



# SAINT LUKE'S

P R E S B Y T E R I A N   C H U R C H

**MISSION** Responding to God's call and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we invite all to join us in knowing, serving, and sharing Jesus Christ here and around the world.

**VISION** To be a beacon of faith, hope, and love – every member an active disciple in Christ's ministry.

July 10, 2016 ✦ 8:30 a.m.



## July 10, 2016

8th Sunday after Pentecost

**Liturgical Color:** *Green*

*Green is used to represent spiritual growth.*

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**8:30 a.m.** Chapel Communion Service

**9:30 a.m.** Sunday School

**11:00 a.m.** Sanctuary Worship Service

*Nursery available at all services & Sunday School*

### SERVING TODAY

**Continental Breakfast** . . . . . Family Promise

**Open/Close** . . . . . Josh Nunez

### WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are delighted you are worshipping with us!

**DURING** the Welcome, please print the requested information on the Friendship Pad and pass the Friendship Pad down the pew.

**AFTER** the worship service, please join us outside the Chapel where our Pastors will be available to answer questions and provide you with a Guest Packet and a loaf of freshly-baked bread.

**FOR MORE** information about our programs, ministries or membership, please contact one of our Pastors at 770.393.1424.

### THAT ALL MAY WORSHIP

**ASSISTIVE** hearing devices, large print hymnals, large print bulletins and pew cushions are available. Please contact an usher for further assistance.



**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP** notebooks and activity sheets are available on the table just outside the Chapel doors. 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

“After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!’”  
*Revelation 7:9-10*



### Prelude

#### \* Welcome

#### \* Call to Worship

Leader: God of All Creation, we behold the splendor of all that comes to be through You.

People: **You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power,  
for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created.**

Leader: God of All Redemption, we behold in Christ the image of Your glory and our calling.

People: **Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.  
To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might for ever and ever!**

#### \* Hymn #386

Come, Worship God O *QUANTA QUALIA*

#### \* Call to Confession

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

## \* Prayer of Confession

God of Mercy,  
Your grace calls each of us to reflect Your giving and saving work for the world.  
We confess, however, that our lives do not always reflect Your glory.  
You call us to speak truth, but we are silent.  
You call us to do justice, but we remain on the sidelines.  
You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid.  
Forgive us, and give us courage to follow in Your way.  
Forgive us and restore us  
so that our lives may reflect Your image... *(time of silent confession)*

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer, Amen.

## \* Assurance of Forgiveness

### \* Song of Praise

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear God's voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give all the glory: great things God has done!  
*(Fanny Crosby)*

## 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.*

## New Testament Reading

Revelation 7:9-17; page 235

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

The Great Crowd

David Lower

## \* Hymn #375

Shall We Gather at the River? *HANSON PLACE*

## \* Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the**

right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Offering

*Giving is a tangible sign of worship. If you give electronically, there is a blue, laminated, 'electronic giving' card in the pew rack to place into the offering plate as it is passed.*

## \* Song of Thanksgiving

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. (Thomas Ken)

## \* Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

## The Lord's Supper

*Communion will be served by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup). If you would like to be served where you are sitting, please raise your hand. Everyone is invited to participate in the sacrament. Children who have discussed the sacrament with their parents and/or a pastor are welcome. The cup holds grape juice, not wine, during this service. A server with gluten-free wafers will be standing directly in front of the communion table for those who prefer this option.*

## 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.

## Prayers of the People

### \* Hymn #384

Soon and Very Soon *SOON AND VERY SOON*

### \* Benediction

### \* Postlude



# Sunday Spotlights:



**NEW MEMBERS/INQUIRERS CLASS** Join David Lower and Shannon Dill for an overview of Saint Luke's and the Presbyterian faith. This is a great class for anyone exploring churches or interested in joining Saint Luke's. Meet on Sundays from July 17 - Aug. 7, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the Session room (room 109). Childcare provided. Contact Shannon with questions: shannondill@slpres.org / 770.393.1424, ext. 229.



## **July 17, 5-7 pm: GREAT AMERICAN PICNIC**

Everyone is invited to Saint Luke's **NEXT SUNDAY** for good food, great music, and gourmet popsicles at our first-ever **Great American Picnic!** We'll have burgers and hot dogs on the grill, "King of Pops" popsicles, and a well-know barbershop quartet (BoardwalkQt.com) in the courtyard. We're pulling out all the stops, so mark your calendar and invite your friends! *Free-will offering; proceeds to benefit Family Promise.*

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO CATHERINE ANNE THOMAS**

who celebrates ten years as Director of Children's Ministries at Saint Luke's!

**T**he energy, creativity and love she brings to our church continue to be rich blessings — to our children, their parents and our entire congregation. One day after wrapping up another successful Vacation Bible School, Catherine Anne Thomas reflected on her ten years as Director of Children's Ministries at Saint Luke's...

*Q: You obviously enjoy working at Saint Luke's or you wouldn't have stayed for ten years. What do you like best about your job?*

**CA:** Obviously, our children are the part I like best! But also, it's working with our parents, other adults, our staff, and our youth. Everyone is so supportive. We always say that Saint Luke's has great people, and it's really true. Also, I love that I have pretty much an open license to be creative in my work. It's fun and challenging to find new ways to present the message in a memorable way. I don't like doing things the same way twice.

*Q: What's your favorite program or aspect of Saint Luke's ministry? How have you contributed to making it a success?*

**CA:** Since it just wrapped up yesterday, Vacation Bible School is on my mind and it truly is one of my favorites. There is so much to be done in a short four days. We can be creative and show lots of energy and Saint Luke's hospitality. We get to welcome families who aren't members into our church, and many of our volunteers are non-members, as well. We also have lots of familiar faces, with church kids and so many Saint Luke's Little Saints. And the youth helpers are amazing... our "former children" are delightful volunteers. This "melting pot" environment provides a great opportunity for friendships to blossom, among the children and among the volunteers. It's a very unique opportunity we have every year.

CA: The way I have contributed to making it a success has been to take my own experience as a parent of VBS participants and come up with some ideas about how to make the week even better. I have loved thinking about how to expand, dial it up a notch, take advantage of our great facilities and technology, add a service component, and reach more and more kids each year.

*Q: What is Saint Luke's greatest asset? What are our opportunities?*

CA: The optimistic and friendly nature of our church family. People here seem to be very happy and a church with happy people can do anything. I see this in the staff too. We are a very collegial group, working together and supporting each other. All of us just do whatever it takes to get the job done. The staff's good working relationship spills over into the congregation, I believe.

CA: We've been working on ideas for events which would bring the whole congregation together around a common purpose, particularly in the 9:30 to 10:30 Sunday morning timeframe. I am excited about planning some unique activities meant to engage all age groups. People love helping other people, so service would be the central theme of these family-friendly and bring-a-friend type of events. Working together for a common goal is a fun way to keep energizing our great church family while welcoming others to our community.

*Q: How have things changed around the church in the last ten years?*

CA: Well, my office has gotten a lot messier! And also, Children's Ministries has become more a part of the fabric of our church. It doesn't happen just in Sheppard Hall anymore. Changes over the past ten years include Children's Ministries Sunday, which is a moving worship experience for all who

attend; the coloring tables in the lobby, which have provided an opportunity for us to show to members and visitors that we want kids to be right there with us in the most visible part of our church; and an intentional effort to keep children's artwork displayed throughout the church. A fun new thing we tried last summer - Our Children's Wax Museum of the Bible - was met with such an enthusiastic response we are doing it again this year. Every connection we make with another generation is a victory for everyone.

*Q: How do you see Saint Luke's living out its mission, "To be a beacon of faith, hope, and love -- every member an active disciple in Christ's ministry?"*

CA: We offer plenty of opportunities for people to be active disciples - just look at our web site! There are a growing number of things families can do together, so even the littlest ones can participate in mission. I am excited that so many families with children have made the trip to Thornwell. Mountain Top is another example of a mission partner that encourages families to participate. I have found that a key to engaging people in ministry is to meet them where they are. I try to keep this in mind when I am recruiting volunteers and when I'm talking to parents about bringing their kids to church. Every time we are together, it's a chance to be a beacon of faith, hope and love. I am reminded of a comment my son Reed made when he was in about 2nd grade. I dragged him

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along to help with the set-up of a traveling tent on several Sunday mornings in a row. One of those mornings he said, "Gee, Mom, you really go to a lot of trouble to convince these kids." Since then, every time I am preparing something for our children, I think about that and smile. We are convincing kids - we are convincing them that God loves them just the way they are and that we do, too!

**FAMILY PROMISE:** week of July 24th

Plan now to help make Saint Luke's a welcoming refuge for homeless children and their families during what's sure to be a hot week in July. Could you drop off some breakfast supplies? How about spending an hour or two just 'hanging out' in the Great Hall so our guests can feel at home? Your time volunteering may seem small, but the comfort and dignity it gives our guests is priceless. <http://tinyurl.com/SLPCFP2016-07>

**YOU SAY,** "I can't manage."

**GOD SAYS,** "I will supply all your needs."

*Philippians 4:19 says, "And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."* It is not always easy for us to handle life's challenges, even with words of comfort from the Bible. Saint Luke's Stephen Ministers are well-trained and available to meet confidentially with you on a weekly basis. Summer is a time of rest and renewal—take time to care for yourself. Reach out to Shannon Dill (770.393.1424 ext. 229) or Laura Strange (770.490.4395) for a referral.

Saint Luke's is excited to **WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBER PAM MELTON**, who started July 6th as as Church Office Administrator! Pam brings varied church and business experiences which she looks forward to applying to the church's programs and office management. She will work part-time through July, then begin as full-time on Aug. 8. Her responsibilities will include the maintenance of the church calendar, membership records, and worship bulletins, general office management, and coordinating various church projects as directed by David. She can be reached at [pammelton@slpres.org](mailto:pammelton@slpres.org). When you're around church during the week, please stop by and help welcome Pam to Saint Luke's!

**MANY THANKS TO LINDSAY MOSS**

who has helped out in the office since January. Lindsay served with enthusiasm and efficiency and helped bridge the gap until we could staff this administrative position.

**IMPORTANT WEB UPDATE** Our stellar Tech Team has successfully moved Saint Luke's website to a more stable host site. You should not notice anything different, but you might need to change your "bookmarks" or "favorites" accordingly: was: **https://slpres.org**; now: **http://slpres.org**

*(That extra "s" means "secure," and is used on special servers that carry sensitive info like bank account numbers. When you make a payment to Saint Luke's online, transactions are automatically processed on a secure [https] server, as it always has been.)*

**OPPORTUNITIES** are available for two of the best Sunday morning 'jobs' at Saint Luke's! Smile and say hello, or show up with breakfast - either is always appreciated! These are suitable jobs for one person or a whole family, and a great way to get to know more people at church. Sign up online to reserve your spot!

**Greeters:** Just be willing to smile, provide a helpful hand, be punctual, eager to greet, able to give directions, and show that warm Saint Luke's hospitality! Be in position for the 11 a.m. service by 10:35 a.m. and stay in position 5 minutes into the service to greet late arrivals. <http://greeter.slpres.org>

**Continental Breakfast:** All you have to do is buy some food and drink items, set them up and attend to them, and then clean up. You'll meet lots of people, get a tremendous amount of thanks and appreciation for your effort, and make Sundays that much sweeter for all of us! \$40 reimbursement is available to help cover your expenses. More details at: <http://breakfast.slpres.org>

**HONOR OR REMEMBER A SPECIAL DATE OR SPECIAL SOMEONE** We have openings on the Communion Table flower calendar in July, September and October. The cost for the standard arrangement is \$80 and you may take it with you following the 11:00 a.m. service. Sign up on the Flower Guild calendar on the main bulletin board outside the Great Hall, or contact Leslie Hamlin at [laowen@hotmail.com](mailto:laowen@hotmail.com) / 404.232.5663.

**LET THE KIDS ACT UP THIS SUMMER** An amazing summer camp is offered by ACT UP (Arts, Creativity & Theatre Uniting People) at Saint Luke's with the Missoula Children's Theatre. Children and youth (entering 1st grade through high school seniors) spend a week learning and rehearsing "The Princess and the Pea." July 25-29, 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Space is limited. Register online at [www.slpres.org](http://www.slpres.org).

**8 STEPS TO A PAIN-FREE BACK** starts Wed., July 20, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Have you tried everything and your back, hip, neck, or shoulder still hurts? Experience what healthy posture can do for you in this free workshop held at Saint Luke's. Register online under "Free Workshop" at [www.GokhaleMethod.com](http://www.GokhaleMethod.com)

# ☛ SUMMER MISSIONS ☛

*If you're curious about local and global mission trips, be sure to talk with Shannon Dill or one of the missionaries to hear more about these life-changing opportunities. Thank you to all those willing to be an active disciple in Christ's ministry and a beacon of faith, hope and love to God's children through outreach and service! Everyone can support the work of Saint Luke's summer missionaries with prayers and encouragement.*

May 29 - June 5

## **A.I.R. GUATEMALA**

Seven adults spent a week in Guatemala planting 400+ trees, building fuel-efficient cooking stoves, and sharing God's love with new friends.

June 13 - June 16

## **CAVE QUEST** *Vacation Bible School*

Over 120 kids learned about the love of Jesus Christ through the faithful leadership of 100 adult and youth volunteers. They collected and packed over 200 lunches for distribution by the CAC, 75 personal hygiene packs for the homeless, and raised \$200 for Family Promise. More than 40 fourth and fifth graders served in local service projects.

June 19- June 25

## **MOUNTAIN T.O.P.**

*Tennessee Outreach Project*

39 people from Saint Luke's spent an amazing week in central Tennessee serving the Cumberland plateau. Lots of wheelchair ramps and porches built, home repair projects completed, day camp kids' lives changed, and a whole lot of fun.

July 10 - July 16

## **ACCIÓN MINISTERIES**

*Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula*

Edward Babcock

Karen Babcock

Callie Dill

Don Dill

Shannon Dill

Linda Elliot

Tanner Elliot

David King

Betsy King

Catherine Kitchens

Mary Frances Kitchens

Mike Kitchens

James Moebes

Michelle Moebes

Andrea Price

Roby Price

Emma Troha

Jack Troha

Jenny Troha

July 12 - July 15

**MASNETTA** *Middle School Youth Retreat*

Brian Anderson	Casey Singley
Emily Anderson	Grace Strickland
Ainsley Brown	Morgan Underhill
Phil Brown	Sydney Underhill
Sara Cronan	Allie Unold
Nelson Cumiskey	Andrew Unold
Jacob Eisenmesser	Ansley Wassell
Landis Mangum	Emily Wilmesherr
Bonnie Ruggiero	

July 21 - July 23

**THORNWELL HOME FOR CHILDREN**

*in Clinton, South Carolina*

Sally Shelton	Cathy Rogers
Dwight Shelton	Beth Dresher
Ellen Womack	Mary Martin
Bill Womack	Becky Loftis
Andrea Price	Julie Knotts
Roby Price	Clair Maxwell
Nancy Moore	Owen Maxwell
Daryl Moore	Bailey Maxwell
Farrah Mcintosh	Kim Maxwell
Tom Mcintosh	Lauren Fogarty
Val DeFiece	Thomas Fogarty
Vivian Smith	Wyatt Fogarty
Bob Crutchfield	Brian Fogarty
James Crutchfield	Matt Fogarty
Christine Crutchfield	Sarah Caverhill
Marilyn Brown	Rob Caverhill
Anne Patrick	Jenny Troha
Stephanie McGoldrick	Emma Troha
Elliott McGoldrick	Jack Troha
Sydney McGoldrick	Brad Troha
Nolan McGoldrick	Lindy Farley
TJ McGoldrick	

July 24 - July 31

**FAMILY PROMISE**

*Saint Luke's serves as host  
for homeless families*

July 24 - July 30

**MONTREAT**

*High School Youth Retreat*

Zach Burroughs  
Ben Coffie  
Carter Coffie  
Rosie Coffie  
Claire Cumiskey  
Nelson Cumiskey  
Mary Claire Donahue  
Forrest Herrick  
Caroline Hurst  
Oliver Hurst  
William Koller  
Sydney Sloan  
Emily Vail  
Cameron Wescott  
Georgia Wescott  
Emily Wills  
Phil Brown  
Martha Tate  
Emily Wilmesherr

## ATTENDANCE

JULY 3	WORSHIP	NURSERY	VISITORS
8:30	44		2
11:00	171	10	17

*Each Sunday, many of our pews have first-time or repeat visitors. Your smile and welcoming words make **you** a beacon of faith, hope, and love!*

## CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor	David Lower
Associate Pastor	Shannon Dill
Associate Pastor	Phil Brown
Director of Music & Organist	Clair Maxwell
Director of Children's Ministries	Catherine Anne Thomas
Director of Saint Luke's Little Saints Preschool	Carol Perry
Intern for Children & Youth Ministry	Emily Wilmesherr
Director of Communications	Tina Knoedler
Administrative Assistants	Liz Catlett & Pam Melton
Receptionist	Sally Hawkins
Facilities Manager	Roby Price
Treasurer	Mark Rogers

## SAINT LUKE'S PERIMETER COUNSELING CENTER

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## LEADERSHIP

Terry Nall, *Clerk to Session*

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### ELDERS

#### **Class of 2017:**

Zachary Burroughs (*youth*),  
John Eagar, Gil Hearn, Saralyn Hill,  
TJ McGoldrick, Paula Morris,  
Donna Nall, Rob Price,  
Pete Shelton

#### **Class of 2018:**

Gerald Aldridge, Carol Allen,  
Barbara Douglass, Anne Hallum,  
Dan Joyce, Jean Kammerer,  
Chip Williams, Bill Womack

#### **Class of 2019:**

Al Bridges, Beth Eisenmesser,  
Sonny Jester, Cindy Nunez,  
Bob Pile, Bob Polensek,  
Whitney Samuelson, Steven Vivian

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### DEACONS

#### **Class of 2017:**

Sandra DuBois, Kris Hull,  
Caroline Hurst (*youth*),  
Joyce Kratzenberg, Stacey Brooks,  
Joanna Mangum, Stephen Moss,  
Sharon Polensek,  
Rebecca Strickland (*Moderator*),  
Russell Wolfe

#### **Class of 2018:**

Justine Burney, Bobby Ferretti,  
Diane Lemaster, Joe Luranc,  
Lucy Painter, Debbie Parkes,  
David Stover, Shari Wassell,  
Kristen Wescott (*Vice Moderator*)

#### **Class of 2019:**

Melissa Blakely, Mark Douglass,  
A.J. Favero, Carol Hickey,  
Dorothy Kitchens, Richard Lawry,  
Carol Waller, Al Wang, Scott Zannini



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