



FRUITFUL DISCIPLESHIP

Palm 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.



SAINT LUKE'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 29, 2015 ❖ 11:00 a.m.

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Liturgical Color: *Purple*

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

The flowers are given by Mark Ryan and Kay Loerch for God's Glory and in honor of the 17th birthday of their daughter, Katie Ryan, on April 3rd.

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

Acolytes Supervisor, Cailin Thelen
 Bell Ringer James Moebes
 Bible Bearer Douglass Vivian
 Candle Lighter Katie Moebes
 Crucifer Allie Hearn

Chancel Guild Andrea Price

Continental Breakfast Family Promise

Greeter Billy Martin

Nursery Supervisor Maghan Cockrell

Open/Close Miles Young

Sound Crew Lindsay Ballow

Ushers Captain, Langley Perry

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 Maria Barnhart, Elder Mark Reed, and our Pastors in the Narthex (Sanctuary lobby). They will 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 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

Just as Christ entered Jerusalem to fulfill his calling, congregations must embrace our calling to bear fruit that will last. Discipleship is God shaping us into a people who bear the fruit of the gospel. *“We must grow and adapt in ways that are purposeful, thoughtful, and faithful. By repeating, deepening, expanding and improving on the five practices characteristic of fruitful congregations, God’s people deepen their relationship in Christ.”*

Robert Schnase



Gathering Prayer

Shannon Dill

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Jesus, Still Lead On *Paul Manz*

Welcome & Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minute for Mission

The Church Assessment Tool (CAT)

Bona Allen

* Call to Worship

Sing Hosanna *arr. Michael Burkhardt*

Westminster Choir

Sing hosanna, praises bring to the King! Amen!

* Hymn #199

Filled with Excitement *HOSANNA*

* Call to Confession

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

* Prayer of Confession

Eternal God of mercy, we confess that daily we awake to the new life You give, yet we fail to be thankful for the rest we have received. Moments await our decision to serve You, yet time passes away as we think only of ourselves. Our routine affords us the chance to minister to others, yet we are absorbed with our own self-improvement. The day is soon passed; much like every other. Forgive us, O God, for casting aside the precious time You have given. We ask this through Jesus Christ as we offer our personal prayers of confession... *(time of silent confession)*

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer, Amen.**

* **Assurance of Forgiveness**

* **Song of Praise**

#441 Hear the Good News of Salvation *Stanza 2*

Tell Us Our Story

Phil Brown

Parents may take their young children (through PreK) to our nursery, Rm. 121 in Sheppard Hall.

*Parents of children in K, 1st or 2nd grade may take them to **Faithful Friends** in **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.

Anthem

God's Wondrous World *arr. Pat Messick*

Westminster Choir

This is God's wondrous world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; God's hand the wonders wrought.

The birds their carols raise, the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise. It shines in all that's fair; in rustling grass I hear God pass, and speak to me everywhere. O let me not forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet. Why should my heart be sad? Let all earth sing and the heavens ring; God reigns, let the earth be glad!

Maltbie Babcock

New Testament Reading

Mark 11:1-13; page 44

Cindy Nunez

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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John 15:1-8; page 103

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Sermon

Practicing Fruitful Discipleship

Steve Vance

Concluding a Series on the Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations

* **Hymn #196**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor *VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN*

* **Affirmation of Faith**

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.

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.

Offertory

Sing unto the Lord *arr. Tom Fettke*

We have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship Him, Christ the Lord. I will sing unto the Lord a brand new song. I will lift up my eyes where my strength comes from. For the Lord is so good and greatly to be praised. Let us lay down our sorrows, and our hearts to heaven raise. Hosanna! Lift your voices up, let praises ring. Sing, o earth, unto the King of kings.

* **Song of Thanksgiving**

Doxology *OLD HUNDREDTH*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

* **Prayer of Dedication**

* **Hymn #197**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna *ELLACOMBE*

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Blessing**

Amen *John Rutter*

Chancel Choir

* **Postlude**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna! *J. Wayne Kerr*



Today: All are invited to the Great Hall immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service for a **FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON**. Enjoy lunch with your church family for only \$5/person (pay at the door; \$15/family max). Immediately following the luncheon is the annual **CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT**.

Don't miss the fun!

Holy Week & Easter Services:

**SUNDAY
MARCH 29**

Palm Sunday

8:30 & 11 a.m.

- Luncheon
- Egg Hunt

**THURSDAY
APR 2**

Maundy Thursday

7:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY
APR 3**

Good Friday

12:00 Noon Worship

Followed by lunch

**SUNDAY
APR 5**

Easter Sunday

7 a.m. Sunrise Service

8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship Services in the Sanctuary

From the PNC: the Church Assessment Tool (CAT) is open March 29 through April 12

CAT OPENS TODAY

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/StLukePresDunwoody>

To find the pastor that God has chosen for Saint Luke's, we need to obtain information from each one of you. The Atlanta Presbytery is providing the Church Assessment Tool (CAT) to gather this information efficiently. The CAT is an online survey of questions about what is important to you, the members. The survey takes about 20 minutes to complete.

If computers aren't your thing, there are paper copies and a box for the completed surveys on a table in the main lobby (where the flowers are). The online and paper surveys will be available through Sunday, April 12.

Please let us know your thoughts! We will also be scheduling listening sessions around the church to talk with you in person. Finally, feel free to seek us out for one-on-one conversations as well. We have special nametags in case you don't already know us.

Your PNC: Bona Allen, Marylyn Brown, Bob Crutchfield, Ellie Eisenmesser, Tom Loftis, Cathie Rogers, Allison Thornton, and Jenny Troha



Please recycle

IT'S EASY BEING GREEN After this service, look for a green-labeled basket and recycle this bulletin. This is the first tiny step in our efforts to be better stewards of our environment by recycling what we can at church. Watch the bulletin for more info – and then recycle it!

MEN'S BREAKFAST, APRIL 11 AT 8 A.M.: The World Of Credit - What You Need To Know
Rich Alterman, friend of Gordon Owens and SVP of Business Development at GDS Link, is going to deliver a talk about the world of credit—a very 'now' kind of topic given the proliferation of credit fraud events in our society. Come to learn, be among friends, and enjoy a fantastic breakfast! Please RSVP. Saint Luke's women and their guests are always welcome. Daryl Moore (H)770.395.6278, (M)404.993.6203, ddmooore@yahoo.com

FAMILY PROMISE Saint Luke's is hosting homeless children and their families for one week starting April 5. Volunteering is easy and means so much to these families. Sign up: <http://tinyurl.com/SLPCFPApr2015>. Thank you!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IS UNDERWAY Saint Luke's is building our 19th home - join the fun! Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/habitat19>. Questions? Daryl Moore: 770.395.6278; ddmooore@yahoo.com. If you'd like to carpool, meet at the church parking lot (Manhasset) in time to depart by 7:15 a.m.

THORNWELL HOME FOR CHILDREN in Clinton, SC provides a loving home for abused, abandoned and neglected children. Saint Luke's has had a 30+ year relationship with Thornwell. Saint Luke's mission groups have refurbished classrooms, worked on the campus grounds, made curtains and bed skirts, and built a chicken coop. There are a variety of projects available for volunteer groups of any size and for all ages. Read more about Thornwell and its ministry at www.thornwell.org. **JOIN US JULY 23-25** to participate in various projects on the Thornwell campus. We'll stay at a local hotel in Clinton, SC – a 3-hour car ride from Dunwoody. The cost is approximately \$200. (For youth, this is offset by Tartan Trot proceeds.) Contact Sally Shelton, Thornwell Team Leader, 770.396.5156 / sshelton@cwtvacations.com.

SERVE THE HOMELESS in our community by preparing and serving a meal. Sign up your family, club, or small group on the lobby bulletin board or call AI Bridges at 770.394.6581.

JOURNEY NIGHT SHELTER: Provide dinner for approx. 26 homeless men; 4th Sun. each month.

***** Volunteers needed for May 24 and July 26 *****

INTERFAITH OUTREACH HOME (IOH): provide and deliver meals; 3rd Thurs. each month.

***** Volunteers needed for May 21 *****



Music Ministry

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

CHASTAIN AT SAINT LUKE'S is Sunday, April 26 at 6 p.m. Bring your own food, beverages, plates, utensils, etc. - just like a concert at Chastain Park. Chairs, tables, and entertainment provided! Reserve your spot by April 20 through Liz Catlett in the church office: 770.393.1424 or email lizcatlett@slpres.org (if needed, be sure to also reserve a free child care spot for your child[ren]).



Children's Ministries (SPLASH!)

Catherine Anne Thomas: cathomas@slpres.org / 770.393.1424 ext. 228

EASTER EGG HUNT IS TODAY Age-grouped egg hunts begin after the luncheon.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL at Saint Luke's is June 8-11, with the theme of **Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power**. For info and registration: <http://www.slpres.org/vbs-2015-everest/>. To volunteer, visit the 'Mountain' in the lobby.



Youth Connection

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

Stay current with Saint Luke's Youth Ministry by signing up for text message updates. Dial 81010 and text:

for Middle School updates: youth, text **@6th-8thSL** parents, text **@MSparentSL**
for High School updates: youth, text **@9th-12thSL** parents, text **@HSparentSL**

SUNDAY

- MAR. 29** **9:30 a.m.** Help hide eggs for the Easter egg hunt
5:00-7:00 p.m. Youth Group
- APR. 5** **No Youth Group** (Easter)
- APR. 12** **Youth Group:** the PNC needs your input about a new Pastor.
- APR. 19** **Senior Dinner** (the whole congregation is invited! RSVP: LizCatlett@slpres.org)
- APR. 26** **No Youth Group** (6 p.m.: Chastain)
- May 3** **Six Flags**



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. Descriptions available at: <http://bit.ly/AdultSundaySchool>

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

FRIDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Fellowship and Bible study every Fri. from 6:40-8:00 a.m. in the Parlor with Dan Joyce.

DISCIPLE IV CLASS

Tuesdays, 7-9:00 p.m. in the Session room.

EACH CHURCH MEMBER shares unique friendships within our church family. If you are concerned about a friend and the struggles they are facing, be a good listener. We understand that asking for help might be difficult, but you can also encourage your friend to consider a confidential, one-to-one relationship with a Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministers are eager to help anyone in our church and community experiencing life challenges. Stephen Leaders Shannon Dill or Laura Strange are available to discuss a possible referral to a specially-trained, always confidential Stephen Minister. Thank you for caring for one another in the wonderful ways you do.

GRIEF AND HEALING Bible Study Are you experiencing the loss of a loved one, loss of a job, loss of a home, friends, a spouse? Do you know someone who is? The Stephen Ministry is offering a Bible Study for those who are experiencing the pain of any loss, past or present. 8 weeks. Wed. mornings, 10:30 a.m.-Noon. Begins April 22. Please call Shannon Dill at 770.393.1424 or Paula Morris at 770.570.9958 to sign up and/or for more information.

"THE GOSPEL OF JOHN" by Brad Sherrill will be performed at the Dunwoody Stage Door Players on April 1 & 2. With a few simple props, music and sound, the fourth gospel comes to life in a vibrant, one-man performance. For tickets call 770.396.1726.

SAINT LUKE'S LIBRARY is located above the main lobby/Manhasset entrance. This beautiful, peaceful, well-stocked room has all types of books for all types of readers. Be sure to visit this valuable resource!

M.E.G. (Marriage Enrichment Group) meets monthly: April 19, May 17. Call Kimey Reed for details: 404.441.8614.

STAY & PLAY ON FRIDAYS Saint Luke's Little Saints offers a program for preschoolers on Fri. mornings, 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Contact Carol Perry, 770.393.1424, ext. 240. **This will be available on Good Friday for those who wish to attend our 12:00 worship service.**

SUMMER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER... IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR CAMP!

Here's what you can do at Saint Luke's this Summer:

Saint Luke's Little Saints Preschool & Kindergarten

AGE: 2 and up

TIME: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

COST: \$160

CONTACT: slpres.org/

(go to "Our School" and click on "Upcoming Events")

May 26-29

Treasure Hunter's Camp

*Use secret maps, unearth mysterious treasures
and make a treasure box to stow it all away!*

June 1-4

Beachcomber Camp

*Explore the beach to discover shells and sand crabs;
dive into the ocean to find sneaky sharks and
mythical mermaids! Lots of hands-on fun.*

June 8-11

Vacation Bible School: Everest

AGE: 3 *(by 9/1/2014)* through rising 6th graders

TIME: 9:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

CONTACT: slpres.org/vbs-2015-everest/

July 20-24

Expresions in Motion Dance Camp & Art Camp

AGE: 4-14

CONTACT: eimdance.com

July 27-August 1

Act Up! Camp The Little Mermaid

AGE: Rising 1st graders through age 18

TIME: 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

COST: \$165

CONTACT: slpres.org/2015-act-up/

June 15-19 | July 13-17 | July 20-24

Club Scientific Science & Technology Camp

AGE: 4-15

TIME: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

CONTACT: clubscientific.com/camp-locations

(click on "Saint Luke's")



Serve at Saint Luke's

Put your faith into action by serving your church family.

ACOLYTES Cailin Thelen
770.330.9622 / cailinthelen@gmail.com
2nd-8th Graders; training required.
SIGN UP: <http://acolytes.slpres.org>

CHANCEL GUILD Tricia Igleheart
770.395.0412 / triciaigleheart@gmail.com

CHAPEL GUILD Bill Barbin
wjbpsu70@comcast.net

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST Meg Wallace
404.293.1328 / megwallace24@gmail.com
Bring breakfast on Sunday morning.
SIGN UP: <http://breakfast.slpres.org>

FAITHFUL FRIENDS . . . Catherine Anne Thomas
770.393.1424 x228 / cathomas@slpres.org
*Lead our K-2nd Graders during the 11:00 service after
"Tell Us Our Story." Materials & lessons provided.*
SIGN UP: <http://faithfulfriends.slpres.org>

FLOWERS Celeste Fischer: 404.434.8099
. Faye Cashwell: 770.409.1960
*Flowers for the Sanctuary can be given in honor/
memory of someone or a special event.*
SIGN UP: **Lobby Bulletin Board; \$80**

GREETERS Meg Wallace
404.293.1328 / megwallace24@gmail.com
SIGN UP: <http://greeter.slpres.org>

LAY READERS Wayne Radloff
404.668.7647 / wayneradloff@gmail.com

PEW RACK COMMITTEE Jean Kammerer
770.522.9612 / kammererj@bellsouth.net

SOUND & VIDEO Roby Price
770.393.1424 x244 / RobyPrice@slpres.org
Training required.
SIGN UP: <http://soundcrew.slpres.org>

USHERS Paula Humer
pvhumer@gmail.com

On behalf of the Stanley and Billions families, I want to express our sincere appreciation to Saint Luke's for the thoughtfulness you have shown us over the past weeks. Your kindness and prayers have given us strength and consolation during this difficult time.

Sincerely,
Janet Stanley

Dear Church Family and Friends,
Thank you for the many expressions of love received in so many ways from our loving church family in memory of our beloved grandson, Josh. Your open hearts, love and caring continue to be a comfort to John, me, and the family.

Blessings,
Sally Hawkins

ATTENDANCE

MAR 22	WORSHIP	NURSERY	VISITORS
8:30	66	4	3
11:00	218	21	13

Each Sunday, many of our pews have first-time or repeat visitors. Your smile and welcoming words express the hospitable character of this congregation. Your kindness makes a difference.

CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor	Steve Vance
Associate Pastor	Shannon Dill
Associate Pastor	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
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LEADERSHIP

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:

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:

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Joanna Mangum, Stephen Moss,
Sharon Polensek, Barry Smith,
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