

11 a.m. ~ November 17, 2013

Thirty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: Green

A Church of the Word and Sacraments

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.

We Assemble in God's Name

In Preparation for Worship

"That is what worship is all about. It is the glad shout of praise that arises to God the creator and God the rescuer from the creation that recognizes its maker, the creation that acknowledges the triumph of Jesus the Lamb. That is the worship that is going on in heaven, in God's dimension, all the time. The question we ought to be asking is how best we might join in."

N.T. Wright, "Simply Christian: Why Christianity Makes Sense"

Gathering Prayer of Adoration

Shannon Dill

Prelude Old Time Gospel Medley arr. Sandra Wagner

Festival Ringers

*Call to Worship I Will Call Upon the Lord

Michael O'Shields

Youth Choir and Congregation

Choir: I will call upon the Lord.

Congregation: I will call upon the Lord

Choir: Who is worthy to be praised.

Congregation: Who is worthy to be praised.

Choir: So shall I be saved from my enemies.

Congregation: So shall I be saved from my enemies.

Choir: I will call upon the Lord.

Congregation: I will call upon the Lord. (Repeat)

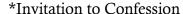
All: The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock

And let the God of my salvation be exalted. The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock

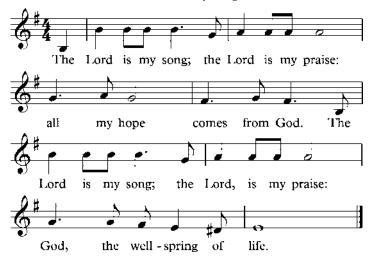
And let the God of my salvation be exalted. (Repeat)

†*Processional Hymn #264 When in Our Music God Is Glorified ENGELBERG

Celebration of Community
Minute for Music
Phil Brown
Clair Maxwell



The Lord Is My Song



*Call to Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

*Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious God, You call us to faithful living, giving ourselves to You and to one another after the example of Jesus. Yet sin prevents us from following Christ. We pursue our own goals, worship our own gods, and place our hope in things that cannot last. Wash us anew. Forgive us again. Give us the courage to hear Your call and the faith to follow where Christ leads. 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.

Anthem

He Has Made Me Glad Cherub Choir Traditional

We Hear God's Word Proclaimed

Tell Us Our Story

Shannon Dill

Children are always welcome to stay in worship.

However, if you prefer, parents of children may take them to the nursery.

Parents of children in pre-k through 1st grade may take them to the Faithful Friends Class in Room 121.

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer Youth Choir and Congregation

OPPENHEIMER

Choir: Congregation (echo)
Our Father Our Father

Your kingdom come, Your will be done,
Your will be done,
Your will be done,

On earth On earth As in heaven. As in heaven. Give us today Give us today Our daily bread; Our daily bread; Forgive us our sins Forgive us our sins As we forgive those As we forgive those Who sin against us. Who sin against us. Save us from the time Save us from the time

Of trial,
And deliver us
From evil.

Of trial,
And deliver us
From evil.

For the kingdom and the power and the glory are Yours forever, and the glory are Yours forever,

Forever,
And ever.
Our Father
In heaven,
Forever,
And ever.
Our Father
In heaven,
In heaven,

Holy is Your Name. Holy is Your name.

(Parents may return to their seats after the Lord's Prayer)

Song for Illumination

Give Me Oil in My Lamp
Westminster Choir

Traditional arr. Vicki Hancock Wright

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning I pray. Keep me burning till the break of day. Sing Hosanna to the King of Kings! Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising. Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving. Give me love in my heart, keep me serving.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 12 Page 596 Jean Kammerer

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

With Dancing Banners, Tuneful Bells Combined Choirs and Congregation

Choir: With dancing banners, tuneful bells and happy voices singing, we come into your presence, God, our heartfelt praises bringing, recalling how from days long past you faithfully have led us, and with sweet manna, Bread of Life, so graciously have fed us.

Here in the name of Jesus Christ we welcome one another and greet each stranger as a friend, a sister or a brother, accepting that our different ways of thinking, acting, feeling may be your Spirit, still at work, more truth and light revealing.

As one, we bow before you, God, with prayers of sad confession, regretting good deeds left undone, repenting each transgression. Restored, forgiven by your grace, and filled with joy unending, we pray for other broken souls whose hearts have need of mending.

We dare approach Christ's table now by grace and love invited, your faithful people, young and old, one family united, to share the supper, hear the word, and clarify our vision of what it means to be the church, entrusted with a mission.

Choirs and Congregation:



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Music: John D. Horman

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Colossians 3:15-17 Page 1028 Shannon Dill

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Make a Joyful Noise"

Shannon Dill

We Respond to God's Word

*The Apostles' Creed (in unison)

Jason Whitener

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

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree
Youth Choir

Mark Patterson

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green. The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree. This fruit does make my soul to thrive. It keeps my dying faith alive, which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree. His beauty doth all things excel. By faith, I know but ne'er can tell the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree. For happiness I long have sought and pleasure dearly I have bought. I missed of all but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.

(Traditional, based on Song of Solomon 2:3)

*Doxology

John Horman

Choir: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Sing praise all creatures here below. Praise God and Son and Holy Ghost. Amen, amen, amen.

All: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Sing praise all creatures here below. Praise God and Son and Holy Ghost. Amen, amen,

*Prayer of Dedication

We Go in God's Name

*Sending Hymn #481

Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show

LLANFAIR

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Go Now in Peace
Combined Choirs

Natalie Sleeth

Go now in peace. May the love of God surround you everywhere you may go.

*Postlude

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

arr. David Cherwien

The anthem, "With Dancing Banners, Tuneful Bells," is in honor of Byron Brown, who was a lover of the St. Luke's choirs and the anthems we sing. He liked to contribute to their music and would find this anthem particularly uplifting as we celebrate our music program today.

 $\sim\sim\sim\sim$ Many thanks to our instrumentalists this morning for sharing their gifts with us.

Flowers

The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Byron Brown, a man who loved the St. Luke's choirs and anthems we sing.

Serving Today

Acolytes: Crucifer: Emma Troha, Candle Lighter: Laura Turnbull, Bible Bearer: Hannah Price, Bell Ringer: Matthew Turnbull

Chancel Guild: Andrea & Roby Price

Continental Breakfast: Allison, Steve, Rachel & Laura Thornton

Faithful Friends: Andrea & David Stewart

Greeter: Gena Spears
Nursery Supervisor: Niki Rabren
Open/Close: Josh Nunez
Sound Crew: Brad Troha

Ushers: Langley Perry - captain, Dorothy, Mike, Mary Frances & Catherine Kitchens

We would like to thank Brian Whitener for being the Bible Bearer last Sunday, November 10, 2013.

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**Commitment: "Overflowing with Thanksgiving":** Thank you to the 202 families and individuals, and the children who have pledged \$981,484; we're on our way to our 2014 goal. Help support our Christian ministries. It's quick and easy! Send a confidential email to commitment@slpres.org, or drop a hardcopy form from inside a friendship registry in the pews in the mail or the Treasurer's mailbox in the church office. Your commitment is important to continuing the blessings you love about St. Luke's, so please take a minute and join the flock.

**Officer Recommendations:** The Officer Recommendation forms are available in the lobby and narthex. If you would like to recommend someone to be a deacon or elder for the Class of 2017, please complete a form and place it in the boxes provided in the lobby or narthex. Let us hear from you by Sunday, **December 8**. Be sure to have requested permission from the individual you nominate. Thanks from the Officer Nomination Committee.

**Square Dance Time - TODAY, November 17, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Great Hall:** Come for a country dinner of hot dogs, beans, salad, veggies, iced tea, water, lemonade and a great dessert of apple pie and ice cream. It's SQUARE DANCE TIME!! We have a caller to help those who need a little help to learn how to square dance and for those who know, here is a chance to brush up on your skills. Donations accepted at the door.

Family Promise: Beginning next Sunday, November 24, we will be hosting Family Promise guests for seven days in our church. Volunteers prepare food, spend the night or just relax with the families in our very own living room in the Youth Center. Bring a friend or your family and help others who are on their way to better lives. Please check the Highlights for a direct link to sign up at: http://goo.gl/GZqMzM. Betsy and David King (770-394-2742), Beth Underhill (678-491-1765), and Annie Hardy (770-804-8049) will again serve as our volunteer coordinators.

Stephen Ministry: We are honored by the support we have received as we began the Stephen Ministry in 2008. We celebrated our annual Stephen Ministry Sunday November 3. It was a pleasure to serve continental breakfast to many hungry members! Jason's sermon, "Pass It On" encouraged us to share with chosen family and friends the difference they have made in our lives. If you were not in attendance, you may listen to the sermon via our website. If you would like additional Blue Ribbons, contact Cathie Rogers. If you experienced a particularly special moment with your chosen blue ribbon recipient(s) - "Pass It BACK" to us! We would love for our congregation to know about how good does go around! Share your message via email to Stephen Leader Cathie Rogers at cathierogers@gmail.com.

Your "Foundation for the Future" Dollars at Work: Thanks to the "Foundation for the Future" campaign and the leadership of Elder Dave McKenney, you can see several projects to improve our facilities. Work has already begun for new sanctuary windows and we are also having the EIFS (stucco) refinished on the sanctuary. This is being done by Painter Waterproofing and Restoration, owner is Tate Painter. When these are finished, the shed roofs on both sides of the sanctuary will be re-roofed. When the trucks are gone, the parking lot will be resealed and restriped.

For more information on our Advent and Christmas events, please see the flyers available in the lobby, narthex, and on our website, www.slpres.org.

# <u>KNOW</u>

**Men's Bible Study:** Meets every Friday, year round, 6:40-8 a.m. in the Parlor, Room 145, and is led by Dave Elkins. Gather with other men before you start your day to share in Bible study and fellowship. We are studying First John.

#### St. Luke's Presbyterian Women (SLPW)

**Tuesday, December 3 at 7 p.m.:** Coordinating Team Meeting in the Parlor, Room 145) **Monday, December 9:** Christmas dinner and communion service. See the Advent brochure. **Circle Meetings** will resume in January.

Questions? Contact Ellen Womack, Moderator, at epwomack@bellsouth.net or 770-913-0314.

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

**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. Lesson: The Messiah's Vocation (Matthew, Chapter 8)

**FINCH (Families in Christ), Room 203:** This class brings together parents and adults to learn and grow in our faith and our ability to share that faith with our families. We are currently doing a study from the Marriage Enrichment series where we will have some guest teachers from the SLPC Marriage Enrichment Group.

**The New Testament - The Historical Jesus**, Room 145, Parlor: This is a series of DVD lectures by Professor Bart D. Ehrman, James A. Gray Distinguished Professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dr. Ehrman's lectures will extend into early December, 2013.

**Seasons of the Spirit, Room 231-233:** A biblically-based discussion class following the revised common Lectionary. Lesson: How do we keep the faith in times of controversy, even within the church? (Colossians 1:11-20)

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

Questions? Contact Shannon Dill at shannondill@slpres.org or 770-393-1424 ext. 229.

#### Youth Connection (SLYC)

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

**Youth Connect:** Sundays, 5-7 p.m., in the Great Hall

Youth Choir: Will resume regular rehearsals on Sunday, December 8, 7-8 p.m., in the Choir Room

Questions? Contact Phil Brown at philbrown@slpres.org or 770-393-1424 ext. 238.

#### News from SPLASH! Children's Ministries

**Family Advent Calendars:** Our matchbox calendars with Advent activities were so popular last year, we decided to offer them again to families who may not already have one. Craft tables will be set up in the lobby throughout November, along with the packet of daily activity slips. If you still have your calendar, pick up a new packet of slips.

**Faithful Friends Volunteers Needed:** We need <u>lots of people</u> to teach just one week of Faithful Friends, our worship exploration class which meets during the 11:00 worship each week in Room 121. All lessons are prepared...it's a turnkey job. We need two adults each week, and you get to pick the date. Ask a spouse or friend to join you!

**SPLASH Kids Love This Gift!** The children of St. Luke's are delighted with the recent gift of six adjustable blue children's folding tables and 48 brightly colored chairs given by Marilyn Brown in memory of her husband, Byron. For so many years Byron delighted in greeting our children in the Great Hall on Wednesday nights...and now, those same children are delighted to have these beautiful tables and chairs for crafts, meals, and fellowship. On behalf of all our families, we extend a heartfelt thanks to Marilyn for this incredible gift.

Questions? Contact Catherine Anne Thomas at cathomas@slpres.org or 770-393-1424 ext. 228.

#### **SHARE**

Last Sunday, St. Luke's Church welcomed 16 guests to its worship services. Each Sunday, many of our pews will have a first-time or repeat visitor. Your warm welcome to our guests expresses the inviting and hospitable character of this congregation. Your smile and welcoming word make a difference.

**Marriage Enrichment Group Monthly Meetings:** Our monthly meetings will resume in January. New couples or couples with questions may contact Kimey and Mark Reed at kimeyreed@gmail.com or 404-441-8614.

Brunch Day at O'Brian's Tavern, next Sunday, November 24: Our friends at O'Brian's Tavern have invited St. Luke's to brunch every 4th Sunday of the month. It is a win-win! We purchase yummy food and they donate a portion of the proceeds to St. Luke's (just tell them you are from St. Luke's)! If you haven' tried O'Brian's Tavern, it is just down the street (2486 Mt. Vernon Road), is family friendly, and has a wonderful atmosphere. So mark your calendars now and make it a date to meet your St. Luke's family at O'Brian's every 4th Sunday!

Jobs & Java - St. Luke's Job Seekers Support Group on Tuesday, November 26: We will meet at noon in Room 230 for networking and support. For information, contact Jim Garrison, jimgarrison@mindspring.com, or Jared Elliot, jared.elliot@att.net.

**Men's Breakfast:** In December it will be held the **first Saturday, December 7**. A delicious breakfast will be served at 8:00. Please bring a new unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots Drive. We will also have a program that is sure to inspire. Contact Daryl Moore with questions. H: 770-395-6278; C: 404-993-6203; ddmoore@yahoo.com.

**Better Marriages Getaway Weekend for Your Marriage:** Registration is underway for the Better Marriage Getaway Weekend, "Pathways to the Heart", **February 14-16, 2014** at the Sea Palms Resort in St. Simons Island, GA. The registration fee is \$225 per couple before January 13 (then \$255). The hotel room is booked separately at \$129 per night. Registration forms can be found at www.BetterMarriagesGA.org or contact Kimey and Mark Reed at kimeyreed@gmail.com or 404-441-8614 for more information. This would be a fantastic Valentine's gift.

**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 located on the main lobby bulletin board. Please sign up or call Celeste Fischer, 404-434-8099 or Faye Cashwell, 770-409-1960.

**Visit St. Luke's Library!** Many of you may not realize that we have a wonderful small library here at St. Luke's. It is located upstairs directly above the lobby and is open to all members. We have everything from children's books to books on theology - really something for everyone. Stop by to see what you may like to read next.

The Worship Exploratory Task Force Committee wants to hear from you! We are engaged in ongoing discussions on how we can better serve our congregants in worship. Please contact a member of the committee or Bruce Jones - chair, stratocaster2@comcast.net or 404-304-5346, with your comments, concerns, and suggestions. Members of the committee are Mary Louise Connor, Parker Cutler, Debi Elkins, Jim Giesler, Jill Hudson, Tom Loftis, Clair Maxwell, Wendy Moreland, Paula Morris, Roby Price, Kimey Reed, Edna Schell, Jim Schell and Jason Whitener.

#### From the Choir Loft

CHRISTMAS is just around the corner. Be a part of choir as we rehearse Christmas music for Toys for Tots and Lessons and Carols. It would be great to have YOU singing up front for these special seasonal events. Contact Clair Maxwell (clairmaxwell@slpres.org or 770-393-1424 ext. 227) about participating and sharing your musical gifts. You are also welcome to join the Chancel Choir next **Sunday, November 24** as we sing "Now Thank We All Our God." Join us!

Chancel Choir (adults) Wednesdays, 7:30-9 p.m.

Festival Ringers (youth & adults) Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15 p.m.

**Youth Choir (6th-12th grades)** Will resume regular rehearsals on Sunday, December 8, 7-8 p.m., in the Choir Room **Westminster Choir (2nd-5th grades)** Wednesdays, 5-5:45 p.m.

Cherub Choir (4 years - 1st grade) Wednesdays, 5:15-5:45 p.m.

# **SERVE**

**Buy Some; Share One:** St. Luke's has an ongoing food drive to support local organizations. We ask that <u>every</u> time you go to the grocery store, pick up one extra non-perishable item and put it in one of the carts in the main lobby (just inside the doors at the Manhasset entrance) - Buy Some; Share One! Their most needed items are canned meats such as chicken and tuna, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, rice, canned vegetables, cereal and toilet paper. Please help fill the pantry for neighbors seeking assistance. We are now collecting for the Community Assistance Center.

**Volunteers Needed to Provide Dinner at IOH:** 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 when the parents receive life skills training. Reimbursement for IOH meals is budgeted. This typically involves approximately 10 adults and 15 children. If you, your family, or group are willing to provide and serve a meal for IOH, please put your name on the sign-up sheet on the lobby bulletin board or contact Al Bridges at 770-394-6581. We still need someone to sign up for the dinner on May 15, 2014. If you would like to help with a dinner for another night, please contact the person already signed up.

**Share a Dinner at Journey Night Shelter:** St. Luke's provides dinner on the fourth Sunday of the month for 26 homeless men at Journey (formerly Druid Hills). Volunteers are needed for each month, September 2013 through August 2014. The following dates in 2014 are still available: April 27, May 25, June 27, July 27. If you, your family, or group are willing to provide a meal one month, please sign up on the sheet on the lobby bulletin board or you may call Al Bridges at 770-394-6581.

Get together with some friends for a continental breakfast here at St. Luke's every Sunday morning and welcome folks as they arrive. If you and your friends could furnish one of these breakfasts, we will be glad to reimburse you. Please sign up on http://bit.ly/slpcbrkfst or contact Jay Burton, jburton@mfllaw.com. We also need volunteers to greet folks as they come in through the lobby and narthex. All you need is a smile and to be able to open a door! Families are encouraged to help. Sign up to be a greeter at http://bit.ly/slpcgreet2 or contact Jay Burton, jburton@mfllaw.com.

# Special Event for ALL Wednesday, November 20



STOP HUNGER NOW, an international relief organization, provides the "know-how" and the supplies; we provide the workers! Help us curb world hunger from 6:15-7:30 p.m. in the Great Hall as we package 10,000 dehydrated meals. All ages are welcome. The menu for us is beans and rice, with dinner at 5:45 p.m. If you wish to sign up for this dinner (\$7 per person), fill out the blue pew card or sign up in the lobby. (This is NOT a part of FEAST for ALL.)

# Welcome to our 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 Michelle Vail, Elder Allison Thornton, and our Pastors in the Narthex. 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 and/or are interested in joining, please contact Jason Whitener at jasonwhitener@slpres.org. or 770-393-1424, ext. 223.

**5** 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, along with activity sheets pertaining to today's scripture. An usher can assist you.

# St. Luke's Presbyterian Church

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8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion Service ~ 9:30 Sunday School ~ 11 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service (Nursery Provided for all services and Sunday School)

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday (After hours pastoral emergency, please call one of the pastors at home.)

# Church Staff

Pastor, Dr. Jason Whitener Associate Pastor, Rev. Shannon Dill Associate Pastor, Rev. Phil Brown Pastor Emeritus, Dr. E. Moss Robertson Facilities Manager, Roby Price Receptionist, Sally Hawkins Treasurer, Gary Phipps Director of Children's Ministries,
Catherine Anne Thomas
Director of Music & Organist, Clair Maxwell
Director of St. Luke's Little Saints Preschool &
Kindergarten, Carol Perry
Administrative Assistants, Liz Catlett & Bonnie Farrar

# Pastoral Counseling

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

Last Sunday's Attendance: 8:30 a.m. - 76 11 a.m. - 265 Nursery - 35 Last Sunday's Tithes & Offerings: \$17,085 Financial reports available online.