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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- Stacey Brooks
Lay Reader- Rosie Coffee
Open/Close- Miles Young
Sound- Bob Burroughs
Ushers- Jenny, Emma, and Jack Troha; Shawn, Leslie, Owen and Lilly Hamlin

Thank you also to Amanda, Matt and Anna Jean Lower for serving as ushers last Sunday, August 5.

LEADERSHIP

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 2020:

Carol Ciepluch, Leslie Hamlin, Kay Loerch (*Clerk of Session*), Florence Luranc, JJ Singley, Kelly Sloan, Steve Thornton, Brad Troha

Class of 2021:

Bob Burroughs, Steve Cashwell (*Asst. Clerk of 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 2020:

Thomas Brown, Karleen Buchholz, Jenny Cumiskey, 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 12, 2018 10:30am



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August 12, 2018

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green

Liturgical colors can orient us to the season of the church year and help to engage the sense of sight in worship. Green is used for all other time periods (called Ordinary Time) not marked by a specific festival or season.

The Red Rose on the pulpit is in honor of Nora Kathleen Robeson, born on June 8, 2018 to Katherine and Travis Robeson and grandparents Paula and David Humer.

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).

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 Sutherlun. 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!

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.

FEAST THIS FALL: ALL TOGETHER NOW!

FEAST is Saint Luke's dinner and programming on Wednesday evenings for the whole family, and it starts September 19! Sign up for all six weeks or drop in -- we always have room at the table. 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!

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

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

TODAY

- Sunday School: Join us upstairs in the youth room at 9:30am
- Youth Leadership Council Meeting: Meet in the Session Room after 10:30am worship. If you're interested in joining Youth Council chat with Phil.

AUGUST 26

- Pancake Breakfast: We need your help! Sign up for a role at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4fa4ac28a13-pancake3>.
- Middle School Pool Party: 12:30pm-2pm, join us for some fun as we kick-off another year of youth group with a pool party! Parents of rising 6th graders, plan to stay and learn what youth group at Saint Luke's is all about!
- High School @ Terminus Aqua Park: We will meet at the church at 2:45pm and head up to Terminus Wake Park for an afternoon of fun at their inflatable Aqua Park! Keep an eye out for an online event sign-up, cost will be \$35.

SEPTEMBER 9, SUMMER OF LOVE RECAP SUNDAY

Plan to be in worship as we reflect on our summer events! If you would like to speak about an experience on a Saint Luke's summer trip (we still need people from Massanetta and Montreat!), let Phil know.

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.

THE CHOIR NEEDS YOU

YOU should be in a choir this fall! Choirs are fun opportunities for: getting to know other church members, growing in your personal knowledge and faith, and enhancing your worship experience. Contact Clair about more information on one of our choirs.

In Preparation for Worship

"The Christian life was never meant to be something that we do ourselves. God desires to have a deep and intimate partnership with us in blessing the whole world. The deeper we allow God to go with us, the more we will experience God's guidance and provision in every area of our lives. Prayer is the means by which this process goes forward. Prayer opens the door for God's grace and provision to flow into our lives, into the church, and into the world."

– Joan Gray, Sailboat Church



Gathering Prayer

Prelude

Come with Joy arr. David Cherwien

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 have been claimed by the God who calls us children.

People: **We, the redeemed, have been called by name.**

Leader: As with Israelites, God promises to pass with us through the water.

People: **We will not fear, for God is with us!**

Leader: The rivers and the seas shall not overwhelm us,
for God is our guide and our protector. Great is the Fount of Every Blessing,

People: **ever flowing, ever redeeming, ever claiming us as God's children.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who washes us in grace.

Opening Hymn #475*

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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.
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.
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 #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.

Passing the Peace of Christ*

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

Prayer for Illumination

Rosie Coffee

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:1-21, pages 631-632 of the Old Testament

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

Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

*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.*

SPLASH! CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

"GOD'S GOT YOUR BACK" TAGS

Students of all ages are invited to pick up a Saint Luke's backpack tag for the new school year! We had more students than tags last Sunday, so if you missed out get yours in either the chapel or sanctuary narthex. Happy Back-to-School season!

ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A SAINT LUKE'S KID???

The showdown you've been waiting for is going down THIS SUNDAY MORNING! The adults of our "House to House" class will go toe-to-toe with our amazing Saint Luke's elementary Sunday School kids in an epic battle of Bible knowledge! Join us upstairs in the Dock at 9:40am (go get your coffee first) for an entertaining and educational half-hour.

WE NEED YOU!

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.

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. Special thanks to the worship committee for funding this important project!

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 is ongoing.
House to House resumed last week.
Seasons of the Spirit is ongoing.
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.

FAITH AND PARENTING

Pizza and pool gathering of the Faith and Parenting families this Sunday, August 12 from 5pm-7pm at the Vermack Pool. If you have not joined in before, please consider yourselves invited to hang out with the F&P crew for a simple and casual night at the pool. And please let us know if you can make it so we can have the right amount of food, thanks! Please email to: davidlower@slpres.org

Our general purposes will be fun, relaxation together, and support for each other in the back to school mayhem. But will also gather ideas from everyone about topics worth teeing up for discussions in the coming year.

Special Music

I'll Fly Away
Albert Brumley

Mary Guerrant and Amanda Lower, Duet
Mark Rogers, Guitar

Some bright morning when this life is over, I'll fly away.
To that home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.
I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away in the morning.
When I die, Hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away.
When the shadows of this life have gone...
Like a bird from these prison walls I'll fly...
Oh, how glad and happy when we meet...
No more cold iron shackles on my feet...
Just a few more weary days and then...
To a land where joys will never end...

Sermon

"Spiritual Seafaring"

David Lower

Hymn #693*

Though I May Speak

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!" Amen.

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

Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire *arr. John Leavitt*

Song of Thanksgiving #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.

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Hymn #543*

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

Benediction*

Postlude*

Worship Notes:

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SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT:



FAMILY PROMISE, WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS — Thank you for supporting this ministry and helping these kids and their parents move from homelessness to stable, sustainable housing! The biggest qualification for any of these volunteer positions is a welcoming smile (although flexibility is valuable too). This is a great opportunity to get your kids involved. Our signup: <https://tinyurl.com/FPSLPC2018-08>.



LIFESOUTH BLOOD DRIVE TODAY IN THE GREAT HALL — 9am-12pm. Each year, nearly five million Americans need a blood transfusion. The LifeSouth team is committed to making sure the blood is there when you or your family member is in need.



PW REGISTRATION AND SILENT AUCTION — Be sure to register for Presbyterian Women (PW) for the 2018-2019 year. More details can be found on page 11 of this bulletin. Also, starting on August 12 and running through August 26, the Parlor Renovation Committee will be accepting bids for the upholstered furniture in the Parlor. After many years of use, the high-quality upholstered furniture in the parlor is being put up for silent auction. Most just need a slip cover or new fabric to freshen their appearance. A table will be set up in the hallway outside of the parlor with pictures and bid sheets. Bids will close after services on Sunday, August 26. Pickup of items will be Friday, August 31.



RISE AGAINST HUNGER — Please join us at Saint Luke's, Sunday, August 19, 9:30am in the Great Hall, as we try to reach our goal of packing 10,000+ meals! Rise Against Hunger's meal packaging program is a volunteer-based initiative that coordinates the assembly-line packaging of highly nutritious dehydrated meals comprised of rice, soy, vegetables, and 23 essential vitamins and minerals.



NEW WORSHIP TIMES BEGIN AUGUST 26 — While Sunday sanctuary worship now starts at 10:30am, moved earlier to better integrate churchgoing into the life of the surrounding community, a congregational survey and discussions revealed a widespread desire to return to a full hour of Sunday School. To this end, after extended consultations with chapel worshippers and Sunday School-goers, the church Session decided to embark on a new Sunday morning schedule experiment, beginning on Fall Kickoff Sunday (August 26), with chapel worship at 8:15am, Sunday School at 9:15am, with sanctuary worship remaining at 10:30am.

Thanks for your attention to this change in times for chapel worship and Sunday School, starting on August 26. We will all be making adjustments, but expect they will be rewarded with a most fitting and comfortable Sunday morning in the life of our congregation. Please feel free to contact us if you have additional questions. Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we strive to get things as right as they can be!