



SAINT LUKE'S

P R E S B Y T E R I A N C H U R C H

MUSIC MINISTRY SUNDAY

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.

Nov.16, 2014  11:00 a.m.



November 16, 2014

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: Green

Green is used to represent spiritual growth.

*The rose is given to the Glory of God and in celebration of **Mia Brown**, born October 4, 2014, to Phil and Kara Brown.*

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

AcolytesSupervisor, Cailin Thelen
Bell Ringer.....Valentina Thelen
Bible BearerAvery Williams
Candle LighterCatherine Kitchens
CruciferChristine Turnbull

Thank you to Katie Miller for filling in last Sunday.

Chancel Guild Art & Vicky Simon

Continental BreakfastMichelle Vail

Faithful Friends Niki Rabren

GreetersStephanie McGoldrick

Nursery Supervisor Becky Lamont

Open/Close Josh Nunez

Sound CrewPaul Clay

Ushers Captain, Langley Perry;
Sally & Dan Joyce, Sarah & Rob Caverhill

WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are delighted you are worshiping 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 Deacon Taylor Vivian, Elder Saralyn Hill, and our Pastors in the Narthex (Sanctuary lobby). They will answer questions and provide you with a Guest Packet and a homemade loaf of 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 are a precious part of our church family, and we encourage all families to include them in worship. Worship notebooks are available on the back ledges of the sanctuary for preschool and elementary ages, and we invite all children to walk up for an age-appropriate message during "Tell Us Our Story" each week. After that time children are welcome to remain in worship, to play and hear a Bible story in **child care** (PreK and younger), or to learn more about our worship traditions in **Faithful Friends** (for K, 1st and 2nd grades).



In Preparation for Worship

“Be imitators of the Lord, for in spite of [all that you have gone through] you received the Word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, to be an example to all the believers in Dunwoody, Sandy Springs and in all of Northeast Atlanta.”
1st Thessalonians 1:6-7 adapted



Gathering Prayer

Prelude

Resounding Joy *Susan Geschke*

Festival Ringers

* Welcome & Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minute for Music

Clair Maxwell

Minute for Commitment Update

Chris Wiseman

* Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 27 and John 4:23

Leader: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation

People: **The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.**

Leader: We desire to live in God’s house and to seek God in his holy temple.

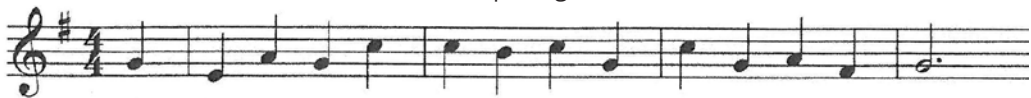
People: **We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

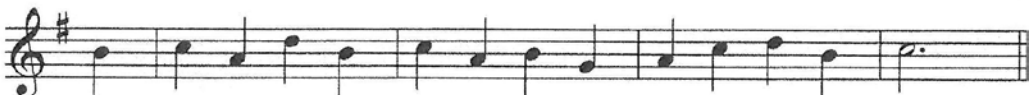
All: **Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.**

* Hymn

O God, Our Help in Ages Past *ST. ANNE*



Congregation: 1. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
Choir: 2. *Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived its - frame,*
Congregation: 3. A thou - sand a - ges, in thy sight, are like an eve - ning gone;
Choir: 4. *Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream, soon bears us all a - way;*
Congregation: 5. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come;



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home.
from ev - er - last - ing, thou art God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night, be - fore the ris - ing sun.
we fly for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the op'n - ing day.
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our e - ter - nal home.

* **Call to Confession**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

* **Prayer of Confession**

O God, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. Christ calls us stewards, but we squander Your gifts. He gives us tasks to perform, yet we do as we please. He send us to minister on behalf of those suffering; we are slow to respond. He expects us to honor You in all we do; yet much of what we do is to ours. O God, forgive our waywardness; guide us and correct us – that we may witness Christ in all that we do... *(time of silent confession)*

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer, Amen.

* **Assurance of Forgiveness**

* **Song of Praise**

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me *GLORY TO GOD*



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

Anthem

Sing of Colors (*De Colores*) Mexican traditional, arr. Hal H. Hopson

Westminster Choir

Sing of colors that over the hills in profusion are springing; of the birds that fly outside my window their canticles singing; in the rainbow's bright colors the promise of hope we recall; that make up the earth and give thanks to the God who created us all. Sing to the God of all colors.

Sing, rejoicing! Every creature that breathes raise a song to the God of creation. Sing to God who so earnestly cares, who has offered salvation. Sing the good news! Sing the love of the Savior reflecting the colors of all. Many colors that shine from God's face, many colors that tell us God's love to recall.

Tell Us Our Story

Phil Brown

Parents may take their young children (through PreK) to our nursery. Parents of children in K, 1st or 2nd grade may take them to the Narthex and fill out a [Faithful Friends](#) name tag, provided a child authorization form is on file. If a form is not on file, parents should take their Faithful Friend to The Harbor, Rm. 213.

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.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 3:1-11; page 48

Jennie Burroughs

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; page 191

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

What Are We Here For?

Steve Vance

Anthem

Serve the Lord with Gladness *Rollo Dillworth*

Chancel and Youth Choirs

Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before His presence with glorious singing. O praise ye the Lord. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Know that the Lord is God; it is He that hath made us. We are the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and praise; give thanks and bless His name. *Psalm 100:2-4*

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. *Thomas Ken*

* **Affirmation of Faith**

from 'A Declaration of Faith,' 1978

We affirm that Christ calls us to be disciples. In forming His people and sending them into the world, Jesus called individuals to be disciples. They were to share the joy of His companionship, to understand and obey His teachings, and to follow Him in life and death. We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God's undeserved gift to each of us. It is also God's demand upon every one of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us. Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters, we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life. Amen.

* **Offering**

A Grand Celebration *Derek Hakes*

Festival Ringers

Song of Thanksgiving

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**

from 'The Worship Sourcebook'

* **Hymn**

Now Thank We All Our God *NUN DANKET*

Congregation: 1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voice - es,
 Choir: 2. O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
 Congregation: 3. All praise and thanks to God the Fa-ther now be giv - en;

who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re-joice - es;
 with ev-er joy-ful hearts and bless-ed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in high-est heav-en;

who from our moth-ers' arms has blessed-us on our way
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide-us when per-plexed;
 the one e-ter-nal God, whom earth-and heav'n a-dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev-er-more.

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* **Benediction**

* **Choral Blessing**

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth *Michael Burkhardt* Youth Choir

The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to make of all the earth a better place to live. The angels are not sent into our world of pain to do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name; that falls to you and me and all who are made free. Help us, O Lord, we pray to do your will today.

* **Postlude**

Now Thank We All Our God *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

IMPORTANT: Please plan to attend a congregational meeting **TODAY** after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to elect two nominating committees.

HAVE YOU PLEDGED YET?

So far, 184 members, children, families and guests have generously pledged a total of \$993,000. We thank and appreciate all who committed to supporting Saint Luke's loving ministries with their time, talent and treasure. On Sunday, November 23rd, we will celebrate with thanksgiving the blessing of our offerings with a renewal of baptismal covenants.

For those who have not yet made a pledge, I offer the following words of encouragement:

- YOU are important and part of what your Saint Luke's family loves about our church
- Your time, talent and treasure are a critical part of what brings Saint Luke's alive
- Your pledge allows for prudent budgeting and financial stewardship on Nov. 23rd
- We are 74% of the way to our financial goal of \$1,350,000
- You can easily email your pledge to commitment@slpres.org

If you haven't had a chance or forgot, take a brief moment to email your pledge. If you set annual bank or credit card drafts at slpres.org, please update them. If you're in your pew, put a pledge form from the friendship pad into the offering plate. If you have questions to ask or thoughts to share, the ministers and Commitment Committee members are available.

While Saint Luke's faces the uncertainty of transition, we remain a family. The hallways of hearts show the thing we love most about Saint Luke's is people. Whether individual staff, members of ministries, people who helped through difficult times or simply the family feel, each of us makes Saint Luke's a beacon of faith, hope and love.

Your Commitment Committee,
Allison Thornton
Chris Wiseman
Kay Loerch



Youth Connection

Phil Brown: philbrown@slpres.org / 770.393.1424 ext. 238

NOV. 16: MS Sunday School / HS Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Youth Group 5 - 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending any SUMMER TRIPS, it is **very important** that youth and parents attend. Details will be discussed and information will be given out. We will also have a potluck dinner, so please bring a dish to share.

NOV. 18: HS Tuesday Breakfast Meet at Jett Ferry Chick-fil-a at 6:45 a.m.

NOV. 23: MS Sunday School / HS Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Youth Group 5 - 7:00 p.m. Come out and bring your improv skills for a fun night of games and dramatic entertainment.

NOV. 30: MS Sunday School / HS Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m.

No Youth Group Be thankful for your family.



Music Ministry

Clair Maxwell: clairmaxwell@slpres.org / 770.393.1424 ext. 227

TOYS FOR TOTS CONCERT Sunday, December 7 at 4 pm in the sanctuary. Our annual event featuring our own Chancel Choir, Festival Ringers and members of the Premiere Brass will present music of the season and carol singing for the entire family. Bring a new, unwrapped toy for donation. Child care is provided, but all ages are welcome at this festive concert!

GLORY TO GOD Our church is in the process of acquiring the new Presbyterian Hymnal recently published in 2013. The new hymnal, "Glory to God," will include 800 hymns, as well as many worship aids. You can dedicate a hymnal in honor, memory or celebration of someone special to you as you purchase one. The cost is \$20 each, and a name plate will be placed inside the front cover of each hymnal donated. See Clair for a sample or for more information.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC We gratefully appreciate your financial support of the Celebrate the Arts concert series at any level. If you would like to make a contribution and become a Friends of Music patron, please contact Clair for more information or donate online at www.slpres.org.

CHOIR REHEARSALS: WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Chancel Choir *Adults*
7:30-9:00 p.m. / Choir Room

Festival Ringers *Youth & Adults*
6:15-7:15 p.m. / Bell Room

Westminster Choir *Grades 2-5*
5:00-5:45 p.m. / Choir room

Cherub Choir* *Age 4 - Grade 1*
5:15-5:45 p.m. / Dock

SUNDAY NIGHTS

Youth Choir *Grades 6-12*
7:00-8:00 p.m. / Choir Room



Adult Ministry

Shannon Dill: shannondill@slpres.org / 770.393.1424 ext. 229

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES meet most Sundays from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

The Story of the Bible	Rm 145
FINCH (Families in Christ)	Rm 203
Seasons of the Spirit	Rm 231-233
Faith Foundations	Rm 232
Soul Food	Rm 234-236

DISCIPLE IV CLASS Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m., in the Session room.

FAMILY PROMISE We have so much to be thankful for! Put your thankfulness into action by volunteering to make Saint Luke's feel like home for homeless children and their parents. They arrive at Saint Luke's Nov. 30 (Sun. after Thanksgiving) and stay with us through Dec. 7. Their holiday plans and expectations are a little different than most of ours, but I guarantee they'd appreciate seeing your smiling faces. <http://tinyurl.com/SLPCFPDec2014>

REGISTER NOW for **MOUNTAIN T.O.P. FAMILY WEEKENDS** Your family has a unique opportunity to serve families in the Cumberland Mountains through working and worshipping together. You will also find a place to work on replenishing, renewing and reclaiming the needs of your family. You'll arrive Fri. evening, work in the community on Sat., worship Sat. evening, and leave Sun. morning after breakfast. Projects are based on the skills of family members and the expressed needs of the families we work with. Spaces fill up very quickly, so sign up today at <http://mountain-top.org/family-weekend/family-weekend-application>, or contact Shannon Dill with questions. 12 & under: \$50; 13 & up: \$60; \$200 max per family. 2015 Dates: **March 27-29** or **April 10-12**.

FRIDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Fellowship and Bible study every Fri. from 6:40-8 a.m. in the Parlor with Dan Joyce.

MOMS... be encouraged, laugh together, pray for one another, and grow! We meet every Wed. from 10-11 a.m. in the Session Room. Come when you can and as you are! Feel free to bring a friend. Childcare provided (by reservation). Contact Shannon Dill to register.

STEPHEN MINISTRY As we enter into a season of gratitude, the Stephen Ministers thank you, our congregation, for allowing us the honor of growing, learning, and walking along side you during challenging times. Don't forget that when the pains of life come your way, a Stephen Minister is available to care for you and to bring God's love in a special, personal, and confidential way. In turn, our whole church family grows stronger when members use this caring ministry. Stephen Leaders, Shannon Dill and Laura Strange, are available to make confidential referrals – please don't hesitate to call on us.

DECK THE HALLS! Begin the Advent season by helping us decorate the church on **Sat., Nov. 29** (after Thanksgiving) at 9:30 a.m. If you have just 30 minutes or an hour to spare, please join us! It won't take long and it's a great way to get in the Christmas Spirit. Questions? Contact Jan Slater, 770.391.0489.

POINSETTIAS Please help cover the cost of our poinsettias. Your purchase may honor or remember a loved one and their names will be published in the bulletin on Dec. 21. Donation envelopes are in the pew boxes until Dec. 14. \$15 per plant (please write "poinsettias" on the memo line). You may take poinsettias home after worship on Jan. 4. Contact: Jan Slater, 770.391.0489 or Nancy Self, 404.237.6551.

PW FALL BAKE SALE Home made Orange-Cranberry or Pumpkin Bread will be available in the lobby between the worship services and after the 11:00 service on **Nov. 23**. Proceeds support PW projects and ministries. Sm. \$4 / Lg. \$8.

Women and their guests are invited to the annual **PW CHRISTMAS DINNER** and communion worship service on Mon., Dec. 8th at 6 p.m. Dinner will be in the Great Hall at 6:30 p.m., followed by a worship service in the sanctuary (led by Rev. Lyndsay Slocum, Senior Associate Pastor at Roswell Pres. Church). The cost is \$15 per person. Sign up in the lobby or online at www.slpres.org/pw-christmas-dinner/.

THORNWELL CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Saint Luke's Presbyterian Women has supported *Thornwell Home for Children* for over 30 years with a special Christmas Offering. Join our tradition of making a Thornwell donation in lieu of sending Christmas cards to your Saint Luke's Family! Place your contribution in the offering plate or use the envelopes provided in the lobby. Donations will be accepted through Dec. 14. **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN.**

BE A TARTAN TROT SPONSOR! We need your help to put on a successful race. All race proceeds go directly to Youth Mission and Saint Luke's Outreach. Pledge cards are available in the lobby, on the Saint Luke's website (www.slpres.org/serve/tartan-trot/) or by email: Laura at laurasingley@att.net. Thanks in advance for your support.

ANGELS NEEDED! You (or your family or small group) can make Christmas special for a needy child. Select a name from the Angel Tree in the lobby, use the listed suggestions to purchase items for that child, place items in the plastic bag provided, and return the gifts to the church by **Sun., Nov. 23rd**.

SHOEBOXES DUE TOMORROW Filled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child are due Mon., Nov. 17th. Just drop them off at the OCC table in the lobby so they can begin their journey around the world to needy children and families. Contact Meg Wallace with any questions: 404.293.1328.

ADVENT wreath/calendars and devotional guides are here! Celebrate the season of *Comfort and Joy* with these child-friendly resources, available now in the main lobby.

THE 5:00 FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE on Christmas Eve is age-appropriate for ALL generations! We have reading and non-reading parts for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Please contact Catherine Anne if someone in your family would like to participate. There is only one rehearsal: Sun., Dec. 15 at noon.

The **OWLS' ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE** will be at Libby Neely's on Dec. 13, 2 - 4 p.m. We will have shrimp and all sorts of goodies to enjoy. There will be drivers at the Church to carpool everyone to and from Libby's. See you then!

SANTA CLAUS EXPRESS The Presbyterian Women are collecting gifts for residents of the Presbyterian Home & Village to remind them that they are not forgotten during the holidays. A suggested gift list is in the lobby. Collection baskets are in the lobby and PW room until **Nov. 30**. Questions: Beverly Miller, 770.394.4833.

CHRISMONS & COOKIES RECEPTION During both services on Dec. 7, our Presbyterian Women will present their annual gift to our children: a Chrismon ("Christ's Monogram"). To celebrate this sharing of faith, the children of Saint Luke's, their families, and the members who made this year's Chrismons are invited to enjoy Christmas cookies after our 11:00 service in the parlor.

Mark your calendar:

NOVEMBER

16 Congregational Meeting, Noon

17 **Operation Christmas Child:**
Shoeboxes are due

23 PW Bake Sale
Angel Tree: all items due

29 Decorate the Church, 9:30 a.m.

30 **Santa Claus Express:** all items due
Family Promise (through Dec. 7)

DECEMBER

7 Happy Birthday Jesus, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Toys for Tots Concert, 4 p.m.

8 Chrismons & Cookies, Noon
PW Christmas Dinner & Worship, 6 p.m.

13 OWLS Christmas Open House, 2-4 p.m.
Christmas Party, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

14 Lessons & Carols: special music at
8:30 and 11 a.m. services
Thornwell Children's Home:
Last day for Christmas offering
Last day for **Pointsettias**
Service of Comfort & Rest, 5 p.m.

16 Live Nativity, 6-7:30 p.m.

24 Christmas Eve Services:
5:30, 7:30 & 11 p.m.

FINANCE SUMMARY

Month: Oct 2014	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Total Income	\$ 93,544	\$ 99,668	- \$ 6,124
Total Expenses	109,449	119,979	- 10,530
NET	- \$ 15,905	- \$ 20,311	\$ 4,406

Year-to-date: 10/31/2014	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Total Income	\$1,259,976	\$1,221,260	\$38,716
Total Expenses	1,302,906	1,331,412	- 28,506
NET	- \$ 42,930	- \$ 110,153	\$67,223

Financial reports available online.

ATTENDANCE

NOV 9 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 8:30 / 45 11:00 / 256

CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor Rev. Steve Vance
 Associate Pastor Rev. Shannon Dill
 Associate Pastor Rev. Phil Brown
 Pastor Emeritus Dr. E. Moss Robertson
 Director of Music & Organist Clair Maxwell
 Director of Children's Ministries Catherine Anne Thomas
 Director of Saint Luke's Little Saints
 Preschool & Kindergarten Carol Perry
 Intern for Children & Youth Ministry Emily Wilmesherr
 Director of Communications Tina Knoedler
 Administrative Assistants Liz Catlett & Bonnie Farrar
 Receptionist Sally Hawkins
 Facilities Manager Roby Price
 Treasurer Gary Phipps

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SAINT LUKE'S
 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ELDERS

Class of 2015:

Jennie Burroughs, Jared Elliot,
 Samantha Holley (*youth*),
 Tricia Igleheart, Fern Mitropoulos,
 Mark Reed, Chris Wiseman,
 Les Woodsides

Class of 2016:

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

Class of 2017:

Candy Cox, John Eagar,
 Saralyn Hill, TJ McGoldrick,
 Donna Nall, Gary Phipps,
 Pete Shelton

DEACONS

Class of 2015:

Maria Barnhart, Matt Biggerstaff,
 Sarah Caverhill, Peter Keohane,
 Julie Knotts, Jack McKenney (*youth*),
 Billy Martin (*Moderator*),
 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

Class of 2017:

Joyce Kratzenberg, Stacey Kruse,
 Joanna Mangum, Stephen Moss,
 Sharon Polensek, Barry Smith,
 Russell Wolfe