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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS

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

December 13, 2015 ❖ 8:30 a.m.



December 13, 2014
3rd Sunday of Advent

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

The Red Rose on the pulpit is in honor of the birth of Zoë Charlotte Nolan, born Oct. 8th, to Peta & Joe Nolan and older sister Amelia.

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 The Wolfe Family

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 ADVENT WORSHIP activity bags are available on the table just outside the Chapel doors to use and take home. For your convenience, there is a Family Restroom located in the hallway of the administrative offices, on the first floor, near the main lobby.

ABOUT LESSONS AND CAROLS: *The tradition of the "Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols" was established in England - as the adaptation of an earlier service - on Christmas Eve, 1918, in the chapel of Kings College, Cambridge University. The Kings College service was first broadcast by radio in 1928; and, excepting the year 1930, these broadcasts have continued (for seventy years internationally) to this day. This wonderful tradition, moreover, has been duplicated in cathedrals and churches throughout America. Each year, these services of Lessons and Carols includes selections sung by choirs interspersed with congregational hymns and scriptural readings. We invite you to join us this morning at Saint Luke's as we participate in this grand seasonal tradition.*

In Preparation for Worship

There is one God, whose word and wisdom made and ordered all things. **God's word is our Lord** Jesus Christ who in the last times became human among humankind, that Christ might unite the end with the beginning, that is, humankind with God. *Irenaeus of Lyons, 2nd Century*



Prelude

Meditation on "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" *Charles Callahan*

Welcome

Steve Vance

Commitment Update

Dave McKenney

Call to Worship

Hear O my people, "Lift up your heads, your redemption is drawing near!" (LUKE 21:28B)

The prophets have sounded God's words over the ages

Hear, O peoples, all of you! Listen!! (MICAH 1:2)

I am about to do a new thing ... Watch!

For I will bring light that will shine out of the darkness. (2 COR. 4:6)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Tom & Becky Loftis

* Hymn #140

Once in Royal David's City *IRBY*

Introduction & Bidding Prayer

First Lesson

God announces to Adam in the garden of Eden the plight of mankind.

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

Caroline Sanders

Reader: Let us pray.

People: Lord of mercy, despite our sinfulness, You never stopped loving us. Fill our hearts this day, open our ears; that we may hear the good news... and live it. Amen.

Second Lesson

God promises to faithful Abraham that all nations shall be blessed.

Genesis 22:15-18

Mark Rogers

Reader: Let us pray.

People: We give You thanks, O God, for the witness of the faithful through the ages and the blessings that are ours through them. Amen.

* Carol #49

The God of Abraham Praise *LEONI*

Third Lesson

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

Isaiah 11:1-4, 6-9

Beth Dresher

Reader: Let us pray.

People: O God, You promised that Your reign would bring the justice and peace for which the world yearns. May we help to bring this vision into our world today. Amen.

Carol #129

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming *ES IST EIN' ROS'*

Fourth Lesson

Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus.

Matthew 1:18-25

Bob Smallwood

Reader: Let us pray.

People: Lord, You asked Joseph and Mary to trust in You. May we come to share in their trust and always rely on You. Amen.

Fifth Lesson

Shepherds are the first to hear of Jesus' birth.

Luke 2:8-16

Landis Mangum

Reader: Let us pray.

People: Lord, Your messengers bring the good news of Your redemption to every generation. May we, like shepherds of old, bring words of peace in our families, our communities, and our world. Amen.

Carol #145

What Child Is This? *GREENSLEEVES*

Sixth Lesson

The three kings are led by the star to Jesus.

Matthew 2:1-11

Dan Joyce

Reader: Let us pray.

People: Lord, You came to us in humility and vulnerability. May we always show loving care to those around us, especially those in most need. Amen.

Seventh Lesson

The Evangelist unfolds the meaning of Jesus' birth.

John 1:1-14

Stacey Kruse

Reader: Let us pray.

People: God of power and might, You are beyond all time and space. May we never fail to recognize Your majesty and give praise to You in all we do. Amen!

* Hymn #143

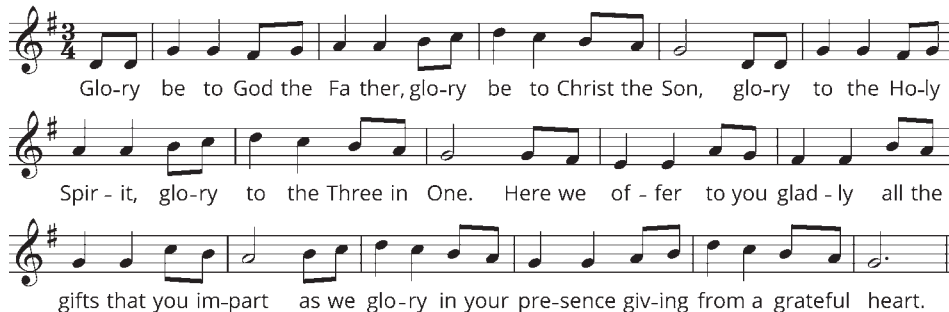
Angels, from the Realms of Glory *REGENT SQUARE*

Giving of Gifts

Offertory on "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" *Callahan*

* Song of Thanksgiving

Glory Be to God the Father *W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY*



Glo-ry be to God the Fa-ther, glo-ry be to Christ the Son, glo-ry to the Ho-ly
Spir - it, glo-ry to the Three in One. Here we of - fer to you glad - ly all the
gifts that you im-part as we glo-ry in your pre-sence giv-ing from a grateful heart.

* 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.

Prayer After Communion

* Hymn #133

O Come, All Ye Faithful *ADESTE FIDELES*

* Benediction

* Postlude

Fugue and Finale on "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" *Callahan*

Sunday Spotlights:

NEXT SUNDAY – DECEMBER 20:



Please join your church friends **CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON ON DEC. 20** immediately following the 11:00 worship service. The Fellowship Committee invites all ages to enjoy a wonderful meal, sing Christmas carols and hymns, and share the joy of fellowship during this holy Christmas season. \$5/person, \$15/family max.



A SERVICE OF COMFORT & REST is next Sunday at 5 p.m. in the Chapel. Stephen Ministry invites you to this special service of quiet reflection and blessing in the midst of this busy season. This is a time to quiet our hearts and reflect on the changes, losses, and joys of the year. Do know someone for whom this time of year is especially hard? Be sure to invite them to join you.

THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU IN BETHLEHEM!

Our annual **Live Nativity** is scheduled for:

Tuesday, Dec. 15th, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

and we need adults, youth and children to be the characters in this living story of Christ's birth. All costumes provided.

Come be a part of this memorable and meaningful community event!

Please contact Mary Kent at 770.841.3247 or gkent4@aol.com.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Clair Maxwell

clairmaxwell@slpres.org

770.393.1424 ext. 227

Weekly Choir Rehearsals:

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| Sundays | 12:15-1:00 p.m. | Youth Choir |
| Wednesdays | 5:15-5:45 p.m. | Cherub Choir |
| | 5:00-5:45 p.m. | Westminster Choir |
| | 6:30-7:20 p.m. | Festival Ringers |
| | 7:30-9:00 p.m. | Chancel Choir |

ADULT MINISTRY

Shannon Dill

shannondill@slpres.org / 770.393.1424 ext. 229

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL classes meet between the worship services, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Descriptions of current groups are available on our website (slpres.org) or <http://bit.ly/AdultSundaySchool>.

Please join us!

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.

SEEKING NEW OFFICERS FOR SESSION & DIACONATE

Now Accepting Nominations!

The Officer Nominating Committee (ONC) of Saint Luke's is in the process of developing a slate of nominees to be elected by the congregation on Feb. 28 to the office of Ruling Elder and serving Deacon as the Classes of 2019 – and the ONC is soliciting your suggestions of members of Saint Luke's you believe would enhance and further the ministry and programs of our church by serving on the Session and the Diaconate. You will find a **recommendation form** and Collection Box in the Lobby. You may also email or speak to Elders Rob Price and Chip Williams, co-chairs of the ONC.

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**

for Youth Choir updates: text **@choirSL**

DEC. 13 SUNDAY SCHOOL: Youth Breakfast during Sunday School, bring your money. Meet in the lobby at 9:30.

YOUTH MUSIC: Youth Choir, 9:30am-10:30am in the choir room.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTIES:

Middle School at the Underhills' home, 4pm-5:30pm

High School at the Singleys' home, 6pm-7:30pm

DEC. 15 HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST: Meet at 6:45am @ Jett Ferry Chick-fil-a.

LIVE NATIVITY: Come in your Tartan Trot gear at 5:30pm to help set up. We'll be selling hot chocolate to raise money for the Tartan Trot.

SPLASH! CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Catherine Anne Thomas

cathomas@slpres.org / 770.393.1424 ext. 228

ADVENT CALENDAR PICKUP All families with children are invited to pick up one "Lift Up Your Heads" pop-up calendar in the main lobby. There are labels with the last names of each family located beside the calendars - please remove your family label and attach to the calendar so that we will know which families still need one.

PICTURE THIS All children through 5th grade are invited to submit a colorful drawing of the nativity story to share with our members and friends throughout the holiday season! All pictures will be exhibited in our Advent Art Gallery, and some will even be selected to appear in a worship bulletin. Please use white paper, 8½" x 11" and sign your name and age on the back. Finished pictures should be submitted in the marked container in the main lobby.

FAITHFUL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Our weekly program during the 11:00 worship service, *Faithful Friends*, needs adult volunteers to facilitate a pre-planned lesson with K-2nd Grade kids each week. Please use <http://tinyurl.com/SLfaithfulfriends> to sign up for a Sunday or two.

[Note: No Faithful Friends on Dec. 20 and Dec. 27th.]

3RD YUCATAN PENINSULA MISSION

TRIP: July 10-17, 2016, with our friends at Accion Ministries (friendsofaccion.org). This trip is open to adults of all ages and youth (completed 6th grade and up) traveling with at least one parent. Please contact Shannon Dill (770.393.1424 ext. 229) if you are interested in participating or learning more about this unique experience!

CALLING ALL WOMEN! Our annual Women's Retreat will be March 4-6 at the Dillard House in Dillard, GA. We are thrilled to have Lyndsay Slocum, Associate Pastor of Roswell Pres. Church, as our guest speaker. Space is limited! Contact Christy Keohane (678.595.7741) or Shannon Dill (770.393.1424 ext. 229) with questions. Registration forms are in the church office, at www.slpres.org, or on the poster in the lobby. ****Men: this is a great gift for the "woman who has everything"!****

PERIMETER NORTH VILLAGES is a non-profit organization providing services for seniors so they can stay in their own homes safely and comfortably. We provide social events, local transportation, meal delivery, in-home support, and home maintenance. There is a small membership fee, then any service provided by a volunteer is free, and most vendors offer a discount to our members. For more information: 470.231.0015 / pnvillages@gmail.com / www.perimeternorthvillages.com

FAMILY PROMISE Now that we're warmed up, we get to host again just six weeks from now: Jan. 17-24. We will again need your warm service in icy January. Email or call David King (cell) 770.598.8682; sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/SLPCFP2016-01>.

**YOUR PNC (PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE)
INVITES YOU TO JOIN WITH US IN PRAYER:**

*Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks
in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you
in Christ Jesus.* 1 THESSALONIANS 4:16-18

Gracious God, these are three simple yet difficult commands Paul gave the people of Thessalonica and to us as well. We are thankful for the talented ministers and leaders, past and present, who are serving you through Saint Luke's and for the talented ministers who seek to be our next Pastor/Head of Staff. We pray today and throughout this process for wisdom and discernment. Be with us this week and help us to find joy, give thanks and pray continually in all we do. Amen.

DEC 13 *3rd Sunday of Advent*

Service of Lessons & Carols

PW Bake Sale

DEC 15 6 PM Live Nativity

DEC 20 *4th Sunday of Advent*

12 PM Christmas Luncheon

5 PM Service of Comfort & Rest

DEC 24 *Christmas Eve Worship Services:*

5 PM Family (*Sanctuary*)

8 PM Candlelight (*Sanctuary*)

11 PM Candlelight (*Chapel*)

RUN... SHOP... EAT... AND BE MERRY! Join us on Wed., Dec. 17th for a **TARTAN NIGHT** at **BIG PEACH RUNNING COMPANY** in Brookhaven. There will be group runs at 6:30 p.m. with distances of 3 to 8 miles... perfect for Tartan Trot training OR just come to socialize with your friends or shop for last minute gifts. Lots of discounts on running gear and gifts, and of course a few Scottish treats to eat and drink.

TEMPS MAY DROP, BUT THE RUNNING WON'T STOP! Join us to celebrate 10 years of running and o'scottish tradition at the 2016 Tartan Trot on Feb. 6. Visit the Tartan Trot table in the lobby or tartantrot.com for more event information.

TARTAN TEN CHALLENGE - WE NEED YOU! We are looking for 50 tartan-minded folks to take this CHALLENGE: solicit 10 paid runners to the Tartan Trot. Bring your co-workers, classmates, neighbors, family members, etc. (these cannot be your free sponsor runners). Form a team of your Sunday School class, tennis team, golf buddies, knitting group, dog park friends, etc.; there will be fun prize drawings for Challenge participants on Race Day. Questions: marty@acapella-design.com.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR TARTAN TROT 2016 SPONSORS. If you haven't pledged yet, it's not too late! We welcome any level of support. Fill out a sponsor card at the Tartan Trot table in the lobby or email Laura Singley at laurasingley@att.net.



PLEASE JOIN YOUR CHURCH FRIENDS and family for a [Christmas Luncheon on Dec. 20](#) immediately following the 11:00 worship service. The Fellowship Committee invites all ages to enjoy a wonderful meal, sing Christmas carols and hymns, and share the joy of fellowship during this holy Christmas season. \$5/person, \$15/family max.

THORNWELL CHRISTMAS OFFERING
Today is the last day to make a donation to **Thornwell Home for Children** in lieu of sending Christmas cards to your Saint Luke's family (names will be published in the Dec. 20 bulletin). Make checks payable to *Presbyterian Women* and place your contribution in the offering plate.
Deadline: TODAY

PW BAKE SALE The Presbyterian Women (PW) will be hosting a Christmas bake sale **TODAY** in the lobby. \$4/loaf: Triple Chocolate, Orange/Cranberry, or Pumpkin Bread.

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ADVENT ACTIVITY BAGS are available in the Narthex and Chapel for kids to explore during the worship services; they might even learn a little about Advent! New activities each week.

ATTENDANCE

| DEC. 6 | WORSHIP | NURSERY | VISITORS |
|--------|---------|---------|----------|
| 8:30 | 57 | 0 | 6 |
| 11:00 | 205 | 47 | 10 |

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

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| 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 | Carol Perry |
| Intern for Children & Youth Ministry | Emily Wilmesherr |
| Director of Communications | Tina Knoedler |
| Administrative Assistant | Liz Catlett |
| Receptionist | Sally Hawkins |
| Facilities Manager | Roby Price |
| Treasurer | Gary Phipps |
| Assistant Treasurer | Mark Rogers |

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LEADERSHIP

Terry Nall, *Clerk to Session*

ELDERS

Class of 2016:

Claire Cumiskey (*youth*),
Rich Crutchfield, Mary Guerrant,
Tom Loftis, David McKenney,
Mark Ryan, David Tharp,
Allison Thornton

Class of 2017:

John Eagar, Saralyn Hill,
TJ McGoldrick, Paula Morris,
Donna Nall, Gary Phipps,
Rob Price, Pete Shelton

Class of 2018:

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

DEACONS

Class of 2016:

Sandra Clay, Amanda Dunnick,
Shawn Hamlin, Niki Rabren,
Katherine Robeson,
Rebecca Strickland (*moderator*),
Jenny Troha, Michelle Vail,
Hayley Wolfe (*youth*)

Class of 2017:

Sandra DuBois, Kris Hull,
Joyce Kratzenberg, Stacey Kruse,
Joanna Mangum, Stephen Moss,
Sharon Polensek, Barry Smith,
Russell Wolfe

Class of 2018:

Justine Burney, Bobby Ferretti,
Diane Lemaster, Joe Luranc,
Lucy Painter, Debbie Parkes,
David Stover, Shari Wassell,
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