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SERVING TODAY

Chapel Guild– Dick and Beverly Miller

Continental Breakfast– The Hull Family

Open/Close– Miles Young

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:

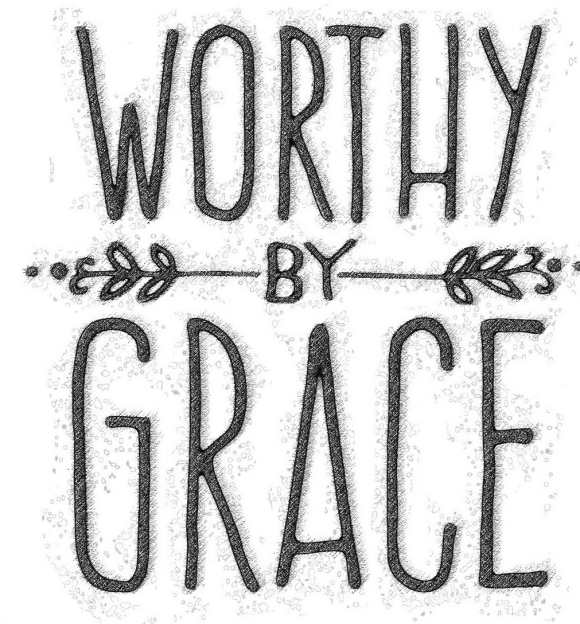
Sandra DuBois, Kris Hull,
Caroline Hurst (*youth*),
Joyce Kratzenberg, Stacey Brooks,
Joanna Mangum, Stephen Moss,
Sharon Polensek,
Rebecca Strickland (*Moderator*),
Russell Wolfe

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



WORTH CULTIVATING

First Sunday of Lent



SAINT LUKE'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 5, 2017

8:30am



SAINT LUKE'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1978 Mount Vernon Road Dunwoody, GA 30338
770.393.1424 www.slpres.org Office Hours: M-F, 8:30am-4:30pm

March 5, 2017

First Sunday of Lent

Liturgical Color: White

White is used for special Sundays such as Communion Sunday.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:30am Chapel Communion Service
9:30am Sunday School
11:00am Sanctuary Worship Service
Nursery available at all services & 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 Chapel 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.

THAT ALL MAY WORSHIP

ASSISTIVE hearing devices, large print hymnals, large print bulletins and back cushions are available. Please contact an usher for further assistance.



CHILDREN'S WORSHIP notebooks and activity sheets are available on the table just outside the Chapel doors. For your convenience, there is a Family Restroom located in the hallway of the administrative offices, on the first floor, near the main lobby.

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY—Please register ASAP *even if your scout is not able* to participate in the Girl Scout Sunday activity, which is on Mar. 12th. We'd like to recognize all of Saint Luke's Girl Scouts. Daisies through Ambassadors are needed to help with the Continental Breakfast and worship service on the 12th, contact Cailin Thelen (cailinthelen@gmail.com) for more information.

AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE—Refresh your driving skills with the AARP Smart Driver Course. This course will be held at Saint Luke's on Tues., Mar. 14 from 9:30am-4pm. Please contact Maria Barnhart with the Dunwoody Woman's Club at 770.399.5204 to register. \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-members. For more information about the course, please visit www.aarp.org/drive.

FAITH AND FILM—Fri., Mar. 17. A pot luck dinner begins at 7pm. The group will be viewing "Homeless to Harvard". Based on a true story; Liz Murray is a young girl who is taken care of by her loving, but drug-addicted parents. Liz becomes homeless at 15 and after a tragedy comes upon her, she begins her work to finish high school. For more info. & to sign up for a meal item, please contact Josh Nunez at faithandfilm.saintlukes@gmail.com.

SUPPER CLUB—Sat., Mar. 25. Come join with fellow Saint Luke's couples or singles for a potluck style dinner at a member's home! It's a great way to reconnect with old friends or meet new friends by sharing food, fellowship, and fun. The date is Saturday, March 25th around 7pm. Sign up on the poster in the lobby to host or participate. Call Fern Mitropoulos (770-343-8996) or Donna Nall (404-964-6933) with any questions. Please RSVP by Monday, March 20th. Hope to see you there!

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT GROUP (MEG)— This group will meet on Sun., Mar.19. at 5pm in the Finch Room # 203. See you then.

WEDDING GUILD SEEKS VOLUNTEERS— This is on an as needed basis. Two helpers are needed per wedding day but would like to have a group of volunteers so the commitment is minimal. The next scheduled wedding is Apr. 22. For more details please contact Heather Grafton at heather_grafton@hotmail.com.

COOL MOUNTAINS OF GUATEMALA—In the middle of Atlanta's summer heat, please join our Mission Team on its' summer mission in Guatemala to build a stove, visit a school & plant trees with Mayan farmers. AIR-Guatemala is a long time partner with Saint Luke's and will handle ALL of the details except airline flights. Dates are June 4th-10th & we need to know by Mar. 15 if you plan to attend. Please contact Anne.Hallum@AIRGuatemala.org for more info. We will share our faith by planting HOPE.

MEXICO MISSION TRIP—July 9-15, Make plans to be a part of our annual mission trip to the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico! We will work with an amazing Presbyterian church to help them expand their growing church facility. We stay in a great little hotel, eat yummy food, and share in the joy and fellowship of serving together! This experience is open to all church members ages 6th grade & up! We fly in/out of Cancun. Please contact Shannon Dill for more information at shannondill@slpres.org.

THORNWELL MISSION TRIP—The dates are set! July 20-22nd. The cost per adult is \$160; youth are supported by the proceeds from Tartan Trot. This year we will have to limit our size to 50 volunteers. Questions or to reserve your spot for this amazing mission trip, please contact Sally Shelton at sshelton@cwtvacations.com or 770-396-5156.

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– Meet in the youth room from 9:30-10:30am.

YOUTH GROUP– No Youth Group this week due to Hunger Walk.

CHICK-FIL-A– Next Tues., Mar. 7 at 7am all high schoolers are invited to meet at the Jett Ferry Chick-fil-A. If you need a ride to school please contact Phil by 8pm the night before.

HONDURAS 2017

Sat., June 17 – Sat., June 24. In an effort to expedite the process of purchasing airline tickets, we need those of you who plan to participate in the Honduras Mission Trip will go ahead and sign up and submit your deposit! Even if you can't get all the paperwork complete at the moment, simply provide the information asked for at this link: <http://slpres.org/honduras-2017/>. **We would like to have this information by this week.** PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR FULL NAME (first, middle, last) as it APPEARS ON YOUR PASSPORT. If you have any questions, email shannondill@slpres.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Youth Sunday is April 30th.

MUSIC MINISTRY

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

CHOIR REHEARSALS ON WEDNESDAYS:

5:00-5:45 p.m. Cherub Choir, *Ages 4-5, Kelly Sloan, Director.*
5:00-5:45 p.m. Westminster Choir, *Grades 1-5, Clair Maxwell, Director.*
6:30-7:20 p.m. Festival Ringers, *Youth & Adults, Clair Maxwell, Director*
7:30-9:00 p.m. Chancel Choir, *Youth & Adults, Clair Maxwell, Director*

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHOIR?

All our choirs are open ensembles with no auditions or experience required. We work with your schedule, and would enjoy having you ! Talk to Clair Maxwell for more info.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Atlanta Guitar Trio– Mar. 26, 4pm
Chastain at Saint Luke's– Apr. 30, 6:30pm

In Preparation for Worship

“God gathers the forgotten and the forsaken and calls us to be partners in the work of healing, wholeness, and holiness. God has wrapped us together as a covenant, woven us together as a fabric, and God empowers us through the mercies of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit to live a life of not forgetting, full of confidence that God does not forget us.”

~Dr. Elna K. Solvang



Prelude

Brethren, We Have Met To Worship *William Moore*

Welcome

Call to Worship*

From Psalm 121

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills– from where will my help come?

People: **My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: The One who keeps you will not slumber or sleep.

People: **The Lord is your keeper; your shade at your right hand.**

Leader: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

People: **The Lord will keep your going and coming in from this time on forevermore.**

Hymn #429*

As A Chalice Cast of Gold *INWARD LIGHT*

Call to Confession*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession*

O God of grace,

You set before us a rich feast of blessing,

but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy.

You call us to attend to the urgent needs of the world,

but we indulge in our own desires.

Our ways are not your ways, and our thoughts do not ascend to your thoughts.

Forgive us when we fall short of your claim upon our lives.

Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful life,

following the One in whose name we pray, Jesus the Christ...(time for silent confession)

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness*

Song of Praise* In My Life Lord, Be Glorified *LORD BE GLORIFIED*
Stanza 1 of Hymn 468

In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

Passing of the Peace of Christ*

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson Luke 13:1-9, 31-35 *page 76-77 of the New Testament*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

David Lower
Children are always welcome to stay in worship. If preferred, parents may take their child(ren) to the nursery.

Sermon "God's Speculative Investing" David Lower

Hymn #450* Be Thou My Vision *SLANE*

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;**

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 Series, *Christian Believer*, focuses on essential doctrines of the Christian faith & makes connections between the doctrine & daily living. Classes are Tues., 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.

MOM'S GROUP

This group (moms w/ children of all ages) meets on Wed., at 11am, Session Rm., through Mar. 15. Childcare provided for preschool age children with prior reservation- please let Shannon know by Mon. morning if childcare is needed for Wed.

S P L A S H ! CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

LENT LINKS

Make sure to get your LENT LINK chain, it has a faith based daily activity to accomplish at home. Please one chain per family for our families with children.

MAKER FUN FACTORY

Get Geared Up for Vacation Bible School! The opening whistle will sound on Mon., June 12 and the gates close on Thur., June 15. On line registration via the Saint Luke's website is open and there is a discount if you register before Apr. 15. Also, this Sunday, volunteer sign up sheets will be in the lobby!

SAINT LUKE'S WELCOME WAGON

We are seeking individuals to join the Children's Ministries Welcome Wagon Hospitality ministry on Sunday mornings. It's fun, easy and a great way to get to know families with children at Saint Luke's. The commitment is small but the payoff is huge! Please email cathomas@slpres.org to say "Sign me up!"

FAITHFUL FRIENDS

Please consider signing up for this wonderful and fulfilling ministry. Please see Catherine Anne for information about the commitment. Here is the link to sign up. <https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/20F0444A9AF2FA13-faithful3>.

2017 LENT AND HOLY WEEK, "WORTHY BY GRACE"

Date	Occasion	Text	Theme
3/1	Ash Wednesday	Luke 9:51-62	Worth Going
3/5	First Lent	Luke 13:1-9, 31-35	Worth Cultivating
3/12	Second Lent	Luke 10:25-42	Worth Helping
3/19	Third Lent	Luke 15:1-32	Worth Finding
3/26	Fourth Lent	Luke 16:19-31	Worth Sharing
4/2	Fifth Lent	Luke 18:31-19:10	Worth Relating
4/9	Sixth Lent	Luke 19:29-44	Worth Following
4/13	Maundy Thursday	Luke 22:1-27	Worth Remembering
4/14	Good Friday	Luke 23:32-47	Worth Dying
4/16	Easter Sunday	Luke 24:1-12	Worth Saving

Throughout the season of Lent, we encourage you to adopt a daily devotional practice if you aren't already doing so. We suggest that you sign up for "d365," a daily devotional which can be delivered each day via email or you can download the app for your tablet or smart phone. Go to <http://d365.org> to sign up or for more information.

UPCOMING NEW MEMBER CLASSES

The dates for the next new member classes; Mar. 12th, 19th & 26th in the Session Room.

Mar. 12th- "Who Presbyterians Are"

Mar. 19th- "What Presbyterians Do"

Mar. 26th- "What Saint Luke's Presbyterians Are and Do"

Come join us to get connected and learn what this marvelous congregation is all about! Please contact David Lower, davidlower@slpres.org or Shannon Dill, shannondill@slpres.org for more information or with any questions you may have.

SAINT LUKE'S STEPHEN MINISTRIES

Due West UMC & Cobb Sr. Services invite you for
"A Day with Teepa Snow: Today's Voice for Dementia", Fri., Mar. 31, 8:30am - 4pm, FLC

Due West United Methodist Church
3956 Due West Road, Marietta, GA 30064

This is a Free event open to family caregivers and professional caregivers.
Teepa Snow is a renowned *Positive Approach To Care* educator and trainer.

Apostles' Creed (continued)

**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.**

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.**

Offering Invitation

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

Song of Thanksgiving* We Give Thee But Thine Own SCHUMANN
Stanza 1 of Hymn 708

**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be.
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

Prayer of Dedication*

The Lord's Supper

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.

Communion Music

Closing Hymn #649* Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound *AMAZING GRACE*

Benediction*

Postlude* Praise to the Lord, The Almighty *arr. Rick Parkes*

Worship Notes:

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SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT:



SPRING FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON—Next Sunday, March 12th, please join us in the Great Hall for a special Fellowship Luncheon honoring Our Older Adults, “A Celebration of the Golden Years”, immediately following the 11am service. Non-Older Adult Cost: \$5 per person; \$20 maximum per family, Older Adult Cost:* FREE. *If you're an Older Adult, simply bypass the payment table as you enter the Great Hall. There is no particular age requirement; it's just a number after all!



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD— We kicked off last yesterday but it is not too late to join in the fun. Build dates are: March 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 8, 22, 29 from 7:30am-2:30pm. Saint Luke's will be joining four other churches for this build: Big Bethel AME, The Cathedral of St. Philip, Dodd-Sterling UMC & Wieuca Road Baptist Church. Set aside one or more of your Saturdays to help Sonja realize her dream of home ownership! If working at the site doesn't work for you, consider providing breakfast for one of the Saturdays. The Habitat House address is 1500 Monteel Drive NW, Atlanta, GA, 30318. We will have the usual car pool arrangement. If you want a ride or you want to be a driver, meet at the church parking lot (Manhasset St.) for a 7:00 AM departure each Saturday. Each person must register at the Atlanta Habitat Volunteer: www.stlukes.atlantahabitat.volunteerhub.com.



FAMILY PROMISE THANK YOU—Friends, You all rolled out the red carpet for Family Promise and welcomed 4 families to call Saint Luke's home this week. Together, we hosted guests and served through filling 126 individual service opportunities. We appreciate each of you and your efforts to assist these families on their journey out of homelessness. We had a lot of food restrictions and schedule changes (and a couple of late arrivals) this week and we know that adds another twist to your service. Thank you for your extra efforts! Our 3 moms and 7 kids were full of smiles and gratitude when they left this afternoon.

Mark your calendars - - here are our remaining Family Promise host weeks for 2017: April 16-23, July 23-30, October 15-22, October 22-29 (our famous October double-header). As always, we're so grateful for your willingness to serve.



NEXT SUNDAY, WE SPRING FORWARD—Daylight Savings time begins on March 12th. Please remember to set your clocks ahead one hour when you go to bed on Saturday night.