....Bob & Candice Noyes

Sound Crew Brad Troha

Ushers John Tienken, Captain;
Linda, Logan & Jared Elliott, Margie & Bob Starling

Communion ServersDave Elkins, Captain;
Jan & Joe Billions, Al Bridges, Mike Kitchens, Mark Rogers

Continental Breakfast.....Joyce Johnson

Greeters Amanda Dunnick, McGoldrick Family

Open/Close..... Miles Young

WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are delighted you are worshiping 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 Meg Wallace, Elder Dick Miller, 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.



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.

In Preparation for Worship

We come with reverence to praise and adore You, O God. You have given Your beloved Son for our salvation, and made the nations His inheritance, the ends of the earth His possession. You call us to be part of Your household, and therein to partake of Your promise. We gather as Your people, attentive to Your word and ready to do Your bidding. Amen.

Gathering Prayer of Adoration

Jason Whitener

Prelude

Prelude / Jan Pietersoon Sweelinck

* Call to Worship

Leader: Prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you.

People: **As He Who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct.**

Leader: For it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

People: **Trust in God Who raised Him and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

* Processional Hymn #263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise / ST. DENIO

Celebration of Community

* 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**

Eternal God, we confess that we have praised You with our lips but have not glorified You with our lives. Have mercy on us, we pray, for our weak faith that fades under pressure, for our quick enthusiasm that just as quickly passes, for the hopes we proclaim but do not pursue. Forgive us, Lord God, and give us new trust in Your power, that we may live and tell of Your loving-kindness by our actions and by our words, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

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 second 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.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 24:12-18

Mark Rogers

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

And the Glory of the Lord from Messiah / George F. Handel

Chancel Choir

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. (*Isaiah 40:5*)

New Testament Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.**Sermon**

Glimpses of Glory

Jason Whitener

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*** Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. Who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering & Offertory

Meditation – Sweelinck

*** 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.

The Lord's Supper

When coming forward for Communion, please kneel at the closest available space to the center aisle. If you would like to be served where you are sitting, please raise your hand as the communion servers come down the center aisle and you will be served by intinction (dipping the bread in the cup). Everyone is invited to participate in the sacrament. Children who have discussed the sacrament with their parents and/or a pastor are welcome. A server with gluten-free bread will be standing at the center aisle. If you prefer gluten-free bread, please indicate your preference as you approach. Parents, please note the center rings of the communion are filled with wine. Only the outer ring is filled with grape juice.

Communion Music

Communion Song / Mark Weston

Youth Choir

We have come, O Lord, this day to the table where the feast is spread, drawn together by Your love, sharing now the cup and bread. You're the hope, You're the strength, and in all that we do, You're the One we serve. Guide our feet, lift us up, and give us the courage to live. We shall eat and not be hungry. We shall drink and never thirst. We shall do this in remembrance of the time You shared it first. We live, O Lord, this day with You.

The Summons, arr. John Bell

Youth Choir

“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”

“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”

“Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound, in you and you in me?”

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Your only Son, no sin to hide but You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.

Oh, Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in His precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love, we crucified. We laughed and scorned Him as He died.
The humble King, we named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

I was so lost, I should have died, but You have brought me to Your side
to be led by Your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

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.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * **Sending Hymn #306** Fairest Lord Jesus / CRUSADERS' HYMN
- * **Benediction**
- * **Postlude** Toccata / Sweelinck

WORSHIP NOTE: Bruce Jones is playing the guitar this morning.

Shrove Tuesday: Join your friends for our annual pancake supper: Tues., Mar. 4, at 5:45 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person (\$15 per family max). No reservations are needed.

Join us for our **Ash Wednesday Service**, Mar. 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary as we prepare for Lent. Please bring your palm crosses from last year's Palm Sunday to the church by Tues., Mar. 4, to be burned for this year's ashes. There is no FEAST dinner, programming, or choir rehearsals on March 5.

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 info.

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

News from SPLASH! Children's Ministries

For all children's ministry questions, contact Catherine Anne Thomas: cathomas@slpres.org, 770-393-1424 ext. 228.

In preparation for Lent, our children and youth will "bury the Alleluias" at today's 11:00 service. We will not be saying, singing, or reading "Alleluia" from Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday.

Touch the Water, Taste the Bread!

Children ages three through third grade are invited to join us for our 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*)

Children only need to attend ONE Baptism date and ONE Communion date, as we offer two sessions of the same workshop. Parents are welcome to join the experience, or they may return to worship and pick up their child in the Great Hall at noon.

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

The Children's Closet is seeking a "head bunny" for our Easter Egg Hunt! It's an easy job that mostly involves counting eggs and making sure they get hidden on the day of the hunt, which is April 13. It's a fun job for two people to share, also.

Nursery Committee meeting has been changed to Mar. 16 (previously scheduled for Mar. 9). If you would like to meet young families at St. Luke's, there's no better way than by serving through the **Nursery Committee!** Join us for an informational meeting on Sun., Mar. 16, after the 11:00 worship in the church Parlor. This meeting is for current members of the committee and anyone interested in becoming involved!

Vacation Bible School, "Weird Animals," is June 9-12. Register online: www.slpres.org.

Daylight Savings: **Spring Forward** Next Sunday, March 9

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

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

Lent is an ideal time to pray and reflect on the gift of life God offers to us through Jesus Christ. Traditionally, it is a time of repentance, fasting, and preparation for the coming of Easter. In Larry Beman's book, *God's Gift of Life*, we are invited to open our hearts and minds through self-examination and reflection so that we might grow in our faith.

In worship and Sunday School, we will explore the blessings of the life given to us through the ministry, suffering, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Faith Foundations..... Room 232

FINCH (Families in Christ) Room 203

The Story of the Bible Room 145 (The Parlor)

Seasons of the Spirit..... Room 231-233

Soul Food Room 235

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

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

SCHEDULE

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

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

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.

Mar. 2: Outdoor games 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.

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., Mar. 9** at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Russian Masterpieces The Choral Guild of Atlanta, St. Luke's Chancel Choir, and Ensemble Kalinka combine for a unique concert of Russian music: choral music, works by Rachmaninov and Stravinsky, the Moscow Cantata by Tchaikovsky, and Russian folk music sung by The Atlanta Russian School's Children's Choir. **Sun., March 16, at 4:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary.

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 CAC (Community Assistance Center). 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.**

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.

Mission Trip to spectacular Guatemala: 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 Sat. to Sat., from May 25-July 6. You must be over 18. 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.**

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.

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.

SHARE

I am so grateful for the many expressions of sympathy I received from the St. Luke's community at the recent passing of my father, John Cureton. I know he is with God, and our family is at peace.

Carol Sweigert

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 #18 on **Mar. 29** in an expanded partnership including Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul and Big Bethel AME. Show your support for this amazing Christian mission that is so much a part of St. Luke's.

To give flowers in memory or in honor of someone or for a special event, sign up on the calendar on the main lobby bulletin board. Cost is \$80. 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.

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.

Faith & Film

Fri., March 21

Sheppard Hall 207 (Senior High Room)

7:00 p.m., Potluck dinner RSVP to Nick and Connie Nicholson at connie@salesfitness.com to let them know you are coming. Bring a friend!

7:45 p.m., Movie: Coach Carter A 2005 film based on the true story of Richmond High School Basketball coach Ken Carter (played by Samuel L. Jackson), who made headlines in 1999 for benching his undefeated high school basketball team due to poor academic results.

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.

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.

Girl Scout Sunday is next weekend, March 9th. Contact Cailin Thelen at cailinthelen@gmail.com to be added to our list of Girl Scouts, and to take part in the 11:00 worship service.

LAST SUNDAY

Tithes & Offerings..... \$16,556

8:30 attendance..... 91

11:00 attendance..... 317

Nursery 23

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
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Facilities Manager	Roby Price
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St. Luke's Perimeter Counseling Center

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