



SAINT LUKE'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Artwork by Sophie Price

December 24, 2016

5:00pm

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Christmas Eve

Liturgical Color: White

White is used for special days such as Christmas and Easter.

Sunday, December 25

11am Combined Worship Service (*Chapel*)

Sunday, December 31

11am Combined Worship Service (*Chapel*)

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.

FOR MORE information about our programs, preschool, ministries or membership, please contact one of our Pastors at 770.393.1424, or visit our website: slpres.org.

THAT ALL MAY WORSHIP

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



CHILDREN Thank you for joining us! Children are precious to all at Saint Luke's and are very welcome to be with their family during this lively and joy filled service. If you would prefer, there is childcare available in Room 117 for infants and toddlers.

Prelude Christmas Carol Selections Catherine Kitchens, harp

Welcome Shannon Dill

Lighting of the Christ Candle The Crutchfield Families

Special Music On a Star-Bright Winter Night *Eric Crookart* Sydney Moss, soloist

On a star bright winter night, to a cold land snowy white,
he came down to save us all; to save us and redeem us.
Yet he once was just like you, hush my baby.

In a stable in a town gleams the light that won't die down.
See how Joseph bends to kiss the child that Mary rocks now.
They were once like me and you.

Little Jesus smiles in sleep, hears the angels laugh and weep.
He must take a long hard road, yet God's love will not falter.
But tonight he's just like you.

Reader Clara Young

Scripture Luke 1:26-33 Tony & Maria Barnhart

Hymn #112* On Christmas Night All Christians Sing *SUSSEX CAROL*

**On Christmas night all Christians sing,
to hear the news the angels bring;
on Christmas night all Christians sing,
to hear the news the angels bring,
news of great joy, news of great mirth,
news of our merciful King's birth.**

**Then why should we on earth be sad,
since our Redeemer made us glad;
then why should we on earth be sad,
since our Redeemer made us glad,
when from our sin he set us free,
all for to gain our liberty?**

**When sin departs before his grace,
then life and health come in its place;
when sin departs before his grace,
then life and health comes in its place;
heaven and earth with joy may sing,
all for to see the newborn King.**

**All out of darkness we have light
which made the angels sing this night;
all out of darkness we have light,
which made the angels sing this night:
"Glory to God in highest heaven;
peace on earth and goodwill. Amen!"**

Scripture Luke 2:1-5 Tony Barnhart
Reader Elliott McGoldrick

Anthem O Come, Little Children *Johann Schulz; arr. Mark Patterson*
Cherub and Westminster Choirs

O come, little children, O come, one and all
to Bethlehem's stable, in Bethlehem's stall.
As Mary and Joseph smile on him with love,
the angels are singing sweet songs from above.
O see, in the manger, in hallowed light
a star throws its beam on this holiest sight.
And see with rejoicing this glorious sight,
Our Father in heaven has sent us this night.

Scripture Luke 2:6-7 Maria Barnhart
Reader Sydney McGoldrick

Scripture Luke 2:8-20 Tony & Maria Barnhart
Reader Avery Williams

Hymn #113 Angels We Have Heard on High *GLORIA*
(*remain seated*)

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.**

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song? [Refrain]**

**Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the new-born King. [Refrain]**

*Beginning with the Bethlehem star, guests begin to arrive at the manger. Children will be invited to join
shepherds, sheep and angels.*

Reader Sophie Price

Message Shannon Dill

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

Christmas Lullaby Amy Grant and Chris Eaton

Kelda, Gil, Allie, Elise, Carlisle & William Hearn

Reader

Hannah Price

Hymn #122 and Candle Lighting* Silent Night, Holy Night *STILLE NACHT*

**Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright.
'round yon Virgin Mother and Child!
Holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar
heavenly hosts sing " Alleluia:
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born."**

**Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from Thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.**

**Silent night! Holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King:
Christ the Savior is born;
Christ the Savior is born.**

At the conclusion of the hymn, the Sanctuary lights will come up and you are invited to extinguish your Christmas candle.

Benediction

Postlude*

O Come, All Ye Faithful *arr. Lani Smith*

Worship Notes:

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All reader lines come from a liturgy by Reverend Dr. Sarah Travis' in "Family-Friendly Christmas Eve Worship."

CAST

Mary and Joseph: *Amanda and T.J. Klier*
Baby Jesus: *Brennan Klier*
Wisemen: *Brady Anderson, Yates Parker and William Wellford*
Angel Leaders: *Ansley Crutchfield, Nina Gaitan, Lilly Hamlin and Emma Rabren*
Bethlehem Star: *Henry Crutchfield*
Live Animal Shepherds: *James Crutchfield and Thom Rabren*
Sheep Leader: *Blythe Parker*
Shepherd Leaders: *Everett Gaitan and Owen Hamlin*

ADULT HELPERS

Leslie Hamlin, John and Allyson Martin, Niki Rabren and Kari Young.
Transportation for sheep: Bill and Ellen Womack.

MUSIC

Kelda, Gil, Allie, Elise, Carlisle and William Hearn, Offertory;
Catherine Kitchens, harp; Sydney Moss, soloist; Kelly Sloan, piano.
Christmas Eve Singers from Cherub & Westminster Choirs

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Miles and Cole Young, Spotlight; Roby Price, Sound Crew

ANIMALS

The Little Red Barn (sheep)

SAINT LUKE'S LITTLE SAINTS PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

Registration for the 2017 ~ 2018 school year is coming in January!

We would love to welcome your child as we celebrate our **20th Anniversary!**

Our accredited program honors the individuality of the child
as we prepare each student for elementary school.

Children ages 12 months through Kindergarten enjoy learning in our beautiful
classrooms under the guidance of our dedicated and experienced teachers.

Church members register on Jan. 24; Current families register on Jan. 25.

New community families register on Jan 26.

Questions or tours, Carol Perry, carolperry@slpres.org, 770.393.1424 x240



**THE LIVING NATIVITY:
A TREASURED TRADITION
AT SAINT LUKE'S**



SEE YOU AT THE START LINE!

On Feb. 4, 2017, an anticipated 1,500 runners will gather to the sound of bagpipes to compete in the 2017 Tartan Trot 5K/10K race. The Tartan Trot features two full loop "Peachtree qualifying" races that start and end at Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church!

WE ARE A WALKER, STROLLER, DOG FRIENDLY EVENT!

www.tartantrot.com

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
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SERVING TODAY

Acolytes:
Bell Ringer- Emily Anderson
Candle Lighters- Marshall Douglass, Walker Wellford
Ushers- Captain, Paula Humer
Thank you to all other volunteers who have stepped in to assist this evening.

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS:

The Church administrative offices will be closed in observance of Christmas and the New Year holidays. We look forward to serving you with grace and renewed vigor in 2017! Thank you friends, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Monday, Dec. 26 -Closed
Tuesday, Dec. 27-Closed
Friday, Dec. 30- Closes at 2pm
Monday, Jan. 2- Closed

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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