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SAINT LUKE’S PERIMETER COUNSELING CENTER

Georgia C. Griffin, J.D., M.Div.
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SERVING TODAY

Chancel Guild– Mark and Kimey Reed
Communion Servers– Beth Underhill (Captain); Claire Cummiskey, Ted and Mary Guerrant, Rob and Jenny Price
Lay Reader– Elliott McGoldrick
Open/Close– Jay Lee
Sound– Roby Price
Thank you to Linda Farley who served as our Lay Reader last Sunday.

LEADERSHIP

Kay Loerch, *Clerk to Session*

ELDERS

Class of 2019:

Al Bridges, Beth Eisenmesser, Sonny Jester, Bob Pile, Bob Polensek, Terri Potter, Whitney Samuelson, Steven Vivian, Sydney Sloan (*Youth Elder, Class of 2018*)

Class of 2020:

Carol Ciepluch, Leslie Hamlin, Florence Luranc, J J Singley, Kelly Sloan, Steve Thornton, Brad Troha

Class of 2021:

Bob Burroughs, Steve Cashwell (Asst. Clerk to Session) Tracy Coffie, Val DeFriece, Matt Fogarty, Nael McCarty, Todd Parker, Kristen Wescott

DEACONS

Class of 2019:

Melissa Blakely, Alyson Cohen, Mark Douglass, A.J.Favero, Carol Hickey, Dorothy Kitchens (*Moderator*), Debbie Parkes, Carol Waller, Al Wang, Rosie Coffie (*Youth Deacon, Class of 2018*)

Class of 2020:

Thomas Brown, Karleen Buchholz, Jenny Cummiskey, Ron Davis, Kris Hull (*Vice Moderator*), Daryl Moore, Emily Ritzler, Vivian Smith, Suzanne Thatcher

Class of 2021:

Marylyn Brown, Kelda Hearn, Janis Jones, Alan Keel, Christy Keohane, Betsy King, Molly Naugher, Gena Spears, Steve Wassell



August 5, 2018 10:30am



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August 5, 2018

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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 to denote Communion Sunday.

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 blue Worship Carts in the back 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).

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR FAMILY PROMISE!

As you shop with Back to School sales, you might consider picking up a few items for the children in Family Promise. Since kids of many ages enter the program at different times of the year, we'd like to stock the Day Center here at Saint Luke's with the things those kids will be needing for homework and other assignments. Please drop items in the marked bin in our main lobby between now and Sunday, August 5 – which is our annual Blessing of the Backpacks during both worship services. Copies of the wish list are outside the drop off bin in the lobby and can be found on the front page of the Saint Luke's website.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW)

REGISTRATION— On Sundays, August 12, 19 and 26, PW will have a registration table in the lobby. Presbyterian Women (PW) is a group that meets monthly for Bible study and mission-oriented projects. We hope you will plan to join us at one of our three monthly circle meetings beginning September 10 and 11.

- 2nd Monday Morning Circle, 9:30am (childcare available)
- 2nd Monday Night Circle at 7:30pm
- 2nd Tuesday Morning Circle, 9:30am

This year the Bible study will be "Cloud of Witnesses-God's Promise: I Am With You" by Amy Poling Sutherland. Stop by our table in the lobby for more information and to register. There is a cost for the study materials; so bring your checkbook. Contact PW Moderator Sandra DuBois (sandradubois@bellsouth.net) if you have any questions. Don't miss this special opportunity to study and grow spiritually with other women at Saint Luke's!

FEAST THIS FALL: ALL TOGETHER NOW!

If you've spent much time at Saint Luke's you know that we're at our best when we're together! There's more energy, more laughter, and more discovery. Our amazing church family already "gets" how we depend upon each other, even across generations, to learn about and live out our calling as followers of Christ - so it seems natural to extend this strength to our Wednesday evening Feast programming for Fall 2018. Each week's program has been carefully selected to help us create stronger connections and dig deeper in our faith. We'll be announcing the complete line-up that includes several special presenters and events soon but rest assured that ALL ages will be truly engaged each week. Of course, child care will be available for little ones...but all are welcome! Chef Quentin will be back in the kitchen, so you can also look forward to delicious dinner and fellowship as usual. Come and see the Holy Spirit at work within ALL of us!

REALM, TIME TO LOG IN — You can now access realm here: <https://onrealm.org>, or by going to the member login tab at the top of our website. If you are a previous user of the former system you should be able to log in using the same credentials as before: your primary email account and your password. (Some previous passwords may not have the correct amount of digits and may need to be reset.) If you don't remember your password you can use the password reset function that is present on the login screen. If you have difficulty or if you are a 1st time user of our online services then send an email to realm@slpres.org and someone will respond and help you.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today, August 5 and then next Sunday, August 12.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Clair Maxwell clairmaxwell@slpres.org / 770.393.1424 ext. 227

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

Festival Ringers and Chancel Choir resume rehearsal, 6:30pm and 7:30pm, respectively.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Cherub and Westminster choirs resume, both at 5pm. Cherub Choir meets in Room 203 and Westminster Choir meets in the Choir Room.

In Preparation for Worship

"When the early Christians used a boat as a symbol for the church, it was never a rowboat; it was always a sailboat. That is because on the day of Pentecost, with "a sound like the rush of a violent wind" (Acts 2:1), Jesus' promise of power became a reality and drew those who believed in him into a different way of living. For these early Christians, church was a God-powered, God-led, God-resourced adventure....

As they felt the wind of the Spirit begin to blow around them that day, they raised their sails and began the process of learning how to become sailors."

- Joan Gray, Sailboat Church



Gathering Prayer

Prelude

My Song Is Love Unknown arr. Donald Busarow

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: Come, all you whose souls thirst for the living God.

People: **We come in search of help and hope.**

Leader: Come, you who are acquainted with grief and oppression.

People: **We come bearing our doubts, our wounds, and our fears.**

Leader: Come, you who are in need of good news.

People: **We come in search of joy, truth, and light.**

Leader: Come and find refuge in God your rock and redeemer.

People: **Let us praise the One who is our help and hope.**

Opening Hymn #5*

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

Call to Confession*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession*

Merciful God,
so often we chart our own course,
and try to row our way, with all our might, to where we want to go.
Yet you have shown in Jesus Christ, the light of the world,
that faith in you is the way, the truth, and the life.
Have mercy on our self-reliance.
Help us believe in you and trust in the ways you guide us.
You have shown in the Holy Spirit a holy power
by which we can be moved and guided.
Help us to put down our oars and hoist a sail, knit of prayers,
to be directed and propelled by you
to the place of promise where you are always leading us.
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 #288* Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Passing the Peace of Christ*

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

Elliott McGoldrick

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 29:1-14, pages 687-688 of the Old Testament

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

Blessing of the Backpacks

Shannon Dill

*After Tell Us Our Story, parents may walk children 3 and younger to their classrooms in Sheppard Hall.
Pre-K, 1st and 2nd graders may gather in the narthex, make a nametag, and follow your teacher up to The Harbor for a series of "Whirl" videos.*

Duet

Our Father, By Whose Name arr. Donald Busarow

SPLASH! CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

Ages 3 through Kindergarten will meet in Room 120 today, August 5 and then August 12 for a series entitled, "God Helps Me"! 1st grade through 5th grade will prepare for "Are you Smarter than a 5th Grader?" with our House to House Adult Education Class. On August 12 the children will take on the parents in a competition showdown.

WE NEED YOU!

Yes, that's right. Leading children is a fun way to share faith with the younger members of our church family. We know you're busy. That's why we get enough adults in each class to "job share", which allows you to coordinate your own schedule with your class teaching partners. And if you're scheduled and something comes up, we can still make it work. You get all the appreciation with none of the guilt! You don't have to be an expert on Bible stories, either. We have the lessons planned and prepared. You just might learn something, too!

Needs vary by class; for more information - or to reserve your spot - please reach out to cathomas@slpres.org.

EYEWITNESS TO THE NEW TESTAMENT

Make plans now to attend this much anticipated event! Sunday, August 26 from 9:30am-10:15am. This is the same day as our pancake breakfast and the unveiling of our new New Testament Bible timeline. Choose your part in the church lobby.

NEW WAYS TO WORSHIP!

Worship activities aren't just for kids...many of us are more engaged in listening when our hands are busy. That's why we have brand-new worship carts parked outside the sanctuary filled to the brim with all kinds of ways to make our SLPC family feel closer to God. Pick from clipboards with blank paper, worship-related coloring sheets, mazes & puzzles, crayons, seasonal materials, and lots of fidget and manipulative toys. Special thanks to the worship committee for funding this important project!

ADULT MINISTRY

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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 resume on August 5.

Seasons of the Spirit will meet all summer.

Soul Food will resume on 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.

LOVE DOES WOMEN'S GROUP

This group will resume for fall beginning on Thursday, August 9, 7:30pm-9:30pm. Location to be announced shortly. Newcomers are very welcome and please feel free to contact Shannon Dill with any questions, shannondill@slpres.org. The group generally meets the second Thursday of the month. The book, *Everybody, Always: Becoming Love in a World Full of Setbacks and Difficult People* by Bob Goff provides the framework for lively conversation. Hope to see you there!

Sermon

"Sailing Back Home"

David Lower

Hymn #494*

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Affirmation of Faith*

from A Brief Statement of Faith (1983)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

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

Offertory

Offertory arr. John Ferguson

Song of Thanksgiving #581* Glory Be to the Father

**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.**

Holy Communion

When coming forward for Communion, please kneel at the closest available space to the center aisle. If you would like to be served where you are sitting, please raise your hand as the communion servers come down the center aisle and you will be served by intinction (dipping the bread in the cup). Everyone is invited to participate in the sacrament. A server with gluten-free bread will be standing at the center aisle. If you prefer gluten-free bread, please indicate your preference as you approach. Parents, please note the center rings of the communion trays are filled with wine. Only the outer ring is filled with grape juice.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Communion Music

Closing Hymn #28*

You Are Before Me, Lord

Benediction*

Postlude*

All Praise to You, Eternal Lord arr. Donald Busarow

Worship Notes: Grace Strickland and Emily Vail are playing oboe this morning. Thanks to Lanier Sailing Academy for loaning Saint Luke's a sail for this month's worship journey, "Sailing Home." Consider getting to know this wonderful sailing school at www.laniersail.com. Music: All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net (A-719333).

SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT:



FLOAT YOUR BOAT FELLOWSHIP GATHERING, TODAY — Please join us today after the 10:30am worship service to enjoy fellowship with your Saint Luke's friends and make a cool, refreshing ice cream float.



COLLEGE FOOTBALL FORECAST WITH TONY BARNHART — The 2018-2019 college football season is fast approaching and with it comes the traditional August Men's Breakfast event. Tony Barnhart will be with us on August 11 at 8am to get the football party started with his prognostications on just what we might expect from our favorite and not-so-favorite teams. Put on your college colors and come! Be informed! Be entertained! Enjoy a delicious breakfast! Please respond on or before Wednesday, August 8, to prepare for this breakfast, it helps to know how many will attend. Please RSVP to Pam Melton at pammelton@slpres.org.



FAMILY PROMISE, NEXT WEEK — We have the opportunity to help homeless children and their parents achieve independence through Family Promise. Your generosity of time and talents helps these families stay together instead of going to shelters where older boys could be separated from the rest of the family. That's an amazing gift. Speaking of amazing gifts, Family Promise of North Fulton / DeKalb has welcomed Andrea Brantley as our new Executive Director. Be sure to tell her hi when you see her at Saint Luke's and - if you are so called - let her know if you have talents you'd like to share with the broader program. Sunday, August 12- Sunday, August 19 is when our guests will next be staying at Saint Luke's. School will have started in DeKalb and Fulton counties by then. Our signup: <https://tinyurl.com/FPSP2018-08>.

SAINT LUKE'S UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Saturday, August 11- Football Forecast w/ Tony Barnhart at 8am
- Sunday, August 12- Family Promise Week & LifeSouth Blood Drive
- Sunday, August 12 - Silent Auction for Parlor Renovation begins
- Sunday, August 19 - RISE Against Hunger Event
- Sunday, August 26 - Kickoff Pancake Breakfast & Wax Museum & Bible Timeline
- Thursday, August 30 - SLLS Sneak-A-Peek, 10:30am-11:30am
- Tuesday, September 4 - SLLS 1st Day Of School, 9:15am
- Wednesday, September 19 - FEAST Begins
- Sunday, October 14 - Pernoshal Park Picnic & Blessing of the Pets
- Saturday, November 17- City of Dunwoody Electronics Recycling Event