

## CHURCH STAFF

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Associate Pastor . . . . . Rev. Shannon Dill  
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Director of Children's Ministries. . . . . Catherine Anne Thomas  
Director of Saint Luke's Little Saints Preschool. . . . . Carol Perry  
Director of Communications. . . . . Tina Knoedler  
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Treasurer. . . . . Mark Rogers  
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## SERVING TODAY

### Acolytes:

**Bell Ringer**- Jack Troha  
**Bible Bearer**- Everett Gaitan  
**Candle Lighter**- Jett Parker  
**Crucifer**- Caroline Samuelson  
**Supervisor**- Cailin Thelen

**Chancel Guild**- Stacey Brooks

**Greeter**-Emily Ritzler

**Lay Reader**- Ted Guerrant

**Open/Close**- Steve Klein

**Sound Crew**- Brad Troha

**Ushers**- Andrea Price, Captain; Dohrm and Susan Crawford, Carol Hickey, Phil and Ginger Williams

Many thanks to the Presbyterian Women for providing Continental Breakfast on August 20.

## LEADERSHIP

Terry Nall, *Clerk to Session*

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## ELDERS

### Class of 2018:

Gerald Aldridge, Carol Allen,  
Barbara Douglass, Anne Hallum,  
Forrest Herrick (*Youth*), Dan Joyce,  
Jean Kammerer, Chip Williams,  
Bill Womack

### Class of 2019:

Al Bridges, Beth Eisenmesser,  
Sonny Jester, Bob Pile,  
Bob Polensek, Terri Potter,  
Whitney Samuelson, Steven Vivian

### Class of 2020:

Carol Ciepluch, Leslie Hamlin,  
Kay Loerch (*Asst. Clerk of Session*),  
Florence Luranc, JJ Singley, Kelly Sloan,  
Steve Thornton, Brad Troha

## DEACONS

### Class of 2018:

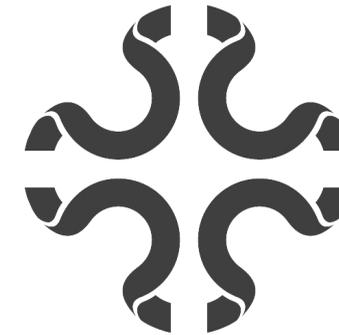
Justine Burney, Bobby Ferretti,  
Mary Frances Kitchens (*Youth*),  
Diane Lemaster, Joe Luranc,  
Lucy Painter, Debbie Parkes,  
Ron Valdes, Shari Wassell,  
Kristen Wescott (*Moderator*)

### Class of 2019:

Melissa Blakely, Alyson Cohen,  
Mark Douglass, A.J.Favero,  
Carol Hickey, Dorothy Kitchens (*Vice Moderator*), Carol Waller, Al Wang,  
Scott Zannini

### Class of 2020:

Thomas Brown, Karleen Buchholz,  
Jenny Cummiskey, Ron Davis, Kris Hull  
Daryl Moore, Emily Ritzler,  
Vivian Smith, Suzanne Thatcher



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

August 27, 2017

10:30am



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**August 27, 2017**  
Ordinary Time

**Liturgical Color:** Green  
*Green is used for all of the other time periods (called Ordinary Time) not marked by a specific festival or season.*

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God and dedicated to the loving memory of Shirley Smallwood by her family.*

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

- 8:30am Chapel Communion Service
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 10:30am 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 or a church officer 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** 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. Worship buckets 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).

**CARE FOR A REAL SCOTTISH HERITAGE EXPERIENCE?**— We are currently planning to host a trip to Scotland next spring from April 29 to May 7, 2018. We are looking for roughly 25 people to join us as we explore this exciting country and our Presbyterian roots (our tour guide is an ordained minister in the Church of Scotland!). Please contact Phil Brown to add your name to the list and/or if you have any questions about the trip: [philbrown@slpres.org](mailto:philbrown@slpres.org).

**GREEN TEAM NEEDS YOU! ELECTRONICS RECYCLE EVENT**— Volunteers will be needed to assist with the City of Dunwoody Electronics Recycle Event on September 17. Two time shifts are available, but of course, you can step up for both shifts: 11:30am-2pm and 1:30pm-4pm. Please email Ron Davis with your availability. [DaviRW@hotmail.com](mailto:DaviRW@hotmail.com).

**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT GROUP (MEG)** — The Marriage Enrichment Group starts meeting again on Sunday, September 10, 5-6:30pm in the Finch Room #203. We meet once a month on a Sunday evening. There is childcare provided. Our goal is to enrich our marriages by intentionally spending time together as a couple, away from the many distractions of our busy lives. If you want more information or just want to come see what the group is all about, please call either Kimey or Mark Reed. (Kimey 404.441.8614 or Mark 404.441.7410)

**TAVERN TALKS** — David Lower would like to invite the men of Saint Luke's to join him on Monday, September 18 at the Dunwoody Tavern for "Tavern Talks." This fall we will plan to gather guys together on the third Monday of each month for fun, food, beverages, Monday Night Football, and conversation about life and spirituality. The first gathering will prioritize relaxed conversation and football, but

also demonstrate "Tavern Talking" by addressing the topic "Respecting Differences: How can people who think about faith differently respect each other well?" Consider bringing a friend with you to be filled with good things! The Dunwoody Tavern address is 5488 Chamblee Dunwoody Road.

**SAINT LUKE'S UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Thursday, August 31 - Saint Luke's Little Saints Sneak-A-Peak, 10:30-11:30am
- Tuesday, September 5 - Saint Luke's Little Saints First Day of School
- Sunday, September 10 - Tartan Trot Sponsor Kickoff
- Sunday, September 17 - Electronics Recycling Event
- Wednesday, September 20 - FEAST Begins
- Sunday, September 24 - Saint Luke's Little Saints 20th Anniversary
- Weeks of October 15 and October 22 - Family Promise
- Sunday, October 22 - Bluegrass Mass Concert

Saint Luke's Little Saints  
Preschool & Kindergarten

**A Gift for 20 Years!**  
Sunday, September 24

Please join us during worship as we celebrate 20 years of providing an excellent early childhood education for our church families and community friends!

## MUSIC MINISTRY

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

### CHERUB CHOIR DIRECTOR

We are looking for an energetic individual with a love of music to lead our Cherub Choir on Wednesday nights from 5:15 to 5:45pm as part of our FEAST program beginning in the fall. This group is comprised of our children 4 years of age through Kindergarten and sings twice a year in worship as well as periodically with the Westminster elementary-age choir. If you or someone you know would be a good fit for this opportunity, please contact Clair Maxwell.

### ASSISTANT ORGANISTS NEEDED

Announcing a new opportunity to experience more about music and worship at Saint Luke's. Spend a Sunday worship service of your choice on the bench with Clair as he leads worship and learn firsthand all that happens "behind the scenes" at church. Sign up by contacting the church office, talk to Clair or online at the following: <https://tinyurl.com/AsstOrganistNeeded>.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

September 20- Westminster and Cherub Choirs begin (also beginning of FEAST)  
October 22 - Bluegrass Mass concert with Choral Guild and bluegrass band - 4:00pm  
December 10 - Toys for Tots concert with brass - 4:00pm  
December 17 - Lessons and Carols service - 10:30am

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Phil Brown    [philbrown@slpres.org](mailto:philbrown@slpres.org) / 770.393.1424 ext. 238

### WE HAVE A NEW SEMINARY INTERN!

Erin Rugh will join us this Sunday morning for her first Sunday at Saint Luke's. We are so excited for her to get going at Saint Luke's. She starts classes at Columbia Seminary in the next few weeks. Please give her a warm welcome.

### HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP IN YOUTH MINISTRY

August 27:      Kickoff Pancake Breakfast in the Great Hall.  
                      Sunday school and church.  
                      High School Kick-off at Top Golf right after the 10:30am worship service.  
                      Bring \$10 and extra money for lunch.

September 10:    Youth group starts back.  
                      Middle School Youth, 5-6:30pm at the church.  
                      Parents Meeting, 6-6:40pm at the church.

## In Preparation for Worship

"Let us therefore no longer pass judgment on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling-block or hindrance in the way of another."  
- Romans 14:13



## Gathering Prayer

### Prelude

Cortège Dale Wood

## Chiming of the Hour

## Welcome and Announcements

*If you are new to Saint Luke's today, welcome, we are so glad you are here! We have a gift of fresh bread we would love to give to you as a token of our gratitude. Please introduce yourself after worship to receive your welcome gift.*

*After every worship service at Saint Luke's, there is a Stephen Minister in the Prayer Room (across the hall from the Chapel) available to hear your concerns or joys and help you offer a prayer to God. You are invited to receive this ministry of listening and prayer.*

*Please take the time now to fill out the Friendship Pads situated at the end of each pew. Write down your names and pass the pad down the pew, so that you may greet your pew neighbors by name and that we may know you are here.*

*This morning we welcome Brenda Turner as a soprano section leader in the Chancel Choir. Brenda Marie Turner is a classically trained soprano who has served as a soloist with various opera and theater companies, symphonies, and churches for the last 18 years. She's thrilled to join the ministry at Saint Luke's and looks forward to participating in collective worship with this church family.*

## Call to Worship\*

Based on Romans 1

Leader: We are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

People: **He is the One whom God promised to send, who died and rose for us.**

Leader: In Him we know we are beloved creatures of God, called to be saints.

People: **Grace and peace to all as we celebrate mercy and freedom,  
and seek to glorify God!**

## Hymn #821\*

How Can I Keep From Singing? *HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING*

## Call to Confession\*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

## Prayer of Confession\*

Gracious and Loving God,  
You have lived for us, yet we struggle to live for you.  
You have forgiven us, yet we struggle to forgive others.  
You have loved us, yet we struggle to love ourselves and one another.  
Help us to live for you, help us to forgive, and help us to love  
as you have shown us to do in Christ.  
Hear now our silent prayers of confession...(Silence is kept for personal confession)

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

## Assurance of Forgiveness\*

Song of Praise\*                      Glory Be to the Father    GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

## Passing of the Peace of Christ\*

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

## Prayer for Illumination

Ted Guerrant

## Scripture Lesson

Romans 14:1-13, page 152-153 of the New Testament

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

## Tell Us Our Story

Shannon Dill

*Faithful Friends is taking a "summer break" and will resume in September. We invite this age group (K-2<sup>nd</sup>) to remain in worship and enjoy the activities in our worship buckets; however, all children are welcome in our childcare rooms.*

## SPLASH! CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, September 3** – Movie Morning! Children in PreK and Kindergarten will enjoy "Mischief Sunday" in Room 121; kids in Grades 1 – 5 will love "Clive and Ian's Wonder Blimp of Knowledge"!

**Sunday, September 10** – First morning of Sunday School fun for children, 9:30am to 10:15am  
Get ready for some fun changes!

**Wednesday, September 20** – First Night of Feast! Children's Choirs begin rehearsals, delicious family dinners are back, and engaging new classes debut for all ages!

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES NEEDS YOU!

Saint Luke's is ready to roll out a brand-new semester of fun and engaging classes for our children! We've kept some old favorites – but we're also bringing in some exciting new learning opportunities. Since our ministry with children is a church-wide partnership, we depend completely upon adult volunteers to immerse our children in the Christian faith - through learning, relationships, and experiences. We have spots open for Sunday morning and Wednesday evenings during FEAST. Please see Catherine Ann Thomas for full details and prayerfully consider a commitment to Children's Ministries. You can reach Catherine Anne Thomas via email at [cathomas@slpres.org](mailto:cathomas@slpres.org).

## ADULT MINISTRY

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### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Will convene on September 10 with a group meeting in the chapel at 9:30am to discuss the fall line-up. Individual classes will begin on September 17.

### FRIDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Fellowship and Bible study every Friday from 6:40-8am in the Parlor with Dan Joyce.

### 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. Meet on Wednesdays at 10am in the church library.

## CELEBRATING CLAIR MAXWELL'S 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY AT SAINT LUKE'S

### You obviously enjoy working at Saint Luke's or you wouldn't have stayed for 10 years. What do you like best about your job?

The short answer is the great people! The leadership and congregation of Saint Luke's has afforded me the opportunity to expand the music program in a multitude of ways. Atlanta has become my home in more ways than one, but having a place where I can be encouraged and inspired to make great music is invaluable and rewarding.

### What's your favorite program or aspect of Saint Luke's ministry? How have you contributed to making it a success during your time here?

Obviously, my focus has been on music, and am very grateful for the importance placed on it especially as an integral part of worship. Music can stir the soul in unique and powerful ways that enhance the worship experience for everyone. We have involved more youth both in singing and with instruments and hosted numerous outside musicians and programs through the Celebrate the Arts program. In conjunction with the Choral Guild of Atlanta, the Chancel Choir has performed several concerts and community events, and we now have a full bell choir. Not to mention the perennial favorite...Chastain at Saint Luke's. Also, I really enjoy and am enlivened by our outside mission work. I've been fortunate enough to participate in a number of those including trips to Mexico, Montreat, Massanetta, and Thornwell.

### How have things changed around the church in the last ten years?

I guess it goes without saying that things have changed a lot. However, despite lots of turnover in leadership we have continued to stay focused on our vision and working to live out our mission. Worship has always been a priority and frequent topic of conversation (as it should be!), and music exists primarily to support our worship life as a congregation. Our services have changed from year to year, and we now have new hymnals, which continues to give the congregation a new voice and ways to express their worship. The rebuilding of the sanctuary organ console, the installation of the chapel organ, and the new donation of the sanctuary piano have further supported our service music.

### What would you like to see us do in the future with respect to music at Saint Luke's?

I see us continuing to expand the options for people to participate in the music life of the church. Such things might include a part-time accompanist and/or Cherub Choir director, a chamber ensemble, an expanded church orchestra, or perhaps a summer music camp for kids at Saint Luke's or elsewhere. In addition, I'd like to see us partner more with other area churches on special music programs or services.

### Anything else?

Yes. I just want to express my gratitude to everyone for being so supportive of me personally, my family specifically, and music in general. The work environment is extremely collaborative, friendly, and fulfilling, which makes my time here a joy!

## Anthem

God of Grace and God of Glory *Paul T. Langston* Chancel Choir

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days.

Set our feet on lofty places; Gird our lives that they may be  
Armored with all Christlike graces in the fight to set us free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not us nor thee. Amen.  
*(Harry Emerson Fosdick)*

## Sermon

"Passing On Judgment"

David Lower

## Hymn #822\*

When We Are Living *SOMOS DEL SENOR*

*First verse solo  
Remaining verses- All*

## 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;  
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.**

