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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

Acolytes:

- Bell Ringer**– Walker Wellford
- Bible Bearer**– William Wellford
- Candle Lighter**– Sophie Price
- Crucifer**– Hannah Price
- Water Bearer**– Lilly Hamlin
- Adult Supervisor**– Cheryl Wellford

Chancel Guild– Stacey Brooks

Continental Breakfast– Rand and Sally Birsinger

Greeters– Lucy Painter and Brad Troha

Lay Reader– Katie Ryan

Open/Close– Bill Womack

Sound– Bob Burroughs

Ushers– Mark Reed (Captain); Gerald Aldridge, Dan Joyce,
John Massey, and John Ray

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*), Flor-
ence 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

Ascension Sunday

May 13, 2018 10:30am



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770.393.1424 www.slpres.org Office Hours: M-F, 8:30am-4:30pm

May 13, 2018

Ascension Sunday

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 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 tactile activities 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, go to Faithful Friends (K-2nd) or go to child care (PreK and younger).

OWLS, END OF THE YEAR PICNIC — Please join us for our end of the year picnic to be held Tuesday, May 22 at 11:30am at Pernoshal Park Pavilion, 4575 N. Shallowford Rd., Dunwoody, GA 30338. Invite friends and come and enjoy a relaxed day. Food and drinks provided. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the lobby. You may also call the church office at 770.393.1424. If the weather is uncooperative, we will meet at Saint Luke's.

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.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

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

SUNDAYS

Sunday School, May 13 – Meet in the youth room at 9:30am.

Sunday School, May 20– Summer trip meeting in youth room at 9:30am.

Sunday, May 13– Youth groups will not meet this week.

Sunday, May 20– Youth groups both have “Finals De-stress”. Middle school will meet at the church at 5pm. High school will meet at the home of Grace Strickland at 7pm.

SUMMER TRIPS

Thank you for your continued interest in summer trips, Dates and information can be found on the Saint Luke’s website.

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

"Easter is a symbol for rising above the small, and time bound, mindset that wants to control life and find security in the illusion of control. There is so much more to each moment than linear time and so much more still to come than any current loss."

– Philip Yancey



Gathering Prayer

Prelude

Look, the Sight is Glorious *arr. William Haller*

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.

Moment for Acolyte Appreciation

Cheryl Wellford

Call to Worship*

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Hymn #263*

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Prayer for the Day*

Merciful God,

you offer us the promise of life that rises with you.

We confess that we often settle for so much less.

Rather than keeping our eyes on higher things, like generous living,
we keep focusing on lesser things, like selfish living.

Forgive us.

Teach us to wait for the gift of your Holy Spirit,

which inspires us to live as you call us to do, in the way of Jesus Christ.

Hear now the silent prayers on our hearts. Amen.

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!

Sacrament of Baptism Nicholas Hayes Bass Shannon Dill
Joining us today are parents Nick and Randi Bass and big sister, Addie Leigh Bass; Alex Smith and Tricia Schipper (godparents); Dail and Barbara Bass (grandparents); and Bill and Janie Smith (grandparents).

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.

Response Hymn #482 Baptized in Water

Baptismal Promise

Following the elder's statement the congregation shall respond:

**With joy and thanksgiving,
we welcome Hayes in to Christ's church,
for we are all one in Christ.
We promise to love, encourage, and support him,
to share the good news of the gospel with him,
and to help him to know and follow Christ.**

SPLASH! CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

FOUR SUMMER SUNDAYS FOR CHILDREN!

Ages 3 through Kindergarten will meet in Room 120 on June 3, June 10, August 5 and August 12 for a series entitled, "God Helps Me"!

1st grade through 5th grade will prepare for "Are you Smarter than a 5th Grader?" This group will meet in The Dock on June 3, June 10, August 5 and August 12. On August 12 the children will take on the parents!

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

Summer schedule for each adult education class is noted below:

Faith Foundations meets all summer.

House to House will be off June 17 through July 29. Resumes on August 5.

Seasons of the Spirit will meet all summer.

Soul Food will meet in June and July, but will take off August. Resumes August 26.

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.

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. Visit the sign up genius, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0448a9aa2fab9-faith>, to sign up to bring a side dish or dessert. 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.

Passing the Peace of Christ*

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

Katie Ryan

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:1-13, *page 186 of the New Testament*

Anthem

We Shall Overcome *arr. Tom Trenney*

We shall overcome someday. O deep in my heart, I do believe.

We'll walk hand in hand. We shall live in peace.

We are not afraid. God will see us through.

Sermon

"God is at Work in You"

David Lower

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.

Moment for Mission

Caroline Hurst

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

Come Away to the Skies *arr. David Evan Thomas*

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!

Prayer of Dedication*

Closing Hymn #270*

O Lord, You Are My God and King

Benediction*

Response*

Christ Has Arisen *Tanzanian Melody*

Chancel Choir

Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!

Postlude*

Toccata in F major *Dietrich Buxtehude*

Worship Notes:
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SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT:



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 sign up on the poster in the lobby to bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert. For questions, contact either Fern Mitropoulos: tmitropoulos@comcast.net or Sandra Dubois: sandradubois@bellsouth.net. Hope to see you there!



ACOLYTE APPRECIATION, THANK YOU! Our acolyte program is one of the many groups sharing their time and talent to help make Saint Luke's the truly special place that it is to all of us. The program consists of 2nd - 8th grade children serving as the bell ringer, candle lighter, crucifer, Bible bearer, and water bearer for our worship services.

Today, we'd like to recognize and show our appreciation to those who have served as an acolyte for the past year.

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| Brady Anderson | Anna Jean Lower | Nathan Shipley |
| Ansley Crutchfield | Matt Lower | Sarah Jane Shipley |
| James Crutchfield | Elliott McGoldrick | Luke Sloan |
| Madeleine Douglass | Sydney McGoldrick | Eliza Thatcher |
| Marshall Douglass | Katie Miller | Mary Cassin Thatcher |
| Mason Douglass | Rebecca Miller | Val Thelen |
| Mischa Douglass | Jacob Moebes | William Tomsik |
| Davis Fenger | Katie Moebes | Jack Troha |
| Everett Gaitan | Emma Parker | Douglass Vivian |
| Nina Gaitan | Yates Parker | Pearson Vivian |
| Nolan Grafton | Jett Parker | Wells Waller |
| Lilly Hamlin | Hannah Price | Walker Wellford |
| Owen Hamlin | Sophie Price | William Wellford |
| Carlisle Hearn | Emma Rabren | Avery Williams |
| Elise Hearn | Thom Rabren | Marjee Williams |
| William Hearn | Thomas Rice | |
| Catherine Kitchens | Caroline Samuelson | |