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SAINT LUKE’S PERIMETER COUNSELING CENTER

Georgia C. Griffin, J.D., M.Div.
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Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist/Mediator

SERVING TODAY

Chapel Guild– Rand and Sally Birsinger
Continental Breakfast– Stacey Brooks
Open/Close– Bill Womack

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:

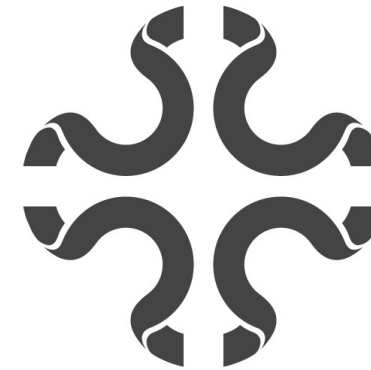
Justine Burney, Bobby Ferretti,
Mary Frances Kitchens (*Youth*),
Diane Lemaster, Joe Luranc,
Lucy Painter, Debbie Parkes,
Ron Valdes, Shari Wassell,
Kristen Wescott (*Moderator*)

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018 8:30am

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Liturgical Color: White

Liturgical colors can orient us to the season of the church year and help to engage the sense of sight in worship. White is used for special seasons in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, such as Easter.

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 are a precious part of our church family, and we welcome them in worship. Worship notebooks and tactile activities are available on the table just outside the Chapel doors. For your convenience, there is a Family Restroom located in the administrative office's hallway, on the first floor, near the main lobby.

HABITAT 2018 — 90% Complete! That is an approximation of the status of Lisa's house as of the close of the day on Saturday, April 28, DEDICATION DAY! There was much celebrating on this magnificent day with words of appreciation, delicious food and much joy in the hearts of all present!

On behalf of Saint Luke's Habitat Leadership Team (Val DeFriece, Ted Guerrant, Diane Markel, Tom McIntosh, Daryl Moore, Bill Womack, Ellen Womack) thank you to all of you who have participated in making this amazing, life-transforming mission happen. This thank you goes to those of you who were able to make it to the site, and to those members and friends who were supporting the effort in the background - providing breakfast, getting young adults to the site, putting thoughts and prayers out there as a way of being with Lisa, Alexandria and all the individuals working on the house in spirit. For sure this has been a journey of JOY, LOVE and HOPE, for all involved, from the ground up!

CALLING ALL SAINT LUKE'S WOMEN! You are all invited to the Presbyterian Women's Annual Spring Gathering on Monday, May 14, starting at 6pm for fellowship and punch in the lobby, followed by a potluck dinner and church service in the Chapel, led by our guest speaker, Reverend Betsy Turner. ALL are welcome, and it's a fun and casual event! Please register on the sign-up poster in the lobby. For questions, contact either Fern Mitropoulos: tmitropoulos@comcast.net or Sandra Dubois: sandradubois@bellsouth.net. Hope to see you there!

GREEN TEAM ANNOUNCES — Aluminum can collection beginning May 13. Bring your aluminum cans (rinse them out, please) to help raise funds for Green Team initiatives. The blue recycle containers will be at the main church entrances for you to drop off your cans.

IOH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — Interfaith Outreach Home (IOH) provides transitional housing for homeless families. On the third Thursday of each month, when the adults have life skills training, Saint Luke's provides and delivers a meal which feeds about 10 adults and 15 children. Meal expenses are reimbursable by Saint Luke's. Volunteers are needed for the following Thursday: May 17. Please sign up in the lobby or contact Al Bridges at bridgtr@aol.com or 770.394.6581.

SUMMER CAMPS, SAINT LUKE'S LITTLE SAINTS PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

Choose from two fun-filled weeks!

- May 29 – June 1: SLLS County Fair Days
- June 4 – June 7: Things with Wings

Camp is \$165 and is open to kids who turned 2 by September 2, 2017 through rising 1st graders. Lots of fun from 9am – 1pm! Check online for reservation forms or stop by the Preschool Lobby.

THORNWELL — Join us June 7-9 for the Thornwell Mission Trip. This trip is perfect for any age. Thornwell Children's Home is located in Clinton, SC. Thornwell's foster care program, residential program, and family and educational support programs offer homes to at-risk children that are safe and loving, hope for a brighter future, and wholeness and healing. Email Christine Crutchfield with any questions, gafrog01@hotmail.com.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

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

SUNDAY, MAY 6

Sunday school in youth room at 9:30am.

First Annual Youth Field day- Families (siblings too) are invited to a great afternoon of field games and a cook out, hosted by the Youth Leadership Council. Location Mount Vernon School, time 4pm- 7pm. Pack a picnic for you and your family, bring blankets/lawn chairs.

SUMMER TRIPS

Thank you for your continued interest in summer trips, Please register ASAP! Dates and information can be found on the Saint Luke's website. There is still lots of room on all the trips.

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*

** These have ended for the season and will resume in the fall.*

SUMMER MUSIC

Musicians are needed for our summer services at both 8:30 and 10:30 worship. Dates this year are June 3 – August 12. Soloists, instrumentalists and small groups are welcome. Contact Clair about Sundays when you could share your gifts.

In Preparation for Worship

"Above all the grace and the gifts that Christ gives to his beloved is that of overcoming self."

– Francis of Assisi



Prelude

Pastorale

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: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Opening Hymn #366*

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Call to Confession*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession*

Gracious God,

**you have brought us through the night of sin
into the light of Christ's resurrection.**

**Yet our lives still dwell in the shadows of what we have done,
and what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart,
and we have ignored the needs of our neighbors.**

Forgive us, renew us in your grace,

and restore us to righteous living as you have shown in Christ.

Hear now the silent prayers on our hearts...*(Silence is kept for personal reflection.)*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness*

Song of Praise #238* Thine Is the Glory

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!

Passing the Peace of Christ*

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson Philippians 1:1-8a, page 196 of the New Testament

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

Tell Us Our Story Catherine Anne Thomas

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

Sermon "Partners in Ministry" David Lower

Affirmation of Faith* Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

* please stand

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Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church

SPLASH! CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

SHIPWRECKED!

Shipwrecked VBS registration is live! Get ready for an adventure to an uncharted "island" experience where kids are anchored in the truth that Jesus helps them in many ways to weather life's storms. Here are the links for registration.

3's through 3rd Grade: <https://tinyurl.com/slpcvbs2018-1>

4th and 5th Grade: <https://tinyurl.com/slpcvbs2018-2>

UPDATE: VBS VOLUNTEERS (A.K.A. CREW MEMBERS)

Over 75 adults and youth have already signed up to help us lead VBS in some way. For our ship to float (and wreck) we still need about 25 more deck hands. Specifically, we need four leaders for our 3's class (they're almost all 4 and potty trained!), a Kindergarten leader, a 1st grade leader, two 2nd grade leaders, and two 3rd grade leaders...plus a few youth spots for preschool art. Thanks for helping us bring the assurance of God's love and presence to so many children in our community this summer!

Adult "Crew Members": <https://tinyurl.com/slpcvolvbs2018>

Youth "Crew Members": <https://tinyurl.com/slpcyouthvbs2018>

HELP FEED OUR "SHIPWRECKED" CASTAWAYS!

Saint Luke's members and friends are invited to stop by our special palm tree in the main lobby to pick a "palm leaf" labeled with a specific snack ingredient and quantity we need to help feed our VBS kids. Take one or several! Then, initial in our "ship's snack log" what you have taken/will deliver by the date listed. Your contribution will go a long way to see that our students get a delicious and creative snack to reinforce the Bible stories.

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 6:40am-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 April/May, started Sunday, April 29 and will run for three consecutive Sundays. We will meet in the Session Room #109 at 9:30am. New members will be welcomed on Sunday, May 20 by the Session and the congregation. Please contact David Lower at davidlower@slpres.org with any questions.

"LOVE DOES" WOMEN'S GROUP

The group will meet on Thursday, May 10, 7:30pm, at the home of Shannon Dill. Please contact Shannon with any questions. shannondill@slpres.org.

FAITH AND PARENTING, MAY MEETING

Please plan on gathering Sunday, May 20 at 5:15pm at the home of David and Amanda Lower. In early May, look for email details about dinner plans and topic for the meeting. Questions? Please contact David Lower at davidlower@slpres.org.

TAVERN TALKS

Our next gathering will be Monday, May 21 at the Dunwoody Tavern at 8pm. Please join us and bring a friend! Contact David Lower with questions, davidlower@slpres.org.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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

Elevation

Song of Thanksgiving #232* Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as God's love, Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Holy Communion

Communion will be served by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup). Everyone is invited to participate in the sacrament. 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

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.

Words of Institution

Communion Music

Closing Hymn #249*

Because You Live, O Christ

Benediction*

Postlude*

Trumpet Tune C.S. Lang

Worship Notes: The organ selections this morning were composed by symphonic French organist Louis Lefébure-Wély.

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SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT:



ENVISION THE POSSIBILITIES — Envision the Possibilities is off to an exciting start! So far in the last two Sundays' worship services, we have heard compelling words from Bob Crutchfield, Rebecca Strickland, Justin Wilkes, and Kari Young about the importance of taking advantage of this one-time opportunity to decrease our mortgage payment going forward so that we can more fully dedicate our resources toward God's work. If you missed these testimonials, please follow these links to view the remarks by:

Justin, <https://vimeo.com/267247578>, and Kari, <https://vimeo.com/267247827>

The goal of the campaign is to raise \$1.25 million over the next four tax years and, to reach this goal, we will need every member of the church family to participate. We are planning a relatively short campaign so that we can be finished up by summer, which means we are asking you to prayerfully consider your commitment to this campaign, and complete your pledge by May 15, 2018. You can pledge on-line here: <http://slpres.org/envision> or pick up a pledge form in the church office.

To equip you with all the information and ideas you will need to make this important decision quickly, we encourage you to join us for "Coffee and Cookies" while attending a brief informational presentation, followed by an informal Question and Answer Session. Please join us in the Chapel at 7:30pm on May 6.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNER — Each year a \$2,500 college scholarship is awarded to a Saint Luke's college bound high school senior. The scholarship is funded by an anonymous donor, and one recipient is selected by the Saint Luke's College Scholarship Committee after prayerful consideration and a detailed review of all applications. The 2018 winner is Mary Frances Kitchens. We congratulate Mary Frances and all Saint Luke's college bound seniors. Saint Luke's is blessed to have so many who have achieved scholastic excellence, and who give so much to our community and church.



MEN'S BREAKFAST, MAY 12, 8AM— Please join us for our first ever US legislative update with Congresswomen Karen Handel, US House representing the 6th district in Georgia. Based on the success of our annual GA legislative update with Fran, Tom and Wendell, we felt it would be a natural progression to invite our US Representatives. As with all of our Men's Breakfast meetings, the women of Saint Luke's and guests are always welcome. In order to prepare for this event it helps to know how many will attend. Please RSVP to Pam Melton at the church office, pammelton@slpres.org. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tom Loftis at 770.605.2067 or email to, tomloftis01@gmail.com or Bob Schultz at 404.771.6910 or email to, bobschultz1@gmail.com.