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Acolytes:

Bell Ringer– Emma Troha
Bible Bearer– Thom Rabren
Candle Lighter– Douglass Vivian
Crucifer– Jack Troha
Supervisor– Taylor Vivian

Chancel Guild– Ted and Mary Guerrant

Continental Breakfast– The McGoldrick Family

Greeter– Lucy Painter and Carol Waller

Lay Reader–

Open/Close– Josh Nunez

Sound Crew– Brad Troha

Ushers– Ken Painter, Captain; Lucy Painter, Debbie Parkes, John and Cathy Ray, and Jan Slater.

LEADERSHIP

Terry Nall, *Clerk to Session*

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

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Class of 2018:

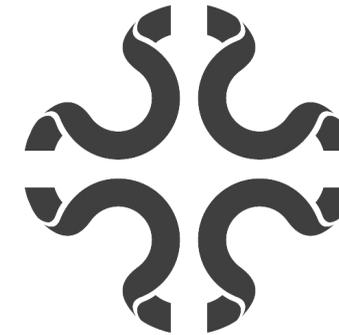
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Mary Frances Kitchens (*Youth*),
Diane Lemaster, Joe Luranc,
Lucy Painter, Debbie Parkes,
Ron Valdes, Shari Wassell,
Kristen Wescott (*Moderator*)

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 Cumiskey, 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

September 17, 2017

10:30am



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1978 Mount Vernon Road Dunwoody, GA 30338
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September 17, 2017

Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: Green

Green is used for the time periods called Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time is not marked by a specific festival or season.

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 notebooks and lacing crosses 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).

PW CIRCLE MEETINGS WERE POSTPONED—

Just a reminder to all the women of Saint Luke's, Circle meetings scheduled to meet last week will now begin this week on Monday, September 18 at 9:30am and 7:30pm or Tuesday, September 19 at 9:30am. Even if you have not signed up yet, come join us, and you can do so there. Hope to see you and share Bible study with you all this Fall! Call Fern Mitropoulos with any questions, 770-343-8996.

TAVERN TALKS — David Lower would like to invite the men of Saint Luke's to join him on Monday, September 18 at 8pm to 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. Consider bringing a friend with you to be filled with good things! The Dunwoody Tavern, 5488 Chamblee Dunwoody Road.

CONSTITUTION WEEK CELEBRATION —

Constitution Week is the commemoration of America's most important document. It is celebrated annually during the week of September 17-23. The aims of the Constitution Week celebration are to: 1) Emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution. 2) Inform people that the Constitution is the basis for America's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life. and 3) Encourage the study of the historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787. Check out the table in the lobby for more interesting information.

OWLS KICKOFF ON SEPTEMBER 26 — OWLS stands for Older, Wiser, Loving, Seniors. We are a group of those 55+ who gather on the 4th Tuesday of the month for a home cooked lunch, prepared by our chef, Karleen Buchholz. We enjoy each others company, get to know new folks and renew old acquaintances. Please join us on September 26 for a luncheon in the Great Hall at 11:30am. Cost is \$6pp. Sign up sheet is on the church lobby bulletin board or call Sally Hawkins at the church to RSVP, 770.393.1424. Feel free to contact Nancy Self, nself@comcast.net or Gerald Aldridge, geraldaldridge@gmail.com with any questions about the OWLS group.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON SEPTEMBER 30?

Will you be sitting around watching: Georgia vs. Tennessee ? Florida vs. Vanderbilt ? Alabama vs. Ole Miss ? Clemson vs. Virginia Tech ? Maybe we can cheer for something else altogether. Appalachian residents will do just that if you help them prepare to combat the arrival of inclement weather and isolation. Mountain TOP gives adults the opportunity to participate in a special rivalry the weekend of September 28-October 1. If you are looking for a different mission trip or considering your first, AIM (Adults In Ministry) is a perfect way to satisfy that desire. For more information or inspiration contact Ted Guerrant 770-990-4473.

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 / 770.393.1424 ext. 227

CHOIR REHEARSALS ON WEDNESDAYS

5:00-5:45pm Cherub Choir, Ages 4-5, *Yvonne Miller, Director (begins September 20)*
5:00-5:45pm Westminster Choir, Grades 1-5, *Clair Maxwell, Director (begins September 20)*
6:30-7:20pm Festival Ringers, Youth & Adults, *Clair Maxwell, Director*
7:30-9:00pm Chancel Choir, Youth & Adults, *Clair Maxwell, Director*

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP IN YOUTH MINISTRY

September 17: Middle School Youth Group, 5-6:30pm at the church.
High School Youth Group, 7-8:30pm at Sargent/Hurst home.
Check Youth email or get with Phil for address.

September 24: Corn Maze after church. Sign up on line.
Tartan Trot Family Dinner at Vintage Pizza, 5-7pm.

October 8: Six Flags. Sign up on line.

In Preparation for Worship

“The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, ‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!’”
– John 1:29



Gathering Prayer

Prelude

Prelude on “Leoni” Paul Manz

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.

Call to Worship*

Leader: Baruch atah Adonai, blessed are you, O Lord our God,
the God of our fathers and mothers.

People: **God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob;
God of Sarah, God of Rebecca, God of Rachel, and God of Leah.**

Leader: You are the great, mighty, and awesome God
who creates everything good out of love,

People: **You are the great, mighty and awesome God who shows up
in loving kindness, asking for sacrifice but protecting from destruction.**

Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord, Sarah's Helper, Abraham's Shield.

Hymn 49*

The God of Abraham Praise LEONI

Call to Confession*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession*

God of the Covenant,
You promised Abraham and his descendants Your blessings
if we would walk in Your ways toward the place You will show us.
We confess that we have strayed from Your path, and fail to see our destination.
We have claimed blessing for ourselves and trusted in our own ideas,
rather than accept Your grace and trust Your leading.
Forgive us, and help us to follow in trust and see in hope.
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.

Song of Invitation

1st time: SOLO, 2nd time: ALL, 3rd time: ALL, quietly

(Lis - ten) Lis - ten, God is cal - ling, through the Word in - vi - ting,
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort and joy.

SPLASH! CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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!

WHY DO WE CELEBRATE COMMUNION?

What does it mean? How does it work? Any child with these questions is invited to our Communion workshop today during our usual Faithful Friends time after Tell Us Our Story (approx. 10:45am) Parents are welcome. We will gather in the Narthex, proceed to the chapel, and end our time together in the Dock at the conclusion of worship.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES STILL NEEDS YOU!

With Sunday School underway and a September 20 start to Feast Wednesdays, it's never too late to support the children of Saint Luke's with your presence! The following volunteer needs remain:

- Godly Play Preschool Sunday School – 9:30 to 10:15am, work in rotation with others.
- Elementary "Dig In" Sunday School – 9:30 to 10:15am, work in rotation with others.
- Elementary Wednesday night "Character Rooted in Christ" class – 6:30 to 7:15 for 6 weeks beginning September 20; can work in rotation with others.
- Faithful Friends – after Tell Us Our Story on Sunday mornings (except for the first Sunday of each month); sign up for as few or as many lessons as you wish.

Please consider any of these fun and rewarding opportunities! Email Catherine Anne Thomas to sign up or if you have any questions, cathomas@slpres.org.

ADULT MINISTRY

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Individual classes begin this Sunday, September 17. Please see the website for a full description of each class. (<http://slpres.org/program-ministries/adult-ministry/sunday-school>)

Faith Foundations: Room 232

House to House: Room 203

Seasons of the Spirit: Room 231/233

Soul Food: Room 234/236

NEW MEMBER INQUIRER'S CLASS

If you are interested in learning more about Saint Luke's, the Presbyterian faith tradition, and what it means to be a member of this wonderful church, please join David Lower for New Member Inquirers Class on Sundays, September 17 through October 1, 9:30 – 10:15am in the Session Room (room 109). New members will be welcomed during the 10:30am worship service on Sunday, October 1. Childcare provided during classes. Contact David Lower with questions: davidlower@slpres.org / 770.393.1424, ext. 223.

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.

MOM'S SMALL GROUP, "LOVE DOES"

A new small group for moms of all stages to explore all that God wants to do with us. This class will begin on September 14 and meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at Shannon's home from 7:30-8:30pm.

MOM'S MID-DAY GROUP, "ANIMATE FAITH"

Please join Shannon Dill and other moms to encourage, grow, and laugh with one another! This semester we'll meet on Friday mornings at 11am, beginning on September 22 in the Session room, #109. Contact Carol Perry, carolperry@slpres.org, to make a child care reservation (free of charge).

FAITH AND PARENTING GROUP

David and Amanda Lower would like to invite Saint Luke's parents for a small group that will meet on the first Sunday of the month beginning October 1, 5:30-6:45pm. Casual dinner and childcare offered. Also, looking to add an additional date/time. More details to follow. Please email David Lower to sign up or ask any questions. davidlower@slpres.org.

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14, pages 16-17 of the Old Testament

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Tell Us Our Story

Phil Brown

Today's class is focused on Communion. All children wishing to learn more about the Lord's Supper are welcome. We will gather in the Narthex, proceed to the Chapel, and conclude in the Dock.

Anthem

Heavenly Light Alexander Kopylov

Chancel Choir

Sent from heaven, thy rays were given on great and small to shine.
O light Divine! May each soul in sorrow's night see the heavenly light!
Thou blessing to all creation, lead us to our salvation!
All those whose feet may falter, lead unto the sacred altar!

Oh shine from above, Divine Light of love!
Show us the way unto our God, we pray!
Thou our beacon and guide shalt be!
Light Divine, we praise Thee!

Sermon

"God Shows Up, Protecting"

David Lower

Hymn #684*

Faith Begins By Letting Go LUX PRIMA

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.**

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 in the pew rack to place in the offering plate as it is passed.

Offertory

Faith *Felix Mendelssohn*

Song of Thanksgiving*

For the fruit of all cre-a-tion, thanks be to God. For the gifts to ev-ery na-tion,
thanks be to God. For the plow-ing, sow ing, reap-ing, si-lent growth while
we are sleep-ing, fu-ture needs in earth's safe-keep-ing, thanks be to God.

Prayer of Dedication*

Closing Hymn #691*

Lord, When I Came Into This Life *LAND OF REST*

Benediction*

Choral Amen*

Amen *Franz Schubert*

Postlude*

Fugue *Johann Sebastian Bach*

Worship Notes:

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SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT:



SAINT LUKE'S GREEN TEAM SPONSORED RECYCLING EVENT TODAY—

City of Dunwoody Annual Electronics Recycling Event. 11:30am for church members, 1:00pm for Dunwoody residents. The event runs through 4pm. Enter for drop off on the Mt. Vernon side and exit on to Manhasset Road. Please see the City of Dunwoody website for items that are and are not accepted. www.dunwoodyga.gov. Click on the blue "For Residents" section and then scroll down to find the Annual Electronics Recycling Event in the calendar of events.



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS ARE A TIME TO FEAST—

All are invited to Saint Luke's mid-week programming: Feast! Come enjoy meals and faith formation opportunities (classes are grouped by age from 3 to adult) from 5:45 - 7:15pm each Wednesday. Feast begins next week, September 20 and continues through November 1. Pick up a brochure in the lobby and register now on line! Or use the blue registration slip in your pew to register each week.



TARTAN TROT, IT'S MORE THAN A RACE. IT'S A MISSION! —

Did you know? More than 80 youth were able to participate in SLPC mission trips over the summer thanks to the success of last year's Tartan Trot. Your support makes a difference! Please consider sponsoring the 2018 race! Go to tartantrot.com or visit the table in the lobby to make a pledge. We have a gift for all 2018 sponsors! A huge thanks to the 45 sponsors who have made a pledge thus far! We're off to a great start!