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SERVING TODAY

Chapel Guild– Rand and Sally Birsinger
Continental Breakfast– Brown Family
Open/Close– Jay Lee

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, J J 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:

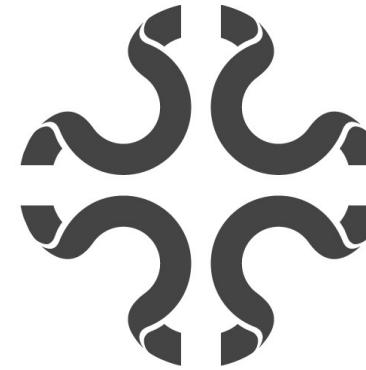
Melissa Blakely, Alyson Cohen,
Mark Douglass, A.J.Favero,
Carol Hickey, Dorothy Kitchens
(*Moderator*), Debbie Parkes, Carol
Waller, Al Wang, Rosie Coffie (*Youth
Deacon*)

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



SAINT LUKE'S
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September 16, 2018 8:15am



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1978 Mount Vernon Road Dunwoody, GA 30338
770.393.1424 www.slpres.org Office Hours: M-F, 8:30am-4:30pm

September 16, 2018

Seventeenth 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.

Flowers: *The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Daryl and Nancy Moore's 50th wedding anniversary.*

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:15am Chapel Communion Service

9:15am 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.

HAVE YOU LOGGED ON TO REALM? — We have a new database and we need you to log in! Why? So we have your most up-to-date information! You can access realm at: <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.

CONSTITUTION WEEK— September 17-23 commemorates the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America. This Constitution Week marks the 231st anniversary of the signing of this great document. Constitution week was initiated by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). The DAR is a patriotic organization that encourages education and historic preservation across America. Please see the display in the lobby.

IOH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — Interfaith Outreach Home (IOH) provides transitional housing for families who are homeless. On the third Thursday of each month, when the adults have life skills training, St. 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 Thursday, September 20th and October 18th. Please Sign up in the lobby or contact Al Bridges at 770-394-6581 or bridgr@aol.com.

OWLS LUNCHEON ON SEPTEMBER 25 — Whooo are the owls, you ask? We're a group of Older, Wiser, Loving seniors, many of who you see in Church each Sunday, and participating in many activities around the Church. Join us for our monthly luncheons, Christmas open house, programs, and end-of-year picnic. Hope to see some new faces and former members on Tuesday, September 25 at 11:30 am in the Great Hall. It's \$6 pp and first timers are FREE! If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Self at nself@comcast.net.

TONIGHT! FAITH AND PARENTING POTLUCK— At the Lowers (4696 Devonshire Road), 5:15—6:45pm, Sept. 16. Topic: What we want our kids to take away from our parenting of them.

SAINT LUKE'S UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wednesday, September 19 - FEAST Begins
- Tuesday, September 25 - SLLS Family Fun Night
- Sunday, October 14 - Pernoshal Park Picnic & Blessing of the Pets
- Sunday, October 28 - Trunk-N-Treat
- Sunday, November 11 - Celebrate the Arts, Family Promise Benefit Concert
- Sunday, November 18 - City of Dunwoody, Electronics Recycling Event

SPLASH! CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN ON REALM!

Please let us know all the important information about each child in your family so we can better serve them with classes and events. Go to the slpres.org home page and look for the Children's Ministry post with details on how to register.

BREAKFAST CLUB BEFORE SUNDAY SCHOOL!

All first through fifth graders are invited to "ease in" to class time from 9:15 to 9:30am in the Sheppard Hall Loft. Come for eye-opening snacks, low-key activities, and conversation with friends and teachers!

SACRAMENT SUNDAYS BEGIN IN OCTOBER

Beginning Sunday, October 7, on the first Sunday of each month our children ages PreK through 3rd grade are invited to join a worship workshop after Tell Us Our Story at 10:30 worship. We will focus on Communion in October, November, December, and January; and Baptism will be our topic in March, April, and May. We will learn the how's and the why's of these important sacraments through stories, games, and other activities. For more information, please contact cathomas@slpres.org.

SAVE THE DATE: TRUNK-N-TREAT IS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28!

Trunk-n-Treat is Sunday, October 28! Here is the schedule of events:

- 4:30pm Carnival
- 5:30pm Candy Collecting
- 6pm Dinner in the Great Hall

MUSIC MINISTRY

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Cherub Choir and Westminster Choir 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

"This is the truth of God: all creation is one holy web of relationships, and gifts meant for all. That creation vibrates with the pain of all its parts, because its true destiny is joy."
- Julie Polter



Prelude

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us arr. Larry Shackley

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*

(Baruch ata Adonai, "blessed are you, O Lord," is a Hebrew prayer of praise.)

Leader: Baruch ata Adonai. Blessed are You, Adonai our God, the God of our fathers and mothers, God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob.

People: God of Sarah, God of Rebecca, God of Rachel, and God of Leah.

Leader: You are the great, mighty, and awesome God,

People: who bestows loving kindness, creates everything out of love.

Leader: You remember the love of our fathers and mothers,

People: and bring redemption to their children's children.

Leader: Sovereign, Deliverer, Helper and Shield,

People: Blessed are You, Adonai, Sarah's Helper, Abraham's Shield.

Opening Hymn #49*

The God of Abraham Praise

Call to Confession*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession*

O God of the Covenant,
You promised Abraham and his descendants Your blessings
if we would walk in Your ways.
We confess that we have strayed from Your path.
We have claimed blessing for ourselves while denying it to others.
We have often judged other children of Abraham as not worthy of the promise.
We have trusted in our own wisdom rather than in Your gentle leading.
Forgive us for finding our own way and claiming our own identity.
Help us to heed your call and go to the place You show us in Jesus 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 #606* Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Passing the Peace of Christ*

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Genesis 12:1-9, page 10 of the Old 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 and creative worship activities are available in the narthex..
If preferred, parents may take their child(ren) to child care in Room 114.*

Sermon

"The Original Call"

David Lower

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 6:40-8am 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.

#BETHEGOOD *Living What We Believe*

Are you yearning to grow deeper in your faith so that your life might better reflect what you believe? Then "Be The Good" might be for you!

This small group will:

meet monthly, September to May, on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm
(a morning option will be considered if interest is there!),

commit to easy but important readings throughout the month,

commit to attend worship,

commit to participate in mission and outreach opportunities,

commit to daily prayer time & devotionals,

seek to live your daily life in a way that reflects that there is good in the world and that God is calling us to be the good in whatever way we can.

Contact Shannon Dill to sign up or for more information!

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

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

SEPTEMBER 16

- Sunday School:** We will meet upstairs in the youth room at **9:15am**
- Confirmation Start:** We will meet in the Library at **9:15am**. Let Phil or Melissa know if you'd like to join.
- Middle School:** We will meet at the church from **5-6:30pm**
- High School:** We will meet at the Pile home (5217 Redfield Ct, Dunwoody) from **7-8:30pm**

HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

We will head up to Mountain T.O.P. **September 28th- 30th** for a fun and refreshing week end! **Parents:** we need drivers and would love to have you, register online as an adult if you'd like to come.

If you're not registered and would like to go, please register **ASAP** at <http://tiny.cc/c8ykxy>

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.

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

Song of Thanksgiving *

We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

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

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 #727*

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Benediction*

Postlude*

All Creatures of Our God and King *arr. Larry Shackley*

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SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT:



TODAY! CELEBRATE LIZ AND ROBY— Join us for a retirement celebration for Liz Catlett (former SLPC Administrative Assistant) and Roby Price (former SLPC Facility Manager) TODAY at 11:30 am in the Great Hall.



TARTAN TROT SPONSORSHIP CAMPAIGN — The Tartan Trot may be in February, 2019, but the running starts now! Whether you are a runner or not, you can *run* to the sponsorship table in the Lobby! We need your support! As you heard last week, proceeds from the Tartan Trot provide support for outreach as close as VBS and as far as Puerto Rico. Please go to tartantrot.com for sponsorship information, or visit the table in the lobby to make your pledge. Church Members are now able to make your Tartan Trot Pledge and Payment online through Realm. (Go to the Giving Page, hit "+Give" or "+Pledge", and choose Tartan Trot 2019 in the dropdown.) Please contact TJ or Phil with questions as needed. We have a special gift for every 2019 sponsor! Also, if you have a club, group, or business that would be interested in sponsorship opportunities, please let TJ McGoldrick know.



FEAST STARTS THIS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 — We're at our best when we're together! There's more energy, more laughter, and more discovery. Join us for dinner at 5:45 p.m., followed by weekly group programming that has been carefully selected to help us dive deeper into our relationships with God and each other. **ALL ages** will be truly engaged each week! For more information or to register, go to slpres.org!

Wednesday evening schedule:

5:00-5:45 pm Children's choirs (Westminster and Cherub Choirs) rehearse

5:45-6:25 pm Dinner! Cost is \$7 per person (\$3 for 5th Grade & under), \$20 per family max

6:25-7:15 pm Program for all age groups (go to slpres.org for weekly program information)

6:30-7:20 pm Festival Ringers (handbell choir) rehearse

7:30-9:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearses



SALLY'S RETIREMENT THIS FALL — Our beloved receptionist of 16 years, Sally Hawkins, has let us know of her plans for well-deserved retirement from the position, effective at the end of November. If you are ever around Saint Luke's Monday through Wednesday, you know Sally as that gleaming smile of welcome and hospitality that greets every visitor to the church. We are so grateful for the faithful and inspiring service that Sally has given to our congregation, and to her husband John for his support of her service. And we are also grateful that Sally will continue serving the community as a member of the church. Now we have the tall task of trying to succeed Sally in this essential role, as we search for a full time Administrative Assistant / Receptionist. At the time of transition in November, we will honor and celebrate and say thanks to God for Sally's service to the church!