



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.

September 4, 2016 ❖ 11:00 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

Acolytes Supervisor, Heather Grafton
Bell Ringer Tisha Tomsik
Bible Bearer Nolan Grafton
Candle Lighter Whitney Samuelson
Crucifer Whitney Samuelson

Chancel Guild Jared & Linda Elliot

Communion Servers Captain, Ken Painter;
Jared Elliot; Diane Lemaster; Billy Martin;
Whitney Samuelson; Miles Young

Continental Breakfast Mary Martin

Open/Close Josh Nunez

Sound Crew Brad Troha

Ushers Captain, Mary Martin;
Ron Davis; Terri Potter; Clara & Kari Young

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. 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

“Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One is insight. It is through me, Lady Wisdom, that your life deepens, and the years of your life ripen. Live wisely and wisdom will permeate your life; mock life and life will mock you.” *Proverbs 9:10-12*



Gathering Prayer

Prelude

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

* Call to Worship

from Psalms 8 and Proverbs 8

Leader: Many and great are your works, O God, Maker of earth and sky.

People: **Your hands have set the heavens with the stars; your fingers spread the mountains and plains; deep seas obey your voice.**

Leader: Grant us communion with you, O God, as you transcend the stars.

People: **Come close to us and stay by our side; with you are found the true gifts; bless us with the life that is eternal – the life that is with you.**

Leader: The works of God are a wonder to behold; God fills us with glory through wisdom!

People: **Our delight is in the Lord!**

* Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

* Hymn #157

I Danced in the Morning *LORD OF THE DANCE*

Stanza 1: all

Stanza 2: women

Stanza 3: men

Stanzas 4 & 5: all

* Call to Confession

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

* Litany of Confession

Blessed God,
Our Creator, our Redeemer, and our Sustainer,
Yours is a perfect relationship, one God in three persons, mutual and whole.
We confess that our relationships are not that way.
We have been too selfish, or given too much, or accepted too little.
We have not lived wisely, humbly, or interconnected.
We have let sin drive us away from one another and from You.
We long for experiences of relationship, well-being, and peace.
With mercy and grace, pull us back to You, and toward each other,
Grant us wisdom to walk with You in Your remaking of us and the world,
always in the name of our Redeemer Jesus... *(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

David Lower

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

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

Proverbs 8; page 557

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Wisdom's Call

David Lower

* Hymn #174

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom *MADELEINE*

* Affirmation of Faith

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. Who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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

Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree *Mark Patterson*

Chancel Choir

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green: the trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive; which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree.

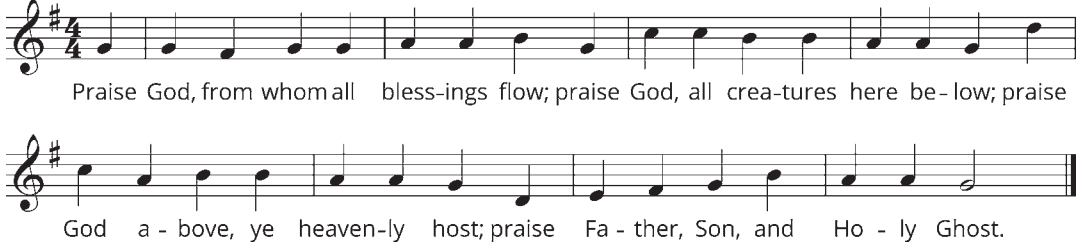
For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought:

I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.

based on Song of Solomon 2:3



* **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**

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.

* **Hymn #172**

Blest Are They *BLEST ARE THEY*

Verse 1: solo

Verse 2: all

Verse 3: pulpit side

Verse 4: lectern side

Verse 5: all

Refrain: all throughout

* **Charge & Blessing**

* **Choral Benediction**

Amen *Peter Lutkin*

* **Postlude**

Worship Note: *The piano selections today are excerpts from a set of twenty Variations in A major on an original theme by Franz Josef Haydn composed for keyboard in 1765.*

Sunday Spotlights:



CONCERT NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT, 11, 5:00 P.M.

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 for our nation and world. An offering will be collected to benefit the charity *Tuesday's Children*, a response and recovery organization that supports youth, families, and communities impacted by terrorism and traumatic loss. Also, we will have church members bake “peace pies” for a reception to follow the concert. Childcare is provided.



NEW BIBLE STUDY: “WAYFARERS” convened by David Lower. Come join David,

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WEDNESDAY EVENINGS ARE A TIME TO FEAST!

10-weeks of Wednesday night activities (dinners, rehearsals, and classes for all ages) – also known as “**Feast**” – begins Sept. 14. Pick up a brochure in the lobby and register now!

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.

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.

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MUSIC MINISTRY

Clair Maxwell

clairmaxwell@slpres.org / 770.393.1424 ext. 227

WELCOME BACK, CHOIR & RINGERS Both groups are open to youth and adults and rehearse Wed. evenings: Festival Ringers practice 6:30-7:20 p.m.; Chancel Choir practices 7:30-9 p.m. Contact Clair Maxwell for more information.

CELEBRATE THE ARTS (CTA) Saint Luke's hosts a series of engaging concerts to open our doors to the community. All concerts are free and open to the public, and many take up collections for other outreach organizations. 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!

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:

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

A few very important volunteer positions in Children's Ministries still need to be filled:

- 1) We need one person to job-share (you would work with another person so that you would only teach half the Sundays) in our First Grade Holy Moly Class. Teachers receive all lessons in advance and will be assisted by an adult "shepherd" each week. 9:30-10:30 on Sun. mornings.
- 2) We need three or four people to coordinate our Trunk-n-Treat event on Sunday afternoon/evening, Oct. 30. There's already a plan, so we just need some leaders to help make it happen!
- 3) We need two or three people to help coordinate Happy Birthday, Jesus – which will be on Sun., Dec.18 this year. Just a little advance planning is needed, and we'll set up supplies the day before if possible.

Please contact cathomas@slpres.org if you can fill any of these roles. Thanks!

SEPT. 11 IS STEPHEN MINISTRY SUNDAY

Come celebrate Stephen Ministry's ten years serving Saint Luke's congregation and our community. Join us in welcoming Pam Montgomery from Stephen Ministries Central Office in Saint Louis, who will be our guest speaker. Plan to breakfast with us between worship services from 9-11 a.m. in the lobby. We will have Coffee Cake and much more! 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.

BECOMING CREATION WISE If you missed this great lecture series at Saint Luke's by Georgia Interfaith Power & Light, be sure to catch it this fall at Dunwoody United Methodist. Lectures are free and feature speakers from Coloumbia Seminary and Georgia State Univ. 4:00 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 11 - Oct. 9 at DUMC:

Earth's Story in the Hebrew Bible

Dr. William P. Brown

Convictions for an Apocalyptic Ecology

Dr. Stanley P. Saunders

The House of Prayer for All People:
Scientific Perspectives and God's Creation

Dr. Dabney Dixon

Christian Ethics and God's Creation

Dr. Mark Douglas

Practical Steps to being Creation Wise

Rev. Kate McGregor Mosley (GIPL Staff)

Sat., Sept. 10: **JOIN US FOR AN EXCELLENT ADVENTURE TO THORNWELL!** Everyone is invited to visit our ministry partner, Thornwell Home for Children, which has served children and families for more than 141 years! Many of these children have suffered severe trauma and hopelessness before arriving at Thornwell; here they have the opportunity to heal and regain their strength within a family-based concept. We'll tour the campus of historic buildings and check out the farm, family cottages, and recreational and educational areas — plus see all the wonderful things our Saint Luke's mission teams have accomplished over the past few summers. Please contact Julie Knotts (404.668.4008) to sign up or for more info.

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>.

OWLS (OLDER, WISER, LOVING

SENIORS): Bob Roberts Comedy Show, Tues., Sept. 27, 11:30 a.m. Do you like to laugh until your sides hurt? Then join us for a funny, amazing and colorful comedy, comedy magic, and ventriloquism, packed with hilarious audience participation. This is an award-winning show! **Don't miss this one!**

STATE OF THE CHURCH Sept. 10, 8 a.m.:

Men's Breakfast • David Lower and his ministerial team share their perspective on the state of the church. A popular annual event, it is an opportunity to learn about where Saint Luke's is in its Christian journey through the eyes of its pastoral staff. RSVP to Daryl Moore: 770.395.6278 / ddmoore@yahoo.com.

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.

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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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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