



*I am
bringing you
good news of great*

joy

*for all the people: to you
is born this day in the city
of David a Savior, who is the
Messiah, the Lord.*

December 24, 2016

11:00pm



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December 24, 2016
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.

AFTER the worship service, please join us outside the Chapel where our Pastors will be available to greet you and answer questions.

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

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 are a precious part of our church family, and we welcome them in worship.

In Preparation for Worship

Not only is another world possible, she is on her way. On a quiet day,
I can hear her breathing.

—Arundhati Roy

Prelude Christmas Carol Selections String Quartet

Welcome

The Lighting of the Christ Candle The Martin Family

Opening Hymn #133* O Come, All Ye Faithful *ADESTE FIDELES* Stanzas 1-3

Prayer for Christmas Eve*

Eternal God,
from the halls of heaven to a trough of a stable,
Your radiant light shines forth from a newborn baby wrapped in rags.
In humility, You reveal the nature of Your love and Your will for a new world.
Open our hearts to receive this love,
so that the new life You give and the new world You imagine may be born in us,
to the glory of Christ's holy name. Amen.

Special Music Ron Valdes, tenor

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Luke 2:1-7

Carol Away in the Manger *MUELLER* Stanza 1

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Second Lesson Luke 2: 8-14

* please stand

Carol Hark! The Herald Angels Sing *MENDELSSOHN* Stanza 1

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise; join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king."**

Third Lesson Luke 2: 15-20

Carol Angels We Have Heard on High *GLORIA* Stanza 3

**Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

Sermon Born Outside David Lower

Hymn #110* Love Has Come *BRING A TORCH*

Affirmation of Faith* From The Confession of 1967

**In Jesus Christ,
God was reconciling the world to himself.
Jesus Christ is God with humankind.
He is the eternal Son of the Father,
who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation.
He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit
to continue and complete his mission. ...
Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People (*responsively*)

Leader: God of glory, by your grace a child has been born for us,
Jesus Christ, the hope of all creation.
We now make these prayers in his Holy Name.
Jesus Christ, Light of the World,

People: **Be with all people of faith and goodwill everywhere,
and all who seek the way of peace.**

Leader: Jesus Christ, born in a stable,

People: Be with our brothers and sisters
who are without shelter, food, family or friends tonight.

Leader: Jesus Christ, child of Mary and Joseph,

People: Be with all mothers and fathers and nurturers and teachers
throughout the world.

Leader: Jesus Christ, visited by shepherds,

People: Be with our neighbors who work tonight and tomorrow,
and all those who long to work.

Leader: Jesus Christ, greeted by kings,

People: Be with the leaders and rulers of this world,
and all who make decisions that affect the common good.

Leader: Jesus Christ, who became a refugee,

People: Be with immigrants and refugees fleeing violence and oppression,
seeking safety for their families.

Leader: Jesus Christ, who comes with healing hands,

People: Be with our friends and family who are sick and homebound,
those who are dying, and those who are mourning.

Leader: God of Light, we seal these prayers to you,
along with the silent prayers of our hearts,
with the great prayer that Jesus, our Savior and Lord, taught us, saying...

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.

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.

Song of Thanksgiving*



Glo-ry be to God the Fa ther, glo-ry be to Christ the Son, glo-ry to the Ho-ly Spir - it, glo-ry to the Three in One. Here we of - fer to you glad - ly all the gifts that you im-part as we glo-ry in your pre-sence giv-ing from a grateful heart.

Holy Communion

Communion will be served by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup). Everyone is invited to participate in the sacrament. Children who have discussed the sacrament with their parents and/or 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. If you would prefer to be served where you are sitting, please raise your hand.

The Sharing of the Light of Christ*

Hymn #122*

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.**

The Gospel According to John* *(responsively)* From John 1

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

People: **He was in the beginning with God.**

Leader: All things came into being through him,
and without him not one thing came into being.

People: **What has come into being in him was life,
and the life was the light of all people.**

Leader: The light shines in the darkness,

People: **and the darkness did not overcome it.**

Leader: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

People: **He was in the world, and the world came into being through him;
yet the world did not know him.**

Leader: He came to what was his own,

People: **and his own people did not accept him.**

Leader: But to all who received him, who believed in his name,
he gave power to become children of God.

People: **And the Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son,
full of grace and truth.**

*At the conclusion of the reading of John 1:1-5, the Sanctuary lights will come up and you are invited to
extinguish your Christmas candle.*

Closing Hymn #134*

Joy to the World *ANTIOCH*

Benediction*

Postlude*

Joy to the World *ANTIOCH, arr. Mark Hayes*

Worship Notes:

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Musicians: Dena Gaddie, Violin; Marla Feeney, Violin; Kristeen Sorrells, Viola; George Butler, Cello.

Tonight college students have been invited by the Session to serve communion. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support for them throughout the school year.



SAINT LUKE'S LITTLE SAINTS PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

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

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.

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

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

SPOTLIGHT:

TAX SAVINGS AND GIVING—After a slow start, the stock market rallied during third quarter and surprised many investors with the post-election rally, which has carried into Dec. The market is now trading at record levels. This is a blessing for those who want to increase their financial support to the church. You may gift appreciated securities, typically individual stocks, stock mutual funds, or ETFs, to the church and get a tax deduction on the market value of your gift. You also avoid paying capital gains taxes on the appreciation. When the church sells the securities it pays no taxes on the gains. You may use this strategy to complete or add to your 2016 pledge and you may do the same for your 2017 commitment. If you have an interest, please contact Mark Rodgers and he will walk you through the steps.

WHAT GOES UP, MUST COME DOWN—Please join us after the combined 11am service on Sun., Jan 1st for a few minutes to help take down the decorations. Many hands make light work! Thank you, in advance, your help. Any questions, please contact Nancy Self, nself@comcast.net or 404.237.6551.

SEEKING NEW OFFICERS—The Officer Nominating Committee (ONC) is seeking recommendations of members to serve as deacons and elders beginning in 2017. Please speak to a member if you are interested in serving or would like to suggest a candidate. These candidates would enhance and further the ministry and programs of our church. The ONC members are: Gerald Aldridge, Fern Mitropoulos, Lucy Painter, Shawn Hamlin, Sarah Caverhill, Mark Reed and Stephanie McGoldrick. You may also email Gerald Aldridge with suggestions at geraldaldridge@gmail.com.

ADULT MINISTRY

Shannon Dill shannondill@slpres.org / 770.393.1424 ext. 229

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL classes meet between the worship services, 9:30-10:30am. 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 6:40-8:00am in the Parlor with Dan Joyce.

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.

BIBLE STUDY: "WAYFARERS" Come join David, Shannon or Phil as this week's preacher leads a study of the scripture for the upcoming Sunday's worship. Wed. at 10am in the church library on the 2nd floor.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Phil Brown philbrown@slpres.org / 770.393.1424 ext. 238

Emily Wilmesherr emilywilmesherr@slpres.org / 770.393.1424 ext. 234

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL– Please note, Sunday school groups will not meet today, Sun., Dec. 25.

YOUTH GROUPS– Please note, Youth Groups will not meet today, Sun., Dec. 25.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS– Youth and their families are invited to attend the Youth Potluck Supper. Sun., Jan. 8 from 5-7pm. Details TBA.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Clair Maxwell clairmaxwell@slpres.org / 770.393.1424 ext. 227

CHOIRS IN DECEMBER:

NO rehearsals -Dec. 28.

Adults resume rehearsals - Jan. 4., Children resume rehearsals -Jan. 18.

CELEBRATE THE ARTS 2017

February 12, 4:00 p.m., Songs of Love– *Coro Voci*

March 26, 4:00 p.m., Atlanta Guitar Trio

April 30, 6:30 p.m., Chastain at Saint Luke's

S P L A S H ! CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Catherine Anne Thomas cathomas@slpres.org / 770.393.1424 ext. 228

2017—JUST A FEW SAINT LUKE'S HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Wednesday, Jan.18th FEAST begins
- ◆ Saturday, Feb. 4th Tartan Trot
- ◆ Week of Feb.19th Family Promise Week
- ◆ Friday, Mar. 3rd–5th Saint Luke's Women's Retreat
- ◆ Sunday, April 9th Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch
- ◆ Sunday, May 7th Blessing of Our Pets
- ◆ Week of June 12th MAKER Fun Factory, VBS

TARTAN TROT 2017— Sat., Feb.4

Sponsorship—To sponsor, visit our lobby table or contact Laura Singley: laurasingley@att.net.

Volunteers: We need you!—It takes 150 volunteers to host this event safely! Contact Krissy Williams: kcwills7104@yahoo.com or Christine Crutchfield: gafrog01@hotmail.com to sign up or visit our table in lobby to sign up.

Runners/Walkers—Please visit our site, tartantrot.com for all race information and to register. Cost is \$30 for the 5K/10K or \$15 for the 1 Mile.

Bakers: The Tradition Continues!—We are known for our pies and cakes!! Please sign up to bake a pie (or cake) for Race Day! Visit the lobby for sign up sheet and also new this year, check out our new **#willrunforpie** t-shirts and sweatshirts. Get yours now... limited quantities available.

WOMEN'S RETREAT —will be held on Mar., 3-5 at the Dillard House in Dillard, GA. We are excited to announce our guest speaker will be Kelly Fitzgerald, who is a former intern for Saint Luke's. Join us for a weekend of fellowship, fun & spiritual growth! Registration continues through Feb. 19. Cost is \$250 (\$258 if paying online) which includes 2 nights lodging, dinner Fri., three meals Sat. & breakfast on Sun. Contact Christy Keohane at christykeohane@yahoo.com, Jenny Troha at jbtroha@bellsouth.net or Shannon Dill at shannondill@slpres.org.

BILLS, BILLS: GA LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW—

Our legislators, Senator Fran Millar, Rep. Tom Taylor and Rep. Wendell Willard will be with us on Sat., Jan. 7 at 8am to preview upcoming legislative activity. Always popular, this Men's Breakfast event is sure to be entertaining as well as informative. You can enjoy a delicious breakfast, congratulate Fran, Tom, and Wendell for winning in the Nov. election and be a knowledgeable citizen with a pretty good idea of the issues the General Assembly will tackle. RSVP to Daryl Moore at 770.395.6278/404.993.6203 or ddmooore@yahoo.com.

LIFESOUTH BLOOD DRIVE—The Bloodmobile will be here on Sun., Jan.8 after services. LifeSouth is a 501(c)(3) non-profit community blood supplier for more than 100 hospitals in Alabama, Florida and Georgia. They are committed to meeting the blood supply needs of these hospitals by providing the highest quality blood components and services. LifeSouth is a community blood center, meaning the blood supply collected from our donors directly serves the needs of patients in our community. The blood donated here will stay here for local patient transfusions.

FEAST BEGINS—Wed., Jan.18. Look for details about FEAST signup and educational offerings coming soon.

LIVING WITHOUT BACK PAIN— Lori Szalay will host a free workshop featuring the Gokhale Method for relieving back pain. Thur., Jan 5 in Room 203 at 6:30pm.

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

Communion Servers– College Students.
Special thanks to all those who stepped in to assist as needed.

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

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Sonny Jester, Cindy Nunez,
Bob Pile, Bob Polensek,
Whitney Samuelson, Steven Vivian

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Class of 2017:

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Joanna Mangum, Stephen Moss,
Sharon Polensek,
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Russell Wolfe

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Diane Lemaster, Joe Luranc,
Lucy Painter, Debbie Parkes,
David Stover, Shari Wassell,
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