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SAINT LUKE’S PERIMETER COUNSELING CENTER

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SERVING TODAY

Acolytes:

- Bell Ringer**– William Tomsik
- Candle Lighter**– Sophie Price
- Crucifer**– Hannah Price
- Supervisor**– Cailin Thelen

Chancel Guild– Stacey Brooks

Continental Breakfast– Commitment Committee

Greeter– Ron Davis

Lay Reader– Kim Fadel (USN)

Open/Close– Miles Young

Sound Crew– Brad Troha

Ushers– Ken Painter (USA), Captain; Gerald Aldridge (USAR), Al Bridges (USA), Dohrm Crawford (USAF), John Massey (USA), and Cecil Palmer (USAF)

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, J J 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 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

November 12, 2017

10:30am



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Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: Green

Green is used for all other time periods (called Ordinary Time) not marked by a specific festival or season.

Flowers today are given in honor of Byron Brown for his faithful service to church and country and in gratitude for all of the church members who have been faithful in honoring his memory.

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).

MEN'S BREAKFAST, NOVEMBER 18 — Come and join us for a hearty breakfast Saturday morning at 8am on November 18 along with our guest speaker, Rev. Eric Powell of Dodd-Sterling United Methodist Church. Rev. Powell will be discussing the marvelous story of their church and Caring for Others Ministries, in recent months Dodd-Sterling has opened a food pantry in partnership with Caring for Others, and this food pantry has had an opportunity to expand with help from Saint Luke's. Please respond to Pam Melton at pammelton@slpres.org with number of attendees. Deadline for responding is Wednesday, November 15. All are welcome, including Saint Luke's women.

If you have any questions, please call or email either Tom Loftis, 770-605-2067, tomloftis01@gmail.com or Bob Schultz, 404-771-6910; bobschultz1@gmail.com.

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE ADVENT/CHRISTMAS — Actually, it will when decorating is complete. Please join us on Saturday, December 2 at 9:30am as we transform Saint Luke's for Advent and Christmas. Questions? Contact Nancy Self at nself@comcast.net. Hope to see you there!

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN, PW CHRISTMAS DINNER AND SERVICE — You are cordially invited to the annual Presbyterian Women Christmas Dinner on Monday, December 4. Mingle in the lobby from 6-6:30pm, followed by a delicious dinner prepared by Chef Quentin, and concluding with a meaningful candlelight communion service in the sanctuary. It is a lovely and memorable evening and a nice way to begin the holiday Christmas season. Please sign up in the lobby on the green poster board. Inviting local family and friends to your table is highly encouraged. Please indicate when you sign up if you have a request to be seated with anyone in particular. \$15pp. Checks can be made out to SL PW. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie McGoldrick at tsmcgoldrick@gmail.com.

TARTAN TROT — LOVE JOY HOPE Tartan Trot Shirts for Sale! Show your Tartan Trot spirit and your desire to win some pie by purchasing a LOVE JOY HOPE Tartan Trot green hoodie for \$25! Check out Scottie and the TT table in the lobby to purchase or order one (look for cards on the table). For more information, or to place an order, please contact TJ McGoldrick at tj.mcgoldrick@gmail.com. Help us fill our Sponsor board with your names. Sponsor cards are available on the table in the lobby OR you may email Laura Singley (laurasingley@att.net) with your pledge. Don't forget we have a fun tartan gift for every Tartan Trot sponsor. Please let Laura know if you need to collect your gift. Please visit the website for full race information. www.tartantrot.com.

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*
5:00-5:45pm Westminster Choir, Grades 1-5, *Clair Maxwell, Director*
6:30-7:20pm Festival Ringers, Youth & Adults, *Clair Maxwell, Director*
7:30-9:00pm Chancel Choir, Youth & Adults, *Clair Maxwell, Director*

UPCOMING EVENTS

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:

SUNDAY SCHOOL, NOVEMBER 12 Let's go to breakfast. 9:20am in the lobby. Bring \$.

SUNDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 12, HARD TOPICS TO TALK ABOUT

Middle School 5-6:30pm - This week meet upstairs in the Youth room.
High School 7-8:30pm – Meet in the Herrick/Tate home.

SENIOR HIGH RETREAT

December 8 – 10. Location: Mountain T.O.P. Camp in Central Tennessee
Cost: \$120pp; free to adults who attend. Cost includes transportation, meals (except for lunch on the way), lodging, high ropes course & program. Registrations due November 22. Paperwork/payments due December 1. We will leave church, Friday, 6 pm and return mid-afternoon Sunday. To register, please go to slpres.org/high-school-retreat-registration.

HIGH SCHOOL CHICK FIL A BREAKFAST

We will be meeting at the Jett Ferry Chick Fil A at 7am on November 28, and December 12 for breakfast before school. Let Phil know if you'll be needing a ride to school.

PARENT RETREAT REGISTRATION

Parenting retreat, February 9-11, in Montreat, NC. Let Phil know if you are interested in a roommate for the weekend. Also, we may have some people who can offer child care that weekend if that is holding you back. Talk to Phil. Visit www.authenticparents.org.

NEXT WEEK, NOVEMBER 19 Lunch and a movie after church.

In Preparation for Worship

“On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, ‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’”

– John 7:37-38

Gathering Prayer

Prelude

Ricercare *Johann Froberger*

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.

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: We praise you, Creator of the heavens, the earth, the sea, and everything that lives within them.
You keep promises and remain faithful.

People: **We praise you for the new life you give to us!**

Leader: You give justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who are starving.
You free the prisoners, open the eyes of the blind, and lift the burdens of those who are overwhelmed.

People: **We praise you for the new life you give to us, singing honor and glory to the source of all good!**

Opening Hymn #33*

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show LLANFAIR

Call to Confession*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.



Prayer of Confession*

God of Grace and Mercy,
we confess that we have worshipped you with our lips,
but failed to honor you with our actions.
We have prayed for an end to the world's suffering,
yet struggle to practice compassion and justice with all our strength. Forgive us.
May your justice roll down on us like fresh water,
and your righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
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 #581* Glory Be to the Father *GLORIA PATRI*

Passing of the Peace of Christ*

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

Prayer for Illumination

Kim Fadel

Scripture Lesson Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24, pages 801-805 of the Old Testament

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

Tell Us Our Story

Parents may take their children (through PreK) to our nursery, Room 120 in Sheppard Hall. Parents of children in K, 1st or 2nd grade may take them to Faithful Friends in The Harbor, Room 213 in Sheppard Hall.

Anthem

Children of the God Who Made Us Westminster Choir
arr. Hal Hopson

Children of the God who made us, we know God will not forsake us;
nestling bird nor stars in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.
God for us does tend and nourish, in God's holy courts we flourish;
from all danger God will spare us, in those loving arms God bears us.
God is love; lift every voice; sing, rejoice.
God's own love will last forever, from that love can nothing sever.
Praise the Lord, lift every voice; join the song, let all rejoice.

Sermon

"God Shows Up, Justly" David Lower

SPLASH! CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

GET READY TO WAIT!

The season of Advent begins on Sunday, December 3. Here are some important dates to keep in mind as calendars begin to fill:

DECEMBER 3 – HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS, IN THE GREAT HALL

We'll have a great family project for each household to take home, as well as many smaller ways to remember the meaning of the season. A delicious brunch is included! 9:15am.

DECEMBER 21 – LIVE NATIVITY

Invite your friends to this community favorite! We'll interact with the friendly beasts from the Little Red Barn; see Mary, Joseph, shepherds, kings, angels, and a tiny baby; drink hot chocolate; make s'mores; hear beautiful music and the nativity gospel; and remember the joy and love that one birth brought to our world.

P.S. If you or someone in your family would like to portray a Bethlehem role during the live nativity, please contact Catherine Anne Thomas, cathomas@slpres.org.

DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY WORSHIP AT 5:00PM, SANCTUARY

This worship service, for many of us, is the foundation of our Christmas celebration activities. Led by our own children, it's a sweet and powerful reminder that Christ was born for all.

All children who attend get to play a part. If, however, your child (Kindergarten or older) would like a special part – either speaking or non-speaking – please email cathomas@slpres.org. Participants will rehearse once on either December 10 or December 17. Arrive at 4:00 on Christmas Eve.

ADULT MINISTRY

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Individual classes have begun. 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

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 meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at Shannon's home from 7:30-8:30pm.

FAITH AND PARENTING GROUP

The Faith and Parenting Group will now meet on "Second Sundays" of each month, with its next gathering scheduled at the home of Miles and Kari Young at 5:30pm. All parents and their children are welcome! A casual dinner will be served. Childcare will be provided. Please email David Lower to RSVP and ask any questions, davidlower@slpres.org.

TAVERN TALKS

The men of Saint Luke's are invited on the third Monday of the month at 8pm to Dunwoody Tavern for "Tavern Talks." This fall we will plan to gather guys together for fun, food, beverages, Monday Night Football, and conversation about life and spirituality. Please email David Lower with any questions, davidlower@slpres.org.

Hymn #762*

When the Poor Ones *EL CAMINO*

Choir to sing verses and congregation to sing refrain

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.**

Moment for Commitment

Mary Martin

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

The Love of God *Mary McDonald*

Chancel Choir

The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star and reaches to the lowest hell.
The guilty pair bowed down with care, God gave his Son to win;
His erring child he reconciled and pardoned from his sin.

When years of time shall pass away and earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,
When we who here refuse to pray on rocks and hills and mountains call.
God's love so sure shall still endure all measureless and strong;
Redeeming grace to Adam's race, the saints' and angels' song.
The love of God, how rich and pure! (*Frederick Lehman*)

Song of Thanksgiving from Now Thank We All Our God *NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT*

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Closing Hymn #716* God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending *BEACH SPRING*

Benediction*

Response* from God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me *GREEN TYLER*

Choir: Christ in the eyes of all who see me,
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me;

All: O Christ, surround me; O Christ surround me.



Postlude Fugue in D *Francois Roberday*

*Worship Notes: Thanks to our musicians this morning: Jewel Ann Cameron, Mary Frances Kitchens, Daryl Moore, Emma Parker, Sydney Sloan and Emma Troha.
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SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT:



VICTORY! CELEBRATING COMMITMENT SUNDAY -- We have pursued the goal of 100% participation in our commitment season, and believe we have faithfully exhibited Paul's calling to the church: "we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another" (Romans 12:4-5). A couple of reminders about submitting pledges to Saint Luke's:

- To those who have already submitted a 2018 pledge, thank you!
- If you have not yet submitted a pledge, please look for your pledge form in the Commitment packet you received at home. You can turn those forms in to the church office.
- If you prefer to make your pledge online, please submit your confidential form at <http://slpres.org/2018-pledge>.
- A note to keep in mind about fulfillment of pledges: you can satisfy your pledge by contributing stock having a value equal to your pledge.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY — There will be a congregational meeting today immediately following the 10:30am worship service. The purpose is to elect at least four members to serve on the Officer Nominating Committee.



AIR GUATAMALA RECEPTION TODAY — Let's extend a warm welcome as we host Pedro Miguel Lopez from AIR-Guatemala to Saint Luke's this Sunday. Pedro Miguel has been a technician with AIR for many years--teaching Mayan farmers and countless school children about sustainable farming and nutrition. We will have a reception in his honor after the 10:30am Worship service today in the Session Room.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW) BAKE SALE — Sunday, November 19, delicious mini-loaves on sale in the lobby for \$4 each. Choose from Cranberry- Orange or Pumpkin. Great for Thanksgiving guests and holiday hostess gifts.



SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE — Angels needed! Make Christmas special for a child! Please take a name from the Angel Tree, and use the suggestions to purchase items for that child. If you like, partner with another church member or family to purchase the gifts. Unwrapped purchases should be returned to the lobby by Friday, December 1. Please contact Florence Luranc with any questions at fhluranc@comcast.net or 404.915.3148.