



SAINT LUKE'S

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

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.

August 7, 2016 ✦ 8:30 a.m.



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Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: *White*

White is used on days we celebrate the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, such as Christmas, Easter and Communion Sundays.

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

Chapel Guild Val DeFriece

Continental Breakfast Wassell/Hulls

Open/Close Miles Young

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

In Preparation for Worship

“Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul
And sings the tune without the words
And never stops at all.”

Emily Dickinson



Prelude

At the Lamb's High Feast *Charles W. Ore*

Welcome

* Call to Worship

Leader: The God who speaks comfort to us calls us here.

People: The God who addresses us with tenderness meets us here.

Leader: The God who guides us with gentleness cares for us here.

People: We come to prepare a way for the Lord.

Leader: We come to ready ourselves for the transformation of our lives.

All: For the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it.

* Hymn #3

Womb of Life and Source of Being *RAQUEL*

* Call to Confession

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

* Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

when our faith is rooted deeply in You,

our lives reflect Your kingdom values of justice and righteousness.

We confess, however, that sometimes our lives become so entangled
with the values of the world,

that Your values take second place.

Forgive us, O God,

and reconnect us to Your Holy Spirit, source of power and life. Amen.

In Jesus' name, we pray... *(time of silent confession)*

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer, Amen.

* **Assurance of Forgiveness**

* **Song of Praise**

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry: great things he has done!

Blessing of the Backpacks

Catherine Anne Thomas & Shannon Dill

Children are always welcome to stay in worship. However, parents may take your child(ren) to the nursery.

First Lesson

Luke 3:1-6; page 60

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-11; page 667

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

A New Old Word

David Lower

* **Hymn #87**

Comfort, Comfort Now My People *GENEVAN 42*

* **Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

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.

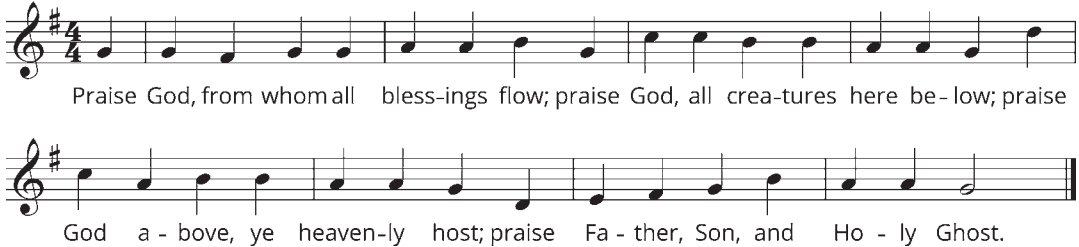
Offering

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

Come, Ye Disconsolate *arr. Mark Hayes*

* Song of Thanksgiving



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here be-low; praise
God a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

* Prayer of Dedication

* 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.

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.

Prayers of the People

* Hymn #23

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets *PLEADING SAVIOR*

* Benediction

* Postlude

Now *Charles Ore*



Sunday Spotlights:



COLLEGE FOOTBALL 2016: PREDICTIONS YOU CAN BANK ON

at the next Men's Breakfast: Aug. 13, 8 a.m.

Mr. College Football, Tony Barnhart, will share his predictions for 2016 college football. As an author of college football books, a sports commentator and a TV personality, Tony will have some good stuff to throw our way. Put on your favorite team's colors and make your way to a delicious breakfast in the company of fellow football fanatics. Saint Luke's women and their guests are always welcome. Please RSVP by Tues., Aug. 9: Daryl Moore (H)770.395.6278 / (M)404.993.6203 / ddmoore@yahoo.com.



FAMILY PROMISE: DOUBLE FEATURE Now that our Family Promise network is

ramping back up, we anticipate a full house when we do our first-ever, back-to-back hosting weeks: September 25 – October 9. Our doing this saves the network an entire week of hotel lodging expenses. Volunteer opportunities abound for people wanting to volunteer in groups, as a family, or even alone. Please take a moment and find a spot to lend a hand: <http://tinyurl.com/SLPCFP2016-09>. We are incredibly grateful for an epic summer response from the Saint Luke's family for our July Family Promise hosting week — thank you!

BEWARE OF SENIOR SCAMS Perimeter North Villages invites you to a seminar about common scams against senior adults. Speakers include Ann Hardin, a rising Lovett High School senior who received a gold service project award from the Girl Scouts on this topic, and officer Samuel Worsham from the Sandy Springs police department. **Wed., Aug. 10 at 10:00 a.m.** Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, 471 Mount Vernon Highway, Sandy Springs, 30328. Please RSVP by email (Lee Smith: pnvillages@gmail.com) or phone 470.231.0015.

JUST ASK! After School Kids (A.S.K.) is a weekly Bible study for elementary school age students where they can fellowship, eat, sing, and study the Bible with their peers. This fall's study is titled "Chosen to be a Leader"– an Old Testament study focusing on the life of David and how to be a Godly leader. Classes meet for 10 weeks on Mondays after school (4-5:30 p.m.), starting Aug. 29, here at Saint Luke's. For more info, visit our **Open House on Mon., Aug. 22** at Saint Luke's from 4-5:30 p.m. For a registration form, contact Judy Weathers: weathers5002@gmail.com

CALLING ALL WOMEN: Save the date for the annual Saint Luke's Women's Retreat, March 3-5, 2017. We will have a weekend of fun, fellowship and God at The Dillard House in Dillard, Georgia. More details to come!

RETURNING BY POPULAR DEMAND: 8 STEPS TO A PAIN-FREE BACK

Sat., Aug. 27, 1-2 p.m. in room 203: Have you tried everything and your back, hip, neck or shoulder still hurts? Experience what healthy posture can do for you in this free workshop. Register under "Free Workshop" at www.GokhaleMethod.com

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN REGISTRATION

Presbyterian Women (PW) is a group that meets monthly for Bible study and mission-oriented projects. We hope you will plan to join us at one of our three monthly circle meetings beginning in September:

- 2nd Mondays at 9:30 a.m. (childcare available);
- 2nd Mondays at 7:30 p.m.; or
- 2nd Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

This year the Bible study will be "Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes" by Judy Yates Siker. Stop by our table in the lobby on Aug. 14, 21 and 28 for more information and to register. There is a cost for the study materials, so bring your checkbook. Contact PW Moderator Andrea Price: andracoppedgeprice@gmail.com if you have any questions. Don't miss this special opportunity to study and grow spiritually with other women at Saint Luke's!

SPLASH! CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Catherine Anne Thomas

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BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: LIVING WAX MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE Children in first through fifth grade are invited to pick a role in our upcoming **Living Wax Museum of the Bible: New Testament Edition**. Our museum will be open on Sunday morning, Aug. 28, during our Kickoff Pancake Breakfast. See the display in the lobby for details and to sign up for a character.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL In August, we do children's Sunday School a little differently: preschoolers attend "Light the Dark" class in Room 120; elementary kids have "Cave Capers" in the Great Hall. Both classes are 9:30-10:30, and both offer lots of fun activities!

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**

UPCOMING SUNDAY YOUTH EVENTS:

- AUG 21** 6th Grade Pool Party
- AUG 28** Sunday School Pancake Breakfast; Druid Hills Shelter Dinner
- SEPT 11** Youth Family Potluck
- OCT 16** All youth: Corn Maze
- OCT 28-30** Middle school retreat @ Calvin Camp & Retreat Center
- NOV 11-13** High school retreat @ Mountain TOP
- DEC 18** Youth Christmas parties

MUSIC MINISTRY

Clair Maxwell

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CHANCEL CHOIR AND FESTIVAL RINGERS return to rehearsal on Wed., Aug. 24. Both groups are open to youth and adults and rehearse weekly. There is an exciting year of music being planned! Festival Ringers practice 6:30-7:20 p.m. in the bell room, and the Chancel Choir practices 7:30-9 p.m. in the choir room. Contact Clair Maxwell for more information.

CELEBRATE THE ARTS (CTA) concert series begins Sept. 11 in the sanctuary with “Songs of Peace,” presented by the Atlanta choral group *Coro Voci*, conducted by Ed Weaver. Support this community outreach ministry by attending these free concerts with your friends and family, and contribute financially by becoming a **Friend of Music**. Look for more info on the CTA flyers and in the bulletin.

ADULT MINISTRY

Shannon Dill

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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.

THE ACOLYTES NEED 2ND – 8TH GRADERS! 2nd through 8th graders are invited to be a part of Saint Luke's acolyte program, a wonderful way for kids to take part in leading worship. Please contact Cailin Thelen (cailinthelen@gmail.com / cell 770.330.9622) to let her know if your kids want to join or if you'd like to be added to the "more information" email list. Training will be in the next few weeks; more details coming soon!

DISCIPLE SERIES The sixth and final study in the Disciple Series, *Christian Believer*, will be offered at Saint Luke's this fall beginning on Sept. 13 in the Session Room (#109). This 30-week study focuses on essential doctrines of the Christian faith and attempts to "make connections between the doctrine and daily living." Classes will be from 7-9 p.m. each Tuesday. Please call Liz Catlett to order materials: 770.393.1424, ext. 236.

**YOU SAY, "I'm not able."
GOD SAYS, "I am able."**

2 Corinthians 9:8 says, "And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

In all things God gives to us generously. He will equip you and help you. Stephen Ministers hope to be a conduit to God's grace for each of our care receivers. We are well trained and available to meet confidentially with you on a weekly basis. Take the first step. Reach out to Shannon Dill (770.393.1424 ext. 229) or Laura Strange (770.490.4395) for a referral.

ATTENDANCE

JULY 31	WORSHIP	NURSERY	VISITORS
8:30	64	0	1
11:00	218	22	32

*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

Senior Pastor	David Lower
Associate Pastor	Shannon Dill
Associate Pastor	Phil Brown
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
Church Administrator	Pam Melton
Administrative Assistant	Liz Catlett
Receptionist	Sally Hawkins
Facilities Manager	Roby Price
Treasurer	Mark Rogers

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LEADERSHIP

Terry Nall, *Clerk to Session*

ELDERS

Class of 2017:

Zachary Burroughs (*youth*),
John Eagar, Gil Hearn, Saralyn Hill,
TJ McGoldrick, Paula Morris,
Donna Nall, Rob Price,
Pete Shelton

Class of 2018:

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

Class of 2019:

Al Bridges, Beth Eisenmesser,
Sonny Jester, Cindy Nunez,
Bob Pile, Bob Polensek,
Whitney Samuelson, Steven Vivian

DEACONS

Class of 2017:

Sandra DuBois, Kris Hull,
Caroline Hurst (*youth*),
Joyce Kratzenberg, Stacey Brooks,
Joanna Mangum, Stephen Moss,
Sharon Polensek,
Rebecca Strickland (*Moderator*),
Russell Wolfe

Class of 2018:

Justine Burney, Bobby Ferretti,
Diane Lemaster, Joe Luranc,
Lucy Painter, Debbie Parkes,
David Stover, Shari Wassell,
Kristen Wescott (*Vice Moderator*)

Class of 2019:

Melissa Blakely, Mark Douglass,
A.J. Favero, Carol Hickey,
Dorothy Kitchens, Richard Lawry,
Carol Waller, Al Wang, Scott Zannini



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