



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 21, 2016 ✦ 11:00 a.m.



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Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: *Green*

Green is used to represent spiritual growth.

Today's flowers are dedicated to the loving memory of Shirley Smallwood by her family.

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..... Val Thelen
Bible BearerKatie Miller
CruciferRebecca Miller

Chancel Guild Nancy Self

Continental Breakfast Stacey Kruse

Open/Close Miles Young

Sound Crew.....Brad Troha

Ushers Captains, TJ & Stephanie McGoldrick;
Diane LeMaster; Dustin & Carol Waller

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 are available; our ushers are happy to assist you.

CHILDREN are a precious part of our church family, and we welcome them in worship. Worship notebooks and activity packets 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 or go to **child care** (PreK and younger).

In Preparation for Worship

“We are called to be God’s witnesses by the love we extend to others; precursors of God’s justice by our unfailing commitment to what is right and good; lamps reflecting the light of God’s Christ in our forgiveness, mercy and compassion; harvesters of souls through our humble and dedicated servanthood.” – *Anonymous*



Gathering Prayer

Prelude

Sweet Hour of Prayer *arr. Kenneth Drake*

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

* Call to Worship

Leader: The Spirit of God is upon the Christ,
the One anointed to preach good news to the poor,

People: to proclaim release to the captive, and recovery of sight to the blind,

Leader: to mend the brokenhearted, to comfort all who mourn,

**People: to set free those who are oppressed,
and to proclaim that the year of the Lord’s work has begun.**

Leader: This is the work Christ has done. This what we experience in Him.

**People: So let us sing praises for good news, for release and freedom,
for healing and the work of God in our hearts.**

Leader: Amen! Let us worship God.

* Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

* Hymn #806

I’ll Praise My Maker *OLD 113TH*

* Call to Confession

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

* Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we long to be free of burdens that hold us captive.

We long to be bearers of good news to the oppressed.

We long to return to Your favor.

Forgive us our transgressions;

loosen the chains of doubt that bind us.

In the name of the One come to set us free, Jesus the Christ... *(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 God's 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 all the glo - ry: great things God has done!

Tell Us Our Story

Phil Brown

Parents may take their young children (through PreK) to our nursery in Sheppard Hall. Children are encouraged to stay in worship with their family and enjoy the activities in their worship buckets (available in the Sanctuary lobby [Narthex] on the window sills).

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.

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 61:1-11; page 650

Glenda Gray

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Generation of Righteousness

David Lower

* Hymn #149

All Hail to the Lord's Anointed *ROCKPORT*

* 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

Blessed Is He *Kenney Potter*

Chancel Choir

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob; whose hope is in the Lord, his God, the maker of heaven and earth, the seas and everything in them; the Lord, who remains faithful forever.

The Lord gives sight to the blind. He lifts up those who are bowed down. He loves those who are righteous.

The Lord reigns forever, for all generations. Praise the Lord.

(Psalm 146)

* Song of Thanksgiving



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be-low; praise



God a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

* **Prayer of Dedication**

* **Hymn #726**

Will You Come and Follow Me *KELVINGROVE*

* **Benediction**

* **Postlude**

Postlude *Gerald Near*

Worship Note: Thanks to Emily Vail for offering her talents on the oboe this morning.

Sunday Spotlights:



MMMM... PANCAKES!

Plan to visit the Great Hall **NEXT SUNDAY, Aug. 28, from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.** for the annual fun, informative, free Pancake Breakfast and Fall Kick-Off! We've made it easy for you to invite others: pick up a few Pancake Breakfast invitations to give to friends and neighbors. This is a great opportunity to check out some of the classes, events, and opportunities happening this fall at Saint Luke's. Representatives will be on hand from the Children's, Youth, Adult and Music Ministries, adult and fellowship groups, Tartan Trot, and Saint Luke's Little Saints Preschool. You can also browse the mini book sale and visit our **Living Wax Museum: New Testament Edition**. See you there!



CALLING ALL 1ST – 5TH GRADE BOYS! Pack 764 (sponsored by Saint Luke's) is holding its annual Cub Scout Open House **TODAY, Aug. 21, at 3:30 p.m.** in the chapel. Meet the leaders, learn about Scouting, and sign up for a year of fun. Visit the Pack's website (www.pack764.org) or email Cubmaster Peter Keohane (pack764@gmail.com) for info or questions.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Clair Maxwell

clairmaxwell@slpres.org / 770.393.1424 ext. 227

CHANCEL CHOIR AND FESTIVAL RINGERS return to rehearsals this Wednesday.

Both groups are open to youth and adults and rehearse weekly. Festival Ringers practice 6:30-7:20 p.m. and the Chancel Choir practices 7:30-9 p.m. Contact Clair Maxwell for more information.

CELEBRATE THE ARTS (CTA) concert series begins Sept. 11; see the schedule below and mark your calendar. All are invited to these free concerts. Please attend as we welcome and encourage people in our community to visit Saint Luke's. You can support **Celebrate the Arts** financially by becoming a **Friend of Music**. Checks should be made payable to Saint Luke's with "Friends of Music" on the memo line, or donate on our website. Your contributions are tax deductible. Thank you for your support!

SUN • **SEPTEMBER 11** | 2016 | **5:00 PM**

Songs of Peace – *Coro Voci*

Ed Weaver, conductor

The Atlanta choral ensemble *Coro Voci* presents reflections on peace by American composers and arrangers on this poignant anniversary.

SUN • **NOVEMBER 6** | 2016 | **4:00 PM**

Missa Brevis

Clair Maxwell, conductor

Saint Luke's Chancel Choir, the Choral Guild of Atlanta and a string quartet perform two settings of *Missa Brevis*, the "brief mass," by Haydn and Mozart.

SUN • **DECEMBER 11** | 2016 | **4:00 PM**

Toys for Tots Benefit Concert

This annual event sponsored by the Atlanta Chapter of Toys for Tots features our choirs and a brass quintet performing music of the season. Bring a new, unwrapped toy for donation.

SUN • **FEBRUARY 12** | 2017 | **4:00 PM**

Songs of Love – *Coro Voci*

Ed Weaver, conductor

The second concert by *Coro Voci* with works celebrating the many facets of love in anticipation of Valentine's Day.

SUN • **MARCH 26** | 2017 | **4:00 PM**

Atlanta Guitar Trio

Scott Plato, Adam Craighead, and Bill Hearn are the *Atlanta Guitar Trio*, performing a program of arrangements of their favorite music for guitar, mandolin, and theorbo.

SUN • **APRIL 30** | 2017 | **6:30 PM**

Chastain @ Saint Luke's

In the spirit of Chastain amphitheater, this evening of music and entertainment features the talents of our church members and friends. Bring your own picnic for this community and congregational favorite.

SPLASH! CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Catherine Anne Thomas

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ADULT HELPERS NEEDED Our Saint Luke's kids are set for another great year of Serving, Learning, and Sharing (*SPLASH*, get it?), but we need adult volunteers to make it happen. The time slots are Sun. mornings, 9:30-10:30, 11:20-12:00, or 10:30-12:00; or Wednesdays during Feast from 6:20-7:15 p.m. These jobs are meant to be shared among many, so please jump in by contacting Catherine Anne (info above).

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.

DISCIPLE SERIES The 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 makes 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.

NEW WED. BIBLE STUDY STARTS SEPT. 14: "Wayfarers," convened by David Lower. Come join David, Shannon and Phil as this week's preacher leads a study of the scripture for the upcoming Sunday's worship. During our worship year, we will read episodically through the Bible through May, starting with Abraham in Genesis. This study will enrich that journey through the Bible by following, clearly and deeply, the great big story of God and the people and the remaking of the world. We will listen and learn and discern God's Word together, and it will enrich our life of worship and faith! Wednesdays at 10 a.m., starting on Sept. 14th, in the church library (2nd floor above the lobby).

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 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

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 TODAY or next Sunday for more information and to register. There is a cost for the study materials, so bring your checkbook. Contact PW Moderator Andrea Price: andreaoppedgeprice@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!

SAVE THE DATE for the annual Saint Luke's Women's Retreat: March 3-5, 2017.

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

JUST ASK AT OUR OPEN HOUSE

Tomorrow, Aug. 22 from 4-5:30 p.m., After School Kids (A.S.K.) will be at Saint Luke's to answer questions and register kids for their weekly, after school Bible study for elementary school age students. Contact Judy Weathers: weathers5002@gmail.com

FAMILY PROMISE: DOUBLE FEATURE

Saint Luke's has committed to back-to-back hosting weeks: Sept. 25 – Oct. 9. 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>.

MOVE INTO BETTER HEALTH

Mon. & Wed. in the Great Hall, 8:15 - 9:15 a.m. Sally Joyce will start the class with light aerobics or walking, and then use light weights or resistance for toning, stretching and relaxation. Begins Sept. 12.

MID-YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT

It is with a grateful heart that I reach out to you all today to share wonderful news on the state of our Church's finances. After a couple of trying years, mid-way through 2016, our financial position is strong. The Church's operating committees continue to do a great job in keeping expenses in check and, given the generosity of this congregation, the Church's revenues have exceed our budget in what have historically been very slow summer months for member pledges. Year to-date actual income exceed budget by \$56,000 while expenses were held under budget by just over \$21,000 resulting in a positive net variance of \$77,000. Overall, year-to-date income exceed expenses by \$140,000. Please visit the website to view the Church's 2016 Mid-Year Financial Report, or pick up a printed copy in the lobby or Narthex. While we have a long way to go to make budget prior to year-end, half way through, we are on our way and in a very strong financial position. On behalf of your Finance Committee, thank you!

With love and gratitude,

Pete Shelton

STEPHEN MINISTRY AT SAINT LUKE'S

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. God 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.

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

SAINT LUKE'S PERIMETER COUNSELING CENTER

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SAINT LUKE'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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