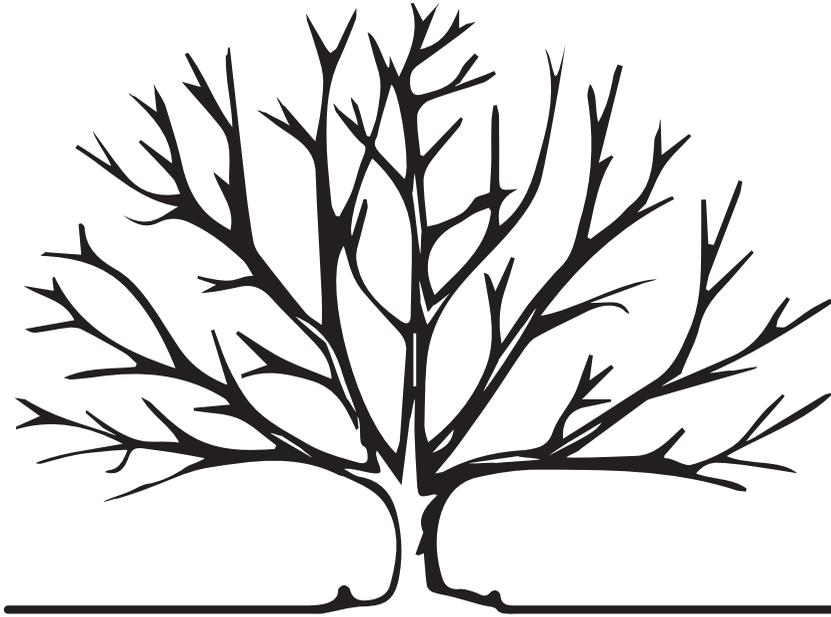


ST. LUKE'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



March 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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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

MARCH 23, 2014 • 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE

Purple marks the seasons of penitence and preparation, Advent and Lent.

SERVING TODAY

Acolytes

Supervisor Cailin Thelen
 Crucifer..... Christine Turnbull
 Candle Lighter Allie Hearn
 Bell Ringer Matthew Turnbull
 Bible Bearer..... Elise Hearn

Thank you to Ansley Wassell and Mary Frances Kitchens for serving as acolytes last Sunday.

Nursery Supervisor Emily Ritzler

Faithful Friends Leslie & Shawn Hamlin

Chancel Guild..... Tom & Mary Grace Schapp

UshersAndrea Price, Captain; Youth

Continental Breakfast..... Sarah Caverhill

Open/Close.....Bruce Jones

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 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 and activity sheets are available for all ages on the shelves in the Narthex (Sanctuary lobby). An usher can assist you.

For your convenience, there is a **Family Restroom** located in the hallway of the administrative offices, on the first floor, near the main lobby.

In Preparation for Worship

You accept us when we are different. O God. You protect us when others may try to bring us down. We praise You and thank You for standing by us when we are alone, even though we may not always acknowledge it. Listen to our worship and prayers. Help us grow closer to You. Amen.

Gathering Prayer of Adoration

Prelude

* Call to Worship

Leader: You worship what you do not know.

People: We worship what we know for salvation.

Leader: But the hour is coming and is now here.

People: When the true worshiper will worship the Father in spirit and truth.

Leader: For the father seeks such as these to worship him.

All: God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and Truth.

* Processional Hymn #446

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken / Austrian Hymn

Celebration of Community

Minute for Habitat for Humanity

Phil Brown

Nancy Self

* Invitation to Confession

Forgive Us, Lord / Jorgé Lockwood



For-give us, Lord.

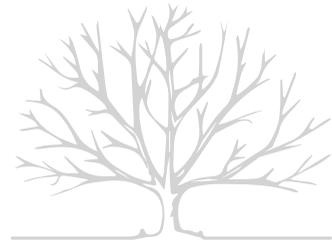
All: Forgive us, Lord.

Leader: In your eternal mercy,

All: Forgive us, Lord.

Leader: In your sustaining grace,

All: Forgive us, Lord.



The barrenness of the trees in our worship space are to remind us of the Lenten season as we look for the Resurrection.

*** Call to Prayer**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

*** Prayer of Confession**

Like the woman at the well, Lord, we have sinned. You have offered us living water and we do not recognize it. We are thirsty for Your guidance and understanding. Lord, send Your Spirit to us so that we can recognize the love You offer to us. Help us from our sin and accept the Water of Life. 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

Children are always welcome to stay in worship. However, parents may take your child(ren) to the nursery. Parents of children in pre-k, kindergarten, and first grade may take them to the Faithful Friends Class in Room 121.

Anthem

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me, arr. John Helgen

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. Singing glory hallelujah! Satan had me bound, Jesus set me free. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.

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.

Response to Prayer

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 29:1-14

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

I Will Sing / Clair Maxwell

What about our world? Disaster everywhere, people hurting people in ways beyond compare. I don't know what God wants me to do. A new world may begin with me and you. I will sing, I will pray that God will give us hope eternal each and every day. I will work, I will share the love of Jesus everywhere. Help a needy child, spend time with those alone, feed those who are hungry, make friends with those unknown. What is the purpose of my charity? For those you touch, new life eternally! And one by one each life is changed, and people's lives are rearranged, and all the world is one!

New Testament Reading

John 4:5-25

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Our sermons today come from a few of St. Luke's Graduating Seniors

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* **Statement of Faith** (compiled from 2013 Confirmation Class)

I believe that God is love. I believe that God loves us no matter what, and that love will never end. He creates, redeems, sustains, rules, and transforms all things and all people. From the beginning God believed in me—answering my prayers, and loving me fully. I know that I can trust God to be with me at all times and even when I think I can't go on He carries me forward. In unconditional love God created the world pure and made everyone equal in His image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. We, the church, can always be improved upon. I believe God loves us all. That God wants us to love all—even our enemies. If God sacrificed His Son for us, I can sacrifice something for Him in appreciation. I believe helping others and serving God is the best way to be close to God. I believe in following Jesus not only to gain a place in heaven, but also to help a world that is scarred by so many wrongs. I will help create a world of peace, step by step, with many others, through the church, and through God. Now as I move on with my life, I remember to use love, not a knife, and tell those who are afraid, "Trust in God by Whom you were made, and listen to Him and help His cause, by obeying His word and laws. And if you don't know how, follow me and I'll show you now, how the Lord, my God, does amazing things!"

Offering & Offertory

You are My All in All / Dennis Jernigan

You are my strength when I am
weak; you are the trea-sure that I seek; you are my all in
all. When I fall down, you pick me
up; when I am dry, you fill my cup; you are my all in
all. Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your
name! Je - sus,
Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name!

* 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 #399

We Walk by Faith, Not by Sight / Dunlap's Creek

* Benediction

* Postlude

Worship Notes: **Today is Youth Sunday**, a special day when the youth of our congregation lead us in worship. Throughout the year they encounter God through a variety of worship experiences. Through retreats, mission trips, conferences, choir, and worship here at St. Luke's, these encounters have profound impacts on their faith. May the Spirit continue to move through each of our youth, and us, as we worship together.

SHARE

Lent is a time of reflection, so why not check out a book from the St. Luke's library (upstairs, above the main lobby)? For adults, there many excellent books about the life of Jesus and His final week. We also have many beautifully illustrated children's books about Easter.

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. No class on April 3, 10, or 17; will resume April 24 through end of May.

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.

OWLS (Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors) Our Palms and Pizza meeting is Mar. 25 at 11:30 a.m. At the meeting, we will make crosses from palms to be given out on Easter Sunday. They are to be brought back the next year before Ash Wednesday to be burned for ashes.

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

In this Season of Lent, we pray you have time for personal reflection and self-examination. We hope this is a time of growth in your life's faith journey. **Stephen Ministry** is a resource available to any member of St. Luke's. We pray God will lead you to seek assistance through a caring, trained minister if you are facing a difficult time. Referrals are made by Stephen Leaders Shannon Dill and Laura Strange.

St. Lukes is considering an upgrade to our ALS (Assisted Listening System). If you are currently using our ALS, we would like your input before we make any decisions. Contact Roby Price (770-393-1424, ext. 244 / robyprice@slpres.org) to share your thoughts on how this system could be improved.

KNOW

A final FEAST! This Wednesday is the final night for FEAST before we take a break for the summer. But instead of the usual programming, we're going to have a special night of service: come help package 10,000 dehydrated meals for **Stop Hunger Now**. Helpers of all ages are welcome! The menu for us is beans and rice, with dinner at 5:45 p.m.; \$5 per person/\$15 per family max. (If you paid your FEAST meals in advance, this dinner is included.) Fill out the blue pew card or sign up in the lobby.

Inquirers' and New Members' Class: Our next series of classes will be held on Sun. mornings, Apr. 13-May 18 (excluding April 20), from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Rm. #230 of the adult Sunday School wing. The class will be led by Jason Whitener and St. Luke's members. If you are interested in knowing more about St. Luke's and/or want to join the church and be part of this class, please contact Jason at jasonwhitener@slpres.org or 770-393-1424 ext. 223.

Wednesday Morning Moms Group Spiritual parenting is not about perfect behavior, it's about vibrant faith! Join us each Wed. through Apr. 2, 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.

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 CHRIS Kids

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

SCHEDULE

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

March 30 Sunday	3:00 p.m.	Honorary Lifetime Member Tea
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News from SPLASH! Children's Ministries

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

Calling all Weird Animals to Chick Fil A! Even Weird Animals love to eat, so we're going to enjoy a meal together at Chick Fil A on Thursday evening, Mar. 27 from 6:00 to 8:00. Just draw a picture of a weird animal and bring it with you – along with your whole family! We'll have crayons and paper plates there in case you need to whip up a picture on the spot. Our VBS program will put our portion of the proceeds to good use, so plan now to come out and support this great ministry to the children of our church and the community.

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is April 13 (Palm Sunday) after the church-wide fellowship lunch. Please provide one dozen filled eggs for each child who will participating. Stuff eggs with wrapped treats or stickers—no hard candy and no candy with nuts. The collection bin is in front of the bulletin board in Sheppard Hall; put 12 eggs in a bag, attach the appropriate age group label (provided at egg bin) and drop off filled eggs before 11 a.m. on April 13th.

Vacation Bible School, "Weird Animals," is June 9-12. Campers and volunteers should register online: www.slpres.org.

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

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

Resources for Lent

We have compiled an informative booklet called “Lent 2014, 40 Days of Devotion” for your use. There are printed copies in the main lobby or you can download a pdf from the “worship bulletins” section of the website.

Here are three links for daily devotions during Lent (actually, you can use them every day of the year!). Each of these have scripture passages, devotional reflections, and prayer – it really is a matter of personal preference on which one you use.

<http://d365.org/>

<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/lenten/>

<http://daily.upperroom.org/>

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

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: meet here tonight at 5:45 to take dinner to Druid Hills Journey Night Shelter. Parents and siblings are encouraged to join us. Food sign-up is at <http://goo.gl/WQM0zE>. We’ll return around 8:30 p.m.

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

Our annual **CHASTAIN @ ST. LUKE’S concert is coming soon**. It will be held Sunday, April 27 at 6 pm in the Great Hall. Bring your own food and beverages and be creative in decorating your table. Don’t forget to reserve your spot by contacting Liz Catlett, lizcatlett@slpres.org, at the church office by Apr. 21. There is no charge for child care, but you need to sign up when you reserve your spot. See you there!

SERVE

Helping Hands: Could you use your time and talent to assist someone in the congregation? This ministry matches short term or emergent needs with available resources. Examples are setting up a computer, driving a member to an appointment, helping change light bulbs. 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 once a 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.**

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.

Mission Trip to the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico:

The Outreach Committee is excited to announce a trip to Merida, Mexico with Acción Ministries (friendsofaccion.org), June 14-21. We will start this first year with a team of 20 people who are committed to being very flexible and willing to shape our involvement with Acción. Adults, college and high school students, and middle-schoolers accompanied by a parent are welcome. Our mission will primarily be house building. We will have an informational meeting on Wed., Apr. 2 at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Shannon Dill (shannondill@slpres.org) if you are interested in learning more!

Mission Trip to Guatemala: We are currently planning mission trips for this summer (2014) with our partners at AIR-Guatemala. 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. Anne and AIR staff members will meet you at the airport and handle every detail of an unforgettable week!

Mission Trip to Thornwell: St. Luke's is planning another Summer Mission Trip to Thornwell Home for Children, July 17-19. Thornwell is in Clinton, SC, about 3 hours northeast of Dunwoody. The trip is open to missionaries of all ages and there will be a variety of work to do. (For more on Thornwell, go to their web site: www.thornwell.org.) Missionaries are responsible for a \$50 registration fee, two nights at a hotel and a couple of meals; the total cost per person should not exceed \$200. Participating youth will have most of their expenses covered by Tartan Trot proceeds. This trip can be a great way to serve, learn and grow in faith without going too far from home. Contact Mary Martin: mary.martin@nsn.com, 404-345-8597.

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.

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.

Family Promise: Our next hosting week begins Easter Sunday, **Apr. 20, through Apr. 27**. Click the link in "Highlights" or go to www.signupgenius.com, search for slpcfamilypromise@yahoo.com, and sign up. Thank you for all you do to show homeless families how St. Luke's members put faith into action.

Another year. Another home. Another dream fulfilled! Beginning Mar. 29, we will be helping Atlanta Habitat home buyer Ms. Diawara, fulfill her dream of home ownership for her and her four children, ages 2, 5, 7 and 9. Joining us in this mission are Dodd-Sterling United Methodist (St. Luke's building partner on 17 houses over as many years), and three new partners: Episcopal Cathedral of St. Phillip, Big Bethel AME and Wicuea Road Baptist. Contact Daryl Moore with questions: (h)770-395-6278; (cell)404-993-6203; ddmoore@yahoo.com. To volunteer, sign up online: <http://goo.gl/mOEtLx>.

PW Easter Bags for CHRIS KIDS: We have just over 1 dozen bags left to be filled for children and youth residing in foster care. Thank you to all who picked one up last week! If you can help to fill a bag (or another bag!), please visit a bunny-ear wearing Presbyterian Woman in the lobby after a service today. You will find easy-to-follow directions in the bag; fill and return to the CHRIS Kids receptacle in the church lobby no later than 1:00 pm next Sun., Mar. 30. We are also collecting monetary contributions towards purchasing and filling Easter bags—checks can be made to "St. Luke's PW;" write CHRIS Kids on the memo line. **Thank you** for your support this year and the past 12 years! For questions or more info, please contact Stephanie McGoldrick (tsmcgoldrick@gmail.com) or Krissy Williams (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.

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 still needed for April 27, May 25, June 27, and July 27.**

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 skill level are welcome to join us in making prayer shawls, layette sets, blankets, etc. for outreach projects.

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