



SAINT LUKE'S  
P R E S B Y T E R I A N   C H U R C H

October 16, 2016

11:00am

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Ordinary Time

### **Liturgical Color:** *Green*

*Green is used to represent spiritual growth.*

*Today's flowers are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Karen McAlarney.*

### **SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

8:30am Chapel Communion Service

9:30am Sunday School

11:00am Sanctuary Worship Service

*Nursery available at all services and Sunday School.*

### 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.

### **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 Sanctuary where our Pastors will be available to answer questions and provide you with 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](http://slpres.org).

### **THAT ALL MAY WORSHIP**

**ASSISTIVE** A hearing loop is accessible by switching hearing aids to T-coil. Also, large print hymnals and pew cushions are available. Please contact an usher for further assistance.



**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, go to Faithful Friends (K-2nd) or go to child care (PreK and younger).

## In Preparation for Worship

Hannah's Song celebrates God's power to transform and reverse present circumstances to bring joy and fullness to those who suffer deprivation, loss, and hopelessness.

*Walter Brueggemann*

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### Gathering Prayer

#### Prelude

The Lord is My Shepherd *arr. Derek Jones*

#### Chiming of the Hour

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Call to Worship\*

Leader: Let our hearts exult in the Lord;

**People: Our strength is exalted in God.**

Leader: Let our mouths be ever fixed in praise;

**People: God has given us assurance of victory.**

Leader: There is no Holy One like the Lord;

**People: There is no rock like our God!**

#### Opening Hymn #791\*

For You, My God, I Wait *SPRINGTIME*

#### Call to Confession\*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

## Prayer of Confession\*

O Holy God, who is faithful and just,  
we have failed to help those who have little, while we have much.  
We are boastful and haughty,  
and fail to appreciate the gifts You have given.  
Our arrogance has led us away from Your righteous way.  
Forgive us, Merciful God,  
and lead us to a humble path,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord...*(time of silent confession)*

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer. Amen.

## Assurance of Forgiveness\*

### Song of Praise\*



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost. As it  
was in the be - gin - ning is now and ev - er shall be.  
World with - out end. A - men, a - men.

## Passing of the Peace\*

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

## Prayer for Illumination

Tracy Coffie

## Scripture Lesson

1 Samuel 1:1-20; 2:1-10, pages 233-234

Tracy Coffie

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

## Tell Us Our Story

Phil Brown

*Parents may take their children (through PreK) to our nursery, Room 120 in Sheppard Hall.*

*Parents of children in K, 1st or 2nd grade may take them to Faithful Friends in The Harbor, Room 213.*

## Anthem

God Cares for Me *Loonis McGlohon*

Chancel

Choir

God, who made the earth, the endless sky and sea;  
who gave the light its birth, God cares for me.

God, who made the grass, the flowers and the tree;  
the day and night to pass, God cares for me.

God, who made the sun, the moon and every star;  
God watches over us no matter where we are.

God, who made all things on earth and sky and sea;  
who changing seasons bring, God cares for me.

God, who sent the One to die on Calvary;  
God loves us every one, God cares for you and me.

## Sermon

Preconceived Notions

David Lower  
Barbara Douglass

## Hymn\*

For All The Faithful Women *NYLAND*



For all the faith - ful\_ wom - en who served in days of old, to  
To Han - nah, pray - ing\_ child - less be - fore the throne of grace, you  
We hon - or faith - ful\_ Ma - ry, fair maid - en full of grace. She  
O God, for saints and\_ ser - vants, those named and those un - known, in



you shall thanks be\_ giv - en; to all their\_ stor - y told. They  
gave a son and\_ called him to serve be - fore\_ your face. Grant  
bore the Christ, our\_ bro - ther, who saved our\_ hu - man race. May  
whom through all the\_ a - ges your light of\_ glo - ry shone, we



served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave. To  
us her per - se - ver - ance; Lord, teach us how to pray and  
we, with her, sur - ren - der our - selves to your com - mand and  
of - fer glad thanks - giv - ing and fer - vent prayer we raise that,



you their lives bore\_ wit - ness, pro - claimed your\_ power to save.  
trust in your de - liver - ance when dark - ness\_ hides\_ our way.  
lay up - on your\_ al - tar our gifts of\_ heart\_ and hand.  
faith - ful in your\_ ser - vice, our lives may\_ sing\_ your praise.

\* please stand

## **Affirmation of Faith\***

Adapted from the Brief Statement of Faith (1983)

We trust in God,  
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.  
In sovereign love, God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image,  
male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.  
But we rebel against God;  
we hide from our Creator.  
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah  
chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.  
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.  
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.  
With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## **Prayers of the People**

### **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.

**Moment for Commitment** Celebrating God's Blessings

Rob Price

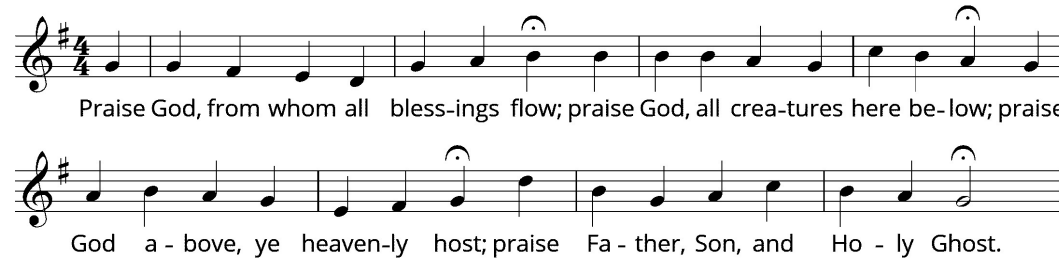
**Offering**

*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 in the offering plate as it is passed.*

**Offertory**

Prayer *Ludwig van Beethoven*

**Song of Thanksgiving\***



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise  
God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**Prayer of Dedication\***

**Hymn #731\***

Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith is Firm *REPTON*

**Charge and Blessing\***

**Choral Benediction\***

Amen *Peter Lutkin*

**Postlude\***

O for the Wings of a Dove *Felix Mendelssohn*

*Worship Notes:*

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# Commitment 2017: Celebrating God's Blessings

The theme of this year's Commitment Campaign is to "**Celebrate God's Blessings.**" Our church has been richly blessed in the past year. We are in a position of strength and energy thanks to our leadership, new members and energetic congregation, but building upon this foundation requires the support of all of us. We at Saint Luke's are privileged witnesses to the truth that God's grace abounds. So we ask that you think generously about all that you have to give so that God's purpose for you and your church may be done. With that in mind, we have three specific "asks" for you:

- ◆ Give of yourself – at the Oct. 23 service, we ask each member to sign up for at least one specific volunteer opportunity. There will be boards after each service to make signing up easy.
- ◆ Invite a friend – at the Oct. 30 service you will learn about special services and events at Saint Luke's. We ask each member to invite a friend to join us at one or more of these events, or another service or event of your choosing.
- ◆ Give generously – Nov. 6 is Commitment Sunday. We ask each member to prayerfully consider the blessings you have received and to celebrate and give thanks for them in your financial commitment on or before Commitment Sunday. Commitment Sunday will be harvest-themed (casual; jeans welcomed!) and we will continue the celebration after the service with a harvest festival, including a live bluegrass band.

Celebrating God's Blessings, it is fitting that we take stock of the many ways God has blessed this church family. This attitude of gratitude and abundance will serve us well as we give consideration to how we will return a portion of those blessings to the church to continue building toward the church's Vision and God's plan for this congregation.

## Sunday Spotlight:

**HURRICANE MATTHEW RELIEF:** Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is urging support for the many adversely affected by this category 4 hurricane. Extensive damage has been confirmed most notably in areas still in recovery from earlier natural disasters such as Haiti and Cuba. "Thank you for your generosity in prayer and in giving to those whose lives have been impacted by wind and water; as the Holy Spirit once brooded over the unformed waters of the earth and created order and life, so your prayerful gifts bring hope out of chaos." Please visit <http://pda.pcusa.org/situation/hurricane-matthew-response/> for ways you can help.



## ADULT MINISTRY

**Shannon Dill**     [shannondill@slpres.org](mailto:shannondill@slpres.org) / 770.393.1424 ext. 229

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**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** classes meet between the worship services, 9:30-10:30am  
Descriptions of current groups are available on our website ([slpres.org](http://slpres.org)) or  
<http://bit.ly/AdultSundaySchool>. Please join us!

**FRIDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** Fellowship and Bible study every Fri. from  
6:40-8:00am in the Parlor with Dan Joyce.

**MAKING SENSE OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH** Join Rebecca Strickland and Shannon Dill as  
we explore the major theological doctrines of the Christian Faith in the order of the biblical  
story. If Sunday School or Bible Study is new to you, this class is a perfect introduction!  
We encourage conversation and questions! Room 230, 9:30am on Sun., & wrap up on Nov. 20.

**DISCIPLE SERIES** The final study in the Disciple Series, *Christian Believer*, focuses on essential  
doctrines of the Christian faith and makes connections between the doctrine and daily living.  
Classes are Tuesdays, 7-9pm. Call Liz Catlett to order materials: 770.393.1424, ext. 236

**BIBLE STUDY: "WAYFARERS"** 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. Wed. at 10am.

**NEW MEMBERS/INQUIRERS CLASS** Join David Lower and Shannon Dill for an overview  
of Saint Luke's and the Presbyterian faith tradition. This is a great class for anyone exploring  
churches or interested in joining Saint Luke's. Meet on Sun. from Oct. 16th & Oct. 23rd and then  
again on Nov. 6, 9:30-10:30am in the Session room (room 109). Childcare provided. Contact  
Shannon with questions: [shannondill@slpres.org](mailto:shannondill@slpres.org) / 770.393.1424, ext. 229.

**MOM'S GROUP** Please join Shannon Dill and other moms to encourage, grow, and laugh  
with one another! This semester we'll meet on Friday mornings at 9:30am through Nov. 11, in  
the Session room. Contact Carol Perry to make a child care reservation (free!). Our study is:  
*Jesus, Bombs & Ice Cream: Building a More Peaceful World.*

## SPLASH! CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

**Catherine Anne Thomas**    [cathomas@slpres.org](mailto:cathomas@slpres.org) / 770.393.1424 ext. 228

**Trunk-n-Treat Returns on Sun., Oct. 30.** Trunk-n-Treat is a fall favorite! Come in costume, bring lots of candy to give out, and be sure to decorate your trunk or tailgate with something clever, creepy or cute! Park in the lot closest to Mt. Vernon. Games will set up in the back parking lot near the playground. Dinner tickets are now available on our website. While you're there, check out our Sign-Up Genius for volunteer opportunities.

- ◆ Carnival Games and Activities – 4:45 until 5:30pm
  - ◆ Candy Collecting in the Mount Vernon lot – 5:30 to 6:00pm
  - ◆ Dinner, Costume Parade, and Prizes in "The Great Howl: - 6:00 to 7:15pm
- This is such a fun time to visit Saint Luke's, so be sure and invite friends!

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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**Emily Wilmesherr**    [emilywilmesherr@slpres.org](mailto:emilywilmesherr@slpres.org) / 770.393.1424 ext. 234

**Corn Maze Today!** Meet in the lobby at 1:30pm. Bring \$10. Planned return at 6pm.

**Youth Sunday School** This morning, breakfast out from 9:30am-10:30am. Meet in the lobby.

**Youth Groups-** Next week, 10/23. Service night. All meet for Trunk-n-Treat prep, 4-6pm.

**Middle School Retreat** Oct. 28-30 at the Calvin Center. Registration on the Saint Luke's website. Please sign up by Oct. 14. We also adults to join us, talk to Phil if you are interested.

**High School Breakfast** Tues., Oct. 18 at 7am at the Jett Ferry Chick-fil-a.  
Other dates: Nov. 1 & 15, Dec. 6 & 20. Text Phil if you need a ride on any morning.

**High School Retreat** Nov. 11-13 at Mountain TOP. Registration on the Saint Luke's website.  
One female adult needed.

Stay current with Saint Luke's Youth Ministry by signing up for text message updates.

for Middle School updates:

Youth, text **@6th-8thsl to 81010**      Parents, text **@MSparentsl to 81010**

for High School updates:

Youth, text **@9th-12thsl to 81010**      Parents, text **@HSparentsl to 81010**

for Youth Music updates:

Text **@choirsl to 81010**

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**Clair Maxwell**    [clairmaxwell@slpres.org](mailto:clairmaxwell@slpres.org) / 770.393.1424 ext. 227

### Choir Rehearsals on Wednesdays:

5:00-5:45pm	Cherub Choir	<i>Ages 4-5, Kelly Sloan, Director</i>
5:00-5:45pm	Westminster Choir	<i>Grades 1-5, Clair Maxwell, Director</i>
6:30-7:20pm	Festival Ringers	<i>Youth &amp; Adults, Clair Maxwell, Director</i>
7:30-9:00pm	Chancel Choir	<i>Youth &amp; Adults, Clair Maxwell, Director</i>

**HAYDN AND MOZART** *Missa Brevis* – A special performance of sacred music in a sacred space on Sun., Nov. 6 at 4 pm. Join our Chancel Choir as they sing with the Choral Guild of Atlanta accompanied by a string quartet and organ. Both pieces by these compositional masters are beautiful settings of the service of the mass typical of worship in the classical period. A free-will offering will be taken. Childcare is provided.

### GREEN TEAM—NEXT SUNDAY, OCT. 23 LIFECYCLE BUILDING CENTER RECYCLE

**EVENT**, For members of Saint Luke's from 12:30-3pm in our parking lot. The LBC accepts the following items: Appliances, architectural items, cabinets, ceilings, doors, electrical, flooring, hardware, commercial life safety, lighting, lumber and wood products, paint and windows. [There are specific guidelines for each category on the website.](#) Click on Donate Materials for a full listing of items. Visit [www.lifecyclebuildingcenter.org](http://www.lifecyclebuildingcenter.org).

Also, Sun., Nov. 13: City of Dunwoody Recycle Event at Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church. Electronics & possibly paper shredding.

**MOUNTAIN T.O.P. BOOK DRIVE** for gently used children's books. Please use the labeled bin in the lobby. This bin will also be a collection site for books from the community until Oct. 22. If you can help count, label and pack the books, please contact Marylyn Brown at 770.441.9383.

### OCT.16: MEG (MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

**GROUP)**: This group convenes one Sunday per month from 5-6:30pm in Room 203. Childcare available. Contact Mark and Kimey Reed, 404.441.8614/ [kimeyreed@gmail.com](mailto:kimeyreed@gmail.com).

### OWLS (OLDER, WISER, LOVING SENIORS):

Come join us for lunch on Tues., Oct. 25 at 11:30am. Steven Chappelle will be performing a solo act of guitar and singing. He will be performing a variety of music designed just for us with music from the 40's through the 60's. Please sign up in the lobby. See you there!

### GREEN THUMBS ARE NOT REQUIRED!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Please join the Building & Grounds Committee on Sat., Oct.22 at 8am to help spread mulch. We welcome volunteers of all abilities, from beginners to mulch experts...anyone who can lift a shovel. If you have a wheel barrow or pitchfork, please bring them with you. We welcome any time commitment you can spare. Please contact Roby Price/ [robyprice@slpres.org](mailto:robyprice@slpres.org) for more info.

**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  
Director of Communications. . . . . Tina Knoedler  
Facility Manager. . . . . Roby Price  
Treasurer. . . . . Mark Rogers  
Intern for Children & Youth Ministry. . . . . Emily Wilmesherr  
Church Administrator. . . . . Pam Melton  
Administrative Assistant, CE & Music Ministry. . . . . Liz Catlett  
Receptionist. . . . . Sally Hawkins

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**SERVING TODAY**

**Acolytes**– Supervisor, Jenny Troha  
Bell Ringer– Catherine Kitchens  
Bible Bearer– Mason Douglass  
Candle Lighter– Marshall Douglass  
Crucifer– Jack Troha

**Chancel Guild**– Rob & Sara Caverhill

**Continental Breakfast**– The Mark Douglass Family

**Faithful Friends**– Thomas & Lauren Brown

**Open/Close**– Josh Nunez

**Lay Reader**– Tracy Coffie

**Sound Crew**– Lindsay Ballow

**Ushers**– Captain, Kari & Miles Young.  
Matt, Brian, Thomas and Wyatt Fogarty

**LEADERSHIP**

Terry Nall, *Clerk to Session*

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**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

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**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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