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PRAYER OF JULIAN OF NORWICH (14TH CENTURY)



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 14, 2016 ❖ 11:00 a.m.



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1st Sunday in Lent

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

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, Krissy Williams
Bell Ringer Bonnie Ruggiero
Bible Bearer Avery Williams
Candle Lighter Marjee Williams
Crucifer Jacob Moebes

Chancel Guild Roby & Andrea Price

Communion Servers Captain, Terry Nall;
Claire Cumiskey; Saralyn Hill;
Janis Kilgore; Julie Pile; Chip Williams

Continental Breakfast Josh & Cindy Nunez

Faithful Friends Barbara Douglass

Open/Close Josh Nunez

Sound Crew Bob Burroughs

Ushers Captain, Krissy Williams;
Katherine Robeson; Bobby Ferretti;
Amanda & AJ Favero

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 visit the welcome table in the Narthex (Sanctuary lobby). A Deacon and an Elder will be on hand to welcome you and answer questions. They will also 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, or visit our website: slpres.org.

THAT ALL MAY WORSHIP



A HEARING LOOP is accessible by switching hearing aids to **T-coil**.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS and

BACK CUSHIONS are available; our ushers are happy to assist you.

CHILDREN are a precious part of our church family, and we welcome them in worship. Activity notebooks are available on the back ledges of the sanctuary for preschool and elementary ages. Each week, children are invited to walk up for an age-appropriate message during "Tell Us Our Story." After that time, they may remain in worship, go to **child care** (PreK and younger), or to learn more about our worship traditions in **Faithful Friends** (for K, 1st & 2nd grades).

In Preparation for Worship

“Praying is no easy matter. It demands a relationship in which you allow someone other than yourself to enter into the very center of your person, to see there what you would rather leave in darkness, and to touch there what you would rather leave untouched.” Entering the heart of the Lord’s Prayer is how to begin.

Henri Nouwen



Gathering Prayer

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Jesus I Will Ponder Now *arr. James Engel*

Welcome & Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

* Call to Worship

from Isaiah 63:15-16 and Psalm 50:14-15

Reader 1: We come boldly this day into the presence of our God praying with Christians around the world as our Savior taught us to pray:

Reader 2: Look down from heaven O God and see from Your holy and glorious habitation

People: **For you, O Lord are our father, our Redeemer from of old is Your name.**

Reader 1: Offer unto God thanksgiving, and keep your vows to the Most High.

Reader 2: Call on the Lord in the day of trouble and God will deliver you.

ALL: **We shall glorify God today and every day.**

* Hymn #332

The Right Hand of God *LA MANO DE DIOS*

* Call to Confession

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

* **Prayer of Confession**

Our gracious God, Jesus taught us to love You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. He taught us to love our neighbors as ourselves. He taught us to trust You completely. He taught us how to pray, setting a example before us. We confess that we have often failed to learn, and what we have learned we have often failed to put into practice. Forgive us, we ask in His name, the great teacher; and receive now the prayers of our hearts... *(time of silent confession)*

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer, Amen.

* **Assurance of Forgiveness**

* **Song of Praise**

Glory Be to the Father *GREATOREX*

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.

Tell Us Our Story

Steve Vance

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

Oh, Kind Jesus *Robert Hunter*

Chancel Choir

Oh, kind Jesus, loving Savior, guide me gently with Thy love.

In my thoughts Thou art ever, waking, sleeping, Thou art near.

When I doubt Thee, Lord, forgive me. Fold me safely in Thine arms.

When dark shadows fill my being, be Thou ever near to me.

Bless, I pray Thee, all Thy children, guide them surely to Thy home.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 84; page 513

Claire Cummiskey

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 6:5-14; page 5

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Transformative Power of the Lord's Prayer

Illuminating Lent – Through the Lord's Prayer

Steve Vance

* Affirmation of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, 1562

Leader: What is the kind of prayer that pleases God and that God listens to?

Answer: **First, we must pray from the heart to no other than the one true God, revealed to us in His Word, asking for everything God has commanded us to ask for.**

Second, we must fully recognize our need and misery, so that we humble ourselves in God's majestic presence. Third, we must rest on this unshakable foundation: even though we do not deserve it, God will surely listen to our prayer because of Christ our Lord. That is what God promised us in his Word. *Question 117*

* Hymn #472

Kum ba Yah

Offering

Lord Jesus, Think on Me *arr. Engel*

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

**Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you; Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows: to you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.**



Litany of Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Dr. Steve Vance

Leader: The church of Jesus Christ is constantly changing. Through every change and season of life, God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. We are grateful for God's presence and the Spirit's moving through times of change and especially during the recent time in our own congregation of interim pastoral ministry.

People: We praise You, O God, for Your great faithfulness.

Leader: Every Christian is called by God to serve the church. God calls people to serve in particular and specific ways. In God's providence, Steve Vance was called to ordained ministry in the church of Jesus Christ, to lead the people, and to proclaim the good news of the Gospel. Steve has responded to God's call and graciously shared his gifts and passion for serving God and people.

People: We thank You, O God, for gifting leaders for the church.

Leader: Through the movement of the Holy Spirit, Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church and Rev. Steve Vance united together in ministry in November, 2014 and continued the vision of the church of knowing, serving, and sharing Jesus Christ here and around the world. The congregation acknowledges that God did indeed call the right person to Saint Luke's, "for such a time as this."

People: We praise You, O God, for shared ministry.

Leader: We praise you, Creator God, for the time we have shared together in ministry with Your servant, Steve Vance. We cherish the relationships which have been formed and are grateful for the ways Steve has used his many and varied gifts and his servant spirit to serve You and this congregation.

People: We thank You, O God, for Your faithful servant.

Leader: Eternal God, look mercifully upon this church and upon Your servant, Steve, whose particular service we recognize today. We praise You for joys and accomplishments and for Your grace which has nurtured and sustained us. Bind us ever closer to one another, and draw us nearer to our Lord Jesus Christ, so that wherever You call us, we may respond with a resounding, "here I am Lord, send me."

People: To God be the glory forever and ever, Amen.

The Lord's Supper

When coming forward for Communion, please kneel at the closest available space to the center aisle. If you would like to be served where you are sitting, please raise your hand as the communion servers come down the center aisle and you will be served by intinction (dipping the bread in the cup). Everyone is invited to participate in the sacrament. Children who have discussed the sacrament with their parents and/or a pastor are welcome. A server with gluten-free bread will be standing at the center aisle. If you prefer gluten-free bread, please indicate your preference as you approach. Parents, please note the center rings of the communion trays are filled with wine. Only the outer ring is filled with grape juice.

Communion Music

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God *arr. Engel*

* Hymn #464

Our Father, Which Art in Heaven *WEST INDIAN*

* Benediction

* Postlude

Our Father, Who From Heaven Above *arr. Engel*

Sunday Spotlights:



FEB. 14: A DAY FOR LOVE... AND GOODBYES Join us in the Great Hall for a reception after the 11 service today to thank Dr. Steve Vance for the many gifts he has so freely and enthusiastically given during his time with us and to wish him well. If you'd like to send him a note, feel free to use his personal email: SteveVance63@gmail.com. His last day as Interim Pastor will be Feb. 15th. Thank you, Steve!



SESSION CALLED AN ANNUAL MEETING OF CONGREGATION for Sunday, February 28 following 11:00 a.m. Worship. The stated purpose is to elect new officers for Class of 2019 and other vacancies, approve the 2016 Terms of Call for our pastors, and conduct any other business pertinent to the congregation.

WORSHIP NOTE: *Lent is a forty day period (not including Sundays) that precedes the Celebration of the Resurrection of Christ. The three traditional practices associated with Lent are prayer, fasting and generosity (acts of justice directed toward God, self and neighbor). The color purple sets off the season of Lent as well as the omission of singing or saying 'alleluia!' which is held until the Easter Celebration.*

At the conclusion of worship each Lord's Day during Lent, of one of six candles surrounding a crown of thorns and placed on an unadorned Communion Table will be extinguished – as a symbol of our six week journey with Christ toward the cross and then, the joy of His resurrection.

THE SEASON OF LENT AT SAINT LUKE'S This year, we are focusing on the *practice of prayer*. During worship our sermons, music and liturgy will explore the meaning and power of the Lord's Prayer as it orients us toward who God is and what God is doing through Jesus. We invite you to join us in worship and prayer this Holy Season as we prepare for Christ's journey to the cross and then the joy of His resurrection.

DAILY PRAYER GUIDES, *A Place for Prayer: Daily Prayers for Lent*, are available in the main lobby for purchase (\$1) or online for Kindle or Nook at <http://tinyurl.com/slpclent2016>.

KIDS ATTENDING WORSHIP SERVICES should pick up a Lent Worship Bag containing activities focused on the ministry of Christ and the events of Holy Week. These serve as an enhancement to our worship notebooks which are also available.

ADULTS ARE INVITED to join a Sunday School class for a six-week study that focuses on the Lord's Prayer and provides insight to the sermon topics each week.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Clair Maxwell

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770.393.1424 ext. 227

Weekly Choir Rehearsals:

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

NEW YORK COMES TO SAINT LUKE'S Mar. 6, 4 p.m. The former Director of Music for our Little Saints Preschool, Mary Fullerton, presents a musical highlighting New York City's famous performance venues. Accompanied by Randall Romig on piano.

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.

WE'VE GOT HISTORY with Dodd-Sterling UMC - over 20 years - and we've got more history to make. Come to our Men's Breakfast on Feb. 20th at 8 a.m. to be a part of that history as we welcome Reverend Melson and his parishioners. This year marks the 20th house that the two churches will build together. Enjoy a fantastic meal and reconnect with friends as we gear up for building another Habitat home! Saint Luke's women and their guests are always welcome. Please RSVP by Wed., Feb. 17 to Daryl Moore: ddmoore@yahoo.com / (h)770.395.6278 / (m)404.993.6203.

WOMEN'S RETREAT The Saint Luke's annual Women's Retreat scheduled for March 4-6 at the Dillard House in Dillard, GA is FULL! Contact Shannon Dill (770.393.1424, ext. 229) if you'd like to be on the waiting list.

YOUTH CONNECTION

Phil Brown

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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**

Today, Feb. 14th:

Breakfast out during the Sunday School hour. **No Choir.**

5:30-7 p.m. All Youth Groups meet at Waffle House on Chamblee-Dunwoody Rd.

March 13th:

Hunger Walk: Sign up by March 6th for the Saint Luke's Team. Register at <http://www.hungerwalkrun.org> under 'Presbytery of Greater Atlanta' and join 'Saint Luke's Team'.

SPLASH! CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Catherine Anne Thomas

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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. Please use <http://tinyurl.com/SLfaithfulfriends> to sign up for a Sunday or two. Thank you!

FAST, PRAY, GIVE CUPS are available in the main lobby and Sheppard Hall. Each family is invited to pick up a blue plastic cup that contains wooden sticks. Pull out one stick each day to discover a way to fast, pray, or give. When all the sticks are gone you will have given, fasted, and prayed in new ways — and it will be Easter!

DURING LENT Before worship, children should get a Lent Worship Bag which contains activities focused on the ministry of Christ and the events of Holy Week. These serve as an enhancement to our worship notebooks which are also available.

JOIN AIR-GUATEMALA for a mission trip any week in June! You will be working with Maya farmers in the cool mountains of Guatemala, building brick stoves and planting trees that will improve crops and prevent mudslides. Reserve your space by March 1st. For more info: Anne.Hallum@AIRGuatemala.org

MISSION TRIP TO THORNWELL: JULY 21 - JULY 23. More information coming soon. Contact Sally Shelton (770.396.5156 / sshelton@cwtvacations.com) with thoughts or questions.

BUILD A HOUSE – BUILD A HOME – CHANGE LIVES! This year's Habitat house build starts on **Sat., March 5th** and continues for six more Saturdays (skipping Mar. 26). Join with volunteers from Dodd-Sterling UMC, Episcopal Cathedral of St. Phillips, Big Bethel AME and Wieuca Road Baptist churches to build a new home for Ms. Ericka Smith and her three children, ages 2, 9 and 11. Ms. Smith will be the first member of her family to own a home. Come work alongside her and other volunteers to be a part of something really good! Look for more details in the weeks ahead. Questions? Talk to any one of the Saint Luke's Habitat Leadership Team: Daryl Moore, Bill Womack, Diane Markel, Val DeFriece, Nancy Self, Tom McIntosh.

YUCATAN PENINSULA MISSION TRIP: July 10-17, with 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. Contact Shannon Dill (770.393.1424 ext. 229) if you are interested in this unique experience!

SUPPER CLUB: MARCH 12TH Let's "do" dinner! Come join your Saint Luke's family (couples or singles) for a potluck-style dinner at a member's home. You'll reconnect with old friends or meet new ones and share food, fellowship, and fun! RSVP on the poster in the lobby by March 7th to host or participate. Call Fern Mitropoulos (770.343.8996) or Donna Nall (404.964.6933) with questions.

SOMETIMES LOVE comes knocking at the door... not to judge, but just to be there through the thin times. Not to heal, but to allow God to heal. Not to be the answer, but to be the conduit. Not to have the words, when God fills the silent room. Sometimes love comes through and from a Stephen Minister. *Please call Stephen Leaders Shannon Dill (770.393.1424, ext.229) or Laura Strange (770.392.9284 / jandlstrange@comcast.net) for a referral if you desire someone to walk alongside you in a difficult time.*

DO YOU HAVE DIFFICULTY HEARING CLEARLY IN THE SANCTUARY?

If so, we have a solution for you! When the sanctuary was designed, our building committee opted for hard surfaces to create an ideal environment for music – and it worked. Unfortunately, the spoken voice reverberates off of the hard surfaces, causing an overlapping echo that makes it hard to hear clearly.

Recently, we have installed a technology called a “Hearing Loop” which has been used successfully in Europe for years and is now catching on in the U.S. Wire loops installed under the pews, used with a device containing a telecoil, make it possible to hear the spoken word exactly as it is spoken, thus eliminating the overlapping echo.

We have replaced the old analog receivers with telecoil receivers which can be used with standard ear buds, such as those used with iPhones and iPods, to deliver clear sound to both ears. We encourage you to bring your own ear buds or to purchase one from the basket for \$1 and try out the Hearing Loop system. For those who have digital hearing aids, most have telecoils that need to be activated by your audiologist, and can be easily switched on for use in the sanctuary.



This technology is spreading to theaters, museums and other public facilities where hearing is difficult. You can recognize those facilities by the telecoil symbol shown here. You can acquire your own receiver for \$100 by contacting Roby Price (robypri@sipres.org / 770.393.1424, ext. 244).

WE NEED YOUR HELP! There are great volunteer opportunities for the Presbytery meeting being hosted at Saint Luke’s on Sat., Feb. 27. Time commitment varies on the day of the meeting and we also need volunteers to bring breakfast items. Our new Pastor will be received into the presbytery and our own Mary Martin moderates her final meeting as the Moderator! Please email or call Maria Barnhart (mariavbarnhart@gmail.com / 404.310.0546) or Jan Slater (janetslater13@aol.com / 770.391.0489) for more information. Thank you!

BE NICE TO A VISITOR by wearing your name tag each Sunday! Help visitors remember your name along with your friendly welcome.

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY Chairperson needed to manage ‘Minute for Missions’ requests. Please contact Mary Guerrant 770.455.9493 / atlguerrants@bellsouth.net.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT GROUP (MEG)
Contact Christine & Bob Crutchfield for more info: 770.364.8079 / Gafrog01@hotmail.com.
Our next meeting is Mar. 6.

ATTENDANCE

	WORSHIP	NURSERY	VISITORS
Feb. 7, 8:30	21	0	4
Feb. 7, 11:00	420	29	54
Ash Wednesday	117		

*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

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
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Terry Nall, *Clerk to Session*

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