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**SERVING TODAY**

**Chapel Guild-** Dick and Bev Miller  
**Greeters-** Ron David and Sonny Jester  
**Open/Close-** Miles Young

**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



**First Sunday of Advent**

**December 3, 2017 8:30am**



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**Liturgical Color:** Purple

*Liturgical colors can orient us to the season of the church year and help to engage the sense of sight in worship. Purple (and sometimes blue, in Advent) designates a season of preparation.*

**Red Rose on the Pulpit:**

*The red rose on the pulpit is in honor of David McMahan Blakely, born on July 22, 2017 to Daniel and Melissa Blakely and big brother Matthew.*

**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 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 lacing crosses 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.

**ADULT MINISTRY**

**Shannon Dill**    [shannondill@slpres.org](mailto: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.

**NEW MEMBER CLASSES** — Our next classes and welcome of new members in January, will start on Sunday, January 7 and will run for three consecutive Sundays. New members will be welcomed on Sunday, January 28 by the Session and the congregation. For more information, please contact David Lower at [davidlower@slpres.org](mailto:davidlower@slpres.org).

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** — FEAST begins on January 17 and will run for seven weeks (excluding Ash Wednesday). Additionally, PW Sandwich Project will be January 21.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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

Happy Birthday, Jesus! Great brunch and party in the Great Hall. 9:15-10:30am

#### YOUTH GROUP

**Tonight -** Ugly Christmas Sweater and White Elephant Gift Exchange Party. Middle School at Clara Young's house, 5-6:30pm. High School at The Coffie House, 7-8:30pm. Wear your best Christmas outfit. Bring a wrapped gift to exchange, \$7.52 (not a typo!) max. amt.

**December 10-** Youth group will not meet because of the High School Retreat. Come help out at the Toys for Tots Benefit Concert at 4pm!

#### HIGH SCHOOL CHICK FIL A BREAKFAST

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

#### SENIOR HIGH RETREAT

December 8 - 10. Location: Mountain T.O.P. Camp in Central Tennessee.

## In Preparation for Worship

"Advent is concerned with that very connection between memory and hope which is so necessary to man. Advent's intention is to awaken the most profound and basic emotional memory within us, namely, the memory of the God who became a child. This is a healing memory; it brings hope. The purpose of the Church's year is continually to rehearse her great history of memories, to awaken the heart's memory so that it can discern the star of hope....It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope."

- Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger



### Prelude

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence    arr. John Innes

### 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.*

### Lighting of the Advent Candle\*

#### Hymn #88\*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel    VENI EMMANUEL

*Verses 1, 4 and 6*

#### Call to Confession\*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

#### Prayer of Confession\*

God of hope,

**your coming into our world fills us with joy and expectation.**

**We confess, however, that in the hustle and bustle of the season**

**we allow the lights in the trees to distract from your True Light.**

**Be born anew in our hearts this Advent.**

**Help us to give more of our selves to each other,**

**to worship you more fully,**

**and to love all your children.**

**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 #113\*** Refrain from Angels We Have Heard on High *GLORIA*  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

## 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** Daniel 3:1-30, pages 822-823 of the Old Testament

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

**Sermon** "True Life, Protected"

David Lower

**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.**

## SPLASH! CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

### GET READY TO WAIT!

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

### AVAILABLE NOW, TAKE-OUT ADVENT KITS

All families with children are invited to stop by the main lobby and pick up their "Take-Out" box filled with daily Advent activities. Beginning on Sunday, December 3, just "take out" an envelope each day to experience new ways of waiting together.

### DECEMBER 10 - CHRISMONS (CHRIST'S MONOGRAM)

The Saint Luke's Presbyterian Women have been making Chrismons for the children of our church for 25 years. The word "Chrismon" stands for "Christ Monogram" and is an abbreviation for His name or a representation of Him. This year's Chrismon will be revealed and distributed during both worship services on Sunday, December 10. If there are any questions please contact either Susan Crawford, 770-698-8737.

### DECEMBER 21 - LIVE NATIVITY

Invite your friends to this community favorite! We'll interact with the friendly beasts; 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! 6pm-7:30pm.

### DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY WORSHIP AT 5PM, 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.

Our speaking parts have been claimed, but we still need kid leadership for December 24 at 5pm. We need shepherd helpers, and helpers to hand out the costume kits. We could use a few adults to help direct and send folks to Bethlehem at the right time! We will have one run-through on December 17. Please contact [cathomas@slpres.org](mailto:cathomas@slpres.org) for more information.



## Advent and Christmas Happenings

Some highlights of the season include:

**POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS**—You can help decorate the church *and* honor or remember a loved one by purchasing a poinsettia. Donation envelopes are in the pew boxes. \$15 per plant (please write poinsettias on the memo line). Names will be published in the bulletin on December 17. On January 7, plants may be taken home to enjoy! Questions? Contact Nancy Self, 404.237.6551 or [nself@comcast.net](mailto:nself@comcast.net).

**THORNWELL CHRISTMAS OFFERING**—Join our tradition of donating to Thornwell in lieu of sending Christmas cards to your Saint Luke’s family. Names will be published in the December 17 bulletin. Please make checks payable to SL PW, place your contribution in the specially marked envelope in the pew rack & then place in offering plate. Deadline: Sunday, December 10.

**OWLS CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE**— Saint Luke’s OWLS (Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors) will host their Christmas Open House on Saturday, December 9 from 2-4pm. The event will be held at the home of the Buchholz’s. Please bring an hors d’oeuvre to share. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the lobby.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW) CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE**—The PW will have two types of mini loaves available for purchase, Triple Chocolate & Cranberry-Orange on Sunday, December 10. These delicious, homemade breads make wonderful hostess gifts. \$4 each. Please, cash or check.

**TOYS FOR TOTS BENEFIT CONCERT**—Sunday, December 10, 4pm at Saint Luke’s. The Premiere Brass Quintet, Festival Ringers and Chancel Choir present our annual community concert program benefitting the Atlanta Chapter of Toys for Tots. Christmas carols complete with an audience sing-a-long helps capture the spirit of the season. Bring a new, unwrapped toy for donation.

**SAINT LUKE’S ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY**—Sunday, December 10 after the Toys for Tots Concert at the home of Dan & Sally Joyce. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Childcare will be provided in the kid-friendly basement of the Joyce home, complete with toys and a big screen movie. Babysitters will be on hand to supervise. Please sign up on the poster in the lobby.

**LESSONS AND CAROLS** — Sunday, December 17 at the 10:30am service. Our annual tradition of readings and carols by congregation and choirs accompanied by youth instrumentalists, soloists, piano and organ. Arrive early for this special Sunday service of worship as we anticipate the light of Christ coming to our world.

**A SERVICE OF COMFORT AND REST** — Sunday, December 17 at 5pm in the Saint Luke’s chapel. We invite you to this time of quiet reflection in the midst of this busy season. Hosted by our Stephen Ministers.

**SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 24** — Sunday morning worship, one service at 10:30am. Christmas Eve Services at 5pm, 8pm and 11pm.

## 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

Didn’t My Lord Deliver Daniel?  
*arr. Cynthia Jackson*

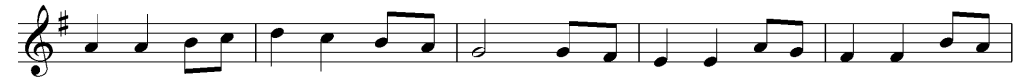
Anna Jean Lower, Solo

## Song of Thanksgiving\*

Christmas Doxology OFFERING



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

### 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.**

*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

Kelda Hearn, Solo

## Closing Hymn #93\*

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates *TRURO*

## Benediction\*

## Postlude\*

Masters in This Hall *arr. John Innes*

*Worship Notes: Thank you to Kelly Sloan for playing piano for the duets this morning.  
Music: All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net (A-719333).*

## SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT:



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS! IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 8:30 SERVICE** — All members and friends of Saint Luke's are invited to come together and celebrate the first day of Advent this Sunday, December 3 from 9:15am to 10:15am in the Great Hall. Our "Happy Birthday, Jesus!" party will include a delicious brunch and a variety of Advent activities for all ages. This year we will also have the opportunity to make an advent wreath, with all supplies provided. While other crafts are free of charge, we do request a contribution of \$10 for each Advent wreath kit which includes a galvanized metal container, five candles, five candle holders, moss, and ribbon. A limited number of Advent wreaths will be pre-made and used as centerpieces during this event. You may purchase the pre-made wreaths while supplies last. After brunch, fellowship, and crafting we will sing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus and eat birthday cake. Please plan to join us for this beloved Saint Luke's event!



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW) CHRISTMAS DINNER** — Monday, December 4. Mingle in the lobby from 6-6:30pm, followed by a delicious dinner prepared by Chef Quentin and concluding with a candlelight communion service. Please sign up in the lobby. \$15 pp. Checks can be made out to SL PW. If you have any questions? Please contact Stephanie McGoldrick at [tsmcgoldrick@gmail.com](mailto:tsmcgoldrick@gmail.com).



**THE POWER OF SHARING: MADDIE DILL & UGA MIRACLE AT MEN'S BREAKFAST** — Saturday, December 9 at 8am in the Great Hall. It's a story that will remind us all of the hope that this generation is giving to the next and how Saint Luke's commitment to mission work directly impacts the lives of our own youth and emboldens them to serve others. Additional information can be found at their web site --<http://www.ugamiracle.org/>.

We really need to know how many will attend so we can plan accordingly for the amount of food to prepare. Please RSVP no later than December 6 to Pam Melton at the church office and please include the number attending in your party. Email Pam at [pammelton@slpres.org](mailto:pammelton@slpres.org). Saint Luke's women and their guests are always welcome. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tom Loftis at 770-605-2067, [tomloftis01@gmail.com](mailto:tomloftis01@gmail.com) or Bob Schultz at 404-771-6910, [bobschultz1@gmail.com](mailto:bobschultz1@gmail.com).