

ST. LUKE'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



May 25, 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

770-393-1424 www.slpres.org

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 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.

MAY 25, 2014 • 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

White is used on days we celebrate the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, such as Christmas, Easter and Communion Sundays.

The flowers are given by the Veterans of St. Luke's to the Glory of God, in memory of America's men and women who sacrificed their lives in our nation's wars.

SERVING TODAY

Acolytes

SupervisorCailin Thelen
Bible Bearer..... Elliott McGoldrick
Candle LighterGrace Stricklanda
Crucifer.....Emma Troha
Bell Ringer Matthew Turnbull
Thank you to Emma Troha for being the Bell Ringer on 5/18

Nursery Supervisor Leslie Hamlin

Chancel Guild..... Ted & Mary Gurrant

Greeter Kris Turnbull

UshersJohn & Peggy Tienken,
Steve & Allison Thornton, Jan Slater

Continental Breakfast..... Paula Barbin

Sound Crew Lindsay Ballow

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 Jim Giesler, Elder Dave Tharp, 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

Truly You have listened and given heed to the words of our prayers. You have kept us among the living and have not let our feet slip. You have tested and tried us, laid burdens on our backs, and let people ride over our heads. We have gone through fire and through water; yet You have brought us into a spacious place. We enter into the courtyard of Your sanctuary and offer You hearty thanksgiving. Be pleased with our worship that we lay now before You and give heed to our voices as we sing You our praises. Amen.

Gathering Prayer of Adoration

Jason Whitener

Prelude

America the Beautiful / arr. James Koerts

* Call to Worship

Leader: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what the Lord has done for me.

People: Truly God has listened and given heed to the words of my prayer.

Leader: You are blessed, O God, because You have not rejected my prayer, or removed Your steadfast love from me.

People: I will come into Your house and pay You my vows, those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

All: Come, let us worship God!

* Processional Hymn #139

Come, Thou Almighty King / ITALIAN HYMN

Celebration of Community

* Invitation to Confession

Wayne Radloff

* Call to Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

** Please stand*

* **Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You. We humbly confess our sins and ask Your mercy. We have not loved You with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with You, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in Your loving-kindness. In Your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. 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.

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Jan Billions

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.

New Testament Reading

Acts 17:22-34 / page 129

Jan Billions

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading

1 Peter 3:13-18 / page 220

Jason Whitener

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

To an unknown god

Jason Whitener

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* **Affirmation of Faith** The 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.

Offering & Offertory 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 of God; shine for all to see.

* **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 #561** My Country, 'Tis of Thee / AMERICA

* **Benediction**

* **Postlude** For All the Saints / arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Note: Thank you to Jill Hudson for directing the Chancel Choir and playing the keyboard today.

KNOW

Class for Newer Members begins Sunday, June 8! We invite all “newer” members who would like to get to know other members of St. Luke’s to join us on Sunday mornings from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. beginning June 8 in room 230. We will gather for 8 weeks and study *Making Sense of the Christian Faith*, through engaging conversation and exploration of the basic doctrines of the Christian faith. Please contact Shannon Dill (shannondill@slpres.org) with questions. Feel free to invite a friend - see you on June 8th!

Friday Morning Men’s Bible Study: join us every Fri. for fellowship and Bible study from 6:40-8 a.m. in the Parlor with Dave Elkins.

No Youth Group Today.

SPLASH! Children’s Ministries

Contact: Catherine Anne Thomas, cathomas@slpres.org, 770-393-1424 ext. 228.

Weird Animals June 9-12, 9:15-12:30

Our vacation bible school theme for this summer is “Weird Animals” – it’s all about God’s one-of-a-kind love, and it’s going to be great! We still need helpers in a number of different areas. **Campers and volunteers should register online: www.slpres.org.**

Pick a Snack from our Tree! Our Vacation Bible School leadership is requesting contributions for our “Critter Café,” a learning and eating station that ties our daily snack back to the Bible Point. Our snack leaders have planted a very unusual tree in the main lobby and its branches are heavy with opportunities! Just pick a flower with the item you’d like to contribute, take it home as a reminder, and return it with your item by Sun., June 1. Thank you for feeding our “Weird Animals”!

Weird Sunday Mornings in June and August, 9:30-10:30 a.m. First through fifth graders will gather in the Great Hall for “Weird Animal Games,” where they will enjoy relays, games, and other contests all related to the animals in God’s great creation. Each session ends with a fun Bible learning time in the form of Pictionary, BINGO, trivia, or something even crazier.

“Amazing Animals” (three’s, PreK, and K) will gather in Room 120 to explore lots of animals in some of our favorite Bible stories. Don’t be surprised if some of them come home with you... donkeys, sheep, ravens, big fish, and even insects await!

Each of these classes will require two adult volunteers each week. If you can help, please sign up on <http://goo.gl/uMnk0k> and tell us which Sunday and which class, we’ll do the rest!

Feed Your Herd and Support St. Luke’s VBS!

June 2 - June 9 at Jett Ferry Chick-fil-A

Tell the cashier you’re there to support St. Luke’s,
and Chick-fil-A will donate 10% to our “Weird Animals” VBS!

From the Choir Loft

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

Open Choir Sundays: The Chancel Choir invites you to join us as we sing our final weeks before the summer months. Come to warm up at 10:30 a.m. in the choir room and sing for the 11:00 service on the following Sun. No experience is required to sit in the best seats in the house!

June 1: If You Search with All Your Heart /
Craig Courtney

June 8: Love Divine / arr. Warren Angell

Flag Day Summer Sing Clair Maxwell is hosting this fun, informal, patriotic musical event for all in celebration of Flag Day on June 14 from 10 am to Noon in the choir room. Join choir members and others from the community singing American music from all genres including 50s, country, Broadway and standards. Refreshments provided. Child care upon request. Contact Clair (info above) for more information.

Summer Music Sundays: We are now scheduling music for our summer worship services when the choirs are not singing. Music is needed at both the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services, and all singers and instrumentalists are welcome and appreciated! If you play an instrument in a band or orchestra, take lessons, or can't sing with the choirs during the year, this is your chance to share your gifts with the congregation. Dates are Jun. 15-Aug. 10.

Pipe Organ Rebuilding: We are very excited that our sanctuary organ is undergoing a significant rebuilding this summer, thanks to your financial support of the *Foundation for the Future* campaign. Robert Coulter Organbuilders of Atl. has developed an exciting (yet cost effective) design, including a complete renovation of the organ console from analog to digital. This will greatly enhance our sanctuary worship and ensure that our fine instrument continues playing well into the future. Stop by the organ and talk to Clair about the details any Sun. after 11:00 worship.

Adult Sunday School (9:30-10:30 a.m.)

Correction: Adult Sunday School Classes are meeting today unless noted otherwise.

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

The Story of the Bible (Room 145, The Parlor)
Each Sun. includes a 30 min DVD lecture by Dr. Luke Timothy Johnson, followed by class discussion.

F.I.N.C.H *** no meeting today, May 25 ***

Faith Foundations (Room 232)
We are studying the Gospel of Matthew with emphasis on the Church as an earthly manifestation of the kingdom of God.

Seasons of the Spirit (Room 231-233)
A biblically-based discussion class following the revised common Lectionary.

Soul Food (Room 235)
Finding Sustenance for Faithful Living: Fellowship, study and discussion on a range of topics related to spirituality in our lives.

SHARE

St. Luke's Prayer Room

Since we began this ministry in 2008, after each worship service a Stephen Minister is available in the prayer room opposite the Chapel to meet with any adult in need of a listening ear. Our team of 17 leaders and ministers share this opportunity. While we feel a very strong bond with this valued piece of "real estate" by no means does it belong only to us! Have you ever considered using the prayer room when you seek time for personal reflection or prayer? In the room you will find carefully selected reading materials, many to take with you. The beautifully lit stained glass promotes a peaceful feeling you might not find elsewhere. While it is exciting to see large groups gathering at St. Luke's for the many programs we offer, how wonderful there is also this space to meet individual needs. We encourage you to seek out this private place for your personal use.

Summer Mom's Group Don't let summertime keep you from Christian fellowship, fun and learning! Our popular Moms' Group will meet June 25, July 9, July 16 and July 23. And since it's a group for Moms, we will offer child care and fun activities for the little ones. Come each week or just when you can, but we would appreciate reservations in advance for children. Contact Shannon Dill (shannondill@slpres.org) for more information.

You can give flowers for a Sunday worship service in memory or in honor of someone or for a special event. Sign up on the main lobby bulletin board; cost is \$80. Questions? Call Celeste Fischer, 404-434-8099 or Faye Cashwell, 770-409-1960.

OWLS (Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors): Join us on Tues., May 27 at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and fun! *Sentimental Journey*, an acapella barbershop quartet, will provide us with music and entertainment to make us smile and relive those good memories. See you there!

Christian Music Zumba is a fun way to get fit!
Thurs. in May: 8-9:00 p.m.
Thurs. in June: 7-8:00 p.m.
\$6 per class. Contact Chris Wallace: clw7324@comcast.net or 770-395-7324.

Tai Chi for strength, flexibility and balance:
Tues. & Thurs. 12:30-1:30 p.m.
\$10 per class. Contact Sam Evans: educcons@aol.com or 678-650-2399.

Summer Sundaes are coming! Every Sunday in July at 6:30 p.m., join the Fellowship Committee at St. Luke's for fellowship and ice cream sundaes! Help our committee today by voting for your favorite ice cream flavor; there is an ice cream container in the lobby to drop in your vote.

Summer Camp Preview!

Join us this Summer as we explore new adventures while continuing our traditions!

May 27 - May 30

Down Under:
Adventures in Australia
from Camp Little Saints

June 2 - June 5

Adventures in Art
from Camp Little Saints

June 9 - June 12

Weird Animals
Vacation Bible School

July 28 - August 2

Act Up! and the
Missoula Children's
Theatre Camp presents
"The Pied Piper"

June 15 - June 20: Expressions in Motion
Dance & Arts Camps (eimdance.com/summer_camp)

SporTots at St. Luke's for the following weeks
(sportots.com/slpres/):

June 23 - 27	June 30 - July 2
July 7 - 11	July 14 - 18
August 4 - 8	August 11 - 15
August 18 - 22	August 25 - 28

Visit our website, www.slpres.org for more
information on the above camps.

Also, check out the Summer Camp schedule for
Calvin Center at www.calvincenter.org.

SERVE

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

Serve your church with your smile! There is a need for those willing to serve as greeters (sign up at <http://bit.ly/slpcgreet2>) or ushers. Questions? Contact John Tienken, 770-394-1104, tienkenj@gmail.com.

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.

Buy Some, Share One: You can support local food pantries 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. We alternate our donations monthly to the Interfaith Outreach Home (IOH) and Community Assistance Center (CAC). Your donations make a big difference!

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.

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.

A new ministry: St. Luke's is a loving and caring church that feels like home to those who participate in the many ministries and programs offered here. However, there are times when a member may become less active at church, and then they find it difficult to reengage. Whatever the circumstances, we want everyone to know that the door is always open! Please contact Shannon Dill (shannondill@slpres.org) or Jim Giesler (jfgiesler@comcast.net) to be included in the training program for this new ministry.

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.

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 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.

Summer Missions

June 1-July 6 (any Sat.-Sat.) • **Guatemala**

Join a mission trip this summer with our partners at AIR-Guatemala. Individuals over 18 are welcome. 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!

June 14-21 • **Merida, Mexico**

A new partnership with Acción Ministries (friendsofaccion.org)! We need a team of 20 people who are very flexible and willing to shape our involvement with Acción for this first trip. Our mission will primarily be house building. Please contact Shannon Dill (shannondill@slpres.org) if you are interested in learning more!

July 17-19 • **Clinton, SC**

St. Luke's is planning another summer mission trip to Thornwell Home for Children (www.thornwell.org) in Clinton, SC. This is a great way to serve, learn and grow in faith without going too far from home. All ages are welcome and there is a variety of work to do. Missionaries are responsible for a registration fee, two nights at a hotel and some meals; the total cost per person should not exceed \$200. Participating youth will have most of their expenses covered by Tartan Trot proceeds. Contact Mary Martin: mary.martin@nsn.com, 404-345-8597.



Electronic Giving Cards have been created by the Worship and Commitment Committees for members to place in the plates during the Offering so that electronic givers can physically participate in that part of worship. The cards are available in the back of the chapel or in the narthex of the sanctuary. St. Luke's greatly appreciates all the members (nearly 30%) who presently give online, via pre-approved bank draft, or by credit card. This helps our finance committee with a steady income flow throughout the year. We encourage even more members to consider this option. Go to our website (www.slpres.org) and click on the "Giving" tab.

ATTENDANCE

May 18	Worship	Nursery	Visitors
8:30	62	2	4
11:00	294	30	29

FINANCE SUMMARY

<i>Month: April 2014</i>	Actual	Budget	Variance
Total Income	\$109,175.15	\$119,476.92	- \$10,301.77
Total Expenses	137,952.65	134,130.89	3,821.76
Net	- \$ 28,777.50	- \$ 14,653.97	- \$14,123.53

<i>Year-to-date: 4/30/2014</i>	Actual	Budget	Variance
Total Income	\$592,473.85	\$598,229.65	- \$ 5,755.80
Total Expenses	566,583.85	560,359.22	6,224.63
Net	\$ 25,890.00	\$ 37,870.43	- \$11,980.43

Financial reports available online.

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
Receptionist	Sally Hawkins
Facilities Manager	Roby Price
Treasurer	Gary Phipps

ST. LUKE'S PERIMETER COUNSELING CENTER

Georgia C. Griffin, J.D., M. Div., Director
Perimeter Center, Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist/Mediator
404-636-1457, ext. 452 www.cccgeorgia.org

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:

Rich Crutchfield, Mary Guerrant,
Tom Loftis, David McKenney,
Wayne Radloff, Mark Ryan,
David Tharp, Allison Thornton

DEACONS

Class of 2014:

Diane Beidl, Jay Burton,
Jim Giesler (Moderator),
Joyce Johnson, Jean Kammerer,
Paula Morris, Luis Sepulveda,
Carol Sweigert, Kris Turnbull

Class of 2015:

Maria Barnhart, Matt Biggerstaff,
Sarah Caverhill, Peter Keohane,
Julie Knotts, Billy Martin,
Gena Spears, Taylor Vivian,
Krissy Williams

Class of 2016:

Sandra Clay, Amanda Dunnick,
Shawn Hamlin, Niki Rabren,
Katherine Robeson,
Rebecca Strickland, Jenny Troha,
Michelle Vail, Meg Wallace