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Associate Pastor ..... Rev. Shannon Dill  
Associate Pastor ..... Rev. Phil Brown  
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Director of Saint Luke’s Little Saints Preschool..... Carol Perry  
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**SERVING TODAY**

**Chapel Guild**– Cathie & Mark Rogers

**Open/Close**– Jay Lee

**Continental Breakfast** - Commitment Committee

**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:**

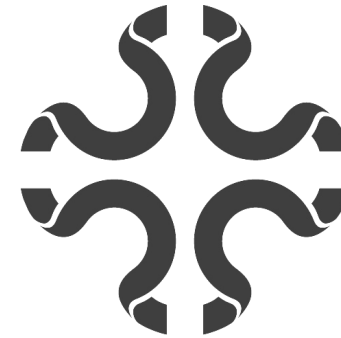
Melissa Blakely, Alyson Cohen,  
Mark Douglass, A.J.Favero,  
Carol Hickey, Dorothy Kitchens  
(*Moderator*), Debbie Parkes, Carol  
Waller, Al Wang, Rosie Coffie (*Youth  
Deacon*)

**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**  
P R E S B Y T E R I A N C H U R C H

November 11, 2018 8:15am

**November 11, 2018**  
25th 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.*

**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.

**NEW DATE FOR SLPC FAMILY VOLUNTEER DAY** – Saturday, November 17th, will be Family Volunteer Day at Saint Luke's. Come join in the fun from 9-12am with projects for all ages to help beautify our Mt. Vernon campus. Refreshments and drinks provided. Email JJ. Singley, thesingleys@gmail.com, with any questions.

**DUNWOODY ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT NOV. 18**— Recycle your televisions, computers, monitors, toasters— anything with a plug. The Dunwoody Electronic Recycling event is **November 18<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm.**, in the SLPC parking lot. SLPC congregation gets an extra recycling hour from 12-1pm.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** —You can help decorate the church *and* honor or remember a loved one by purchasing a poinsettia. Donation envelopes are in the pew boxes. \$15 per plant (please write poinsettias on the memo line). Names will be published in the bulletin on December 16. On January 6, plants may be taken home to enjoy! **We need volunteers to water the poinsettias two days/week Dec. 2—Jan 6.** Questions? Contact Nancy Self, 404.237.6551 or nself@comcast.net.

**SAVE THE DATE: CHERRY LOG CHRISTMAS CAROL AT 4 pm on DEC 2 in the GREAT HALL**— Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol with a distinctively Appalachian flair.

**BULLETIN/HIGHLIGHTS DEADLINES**

**NOVEMBER 12 for:**  
Highlights - Nov. 15 & 22  
Bulletin - Nov. 18 & 25  
**DECEMBER 3 for:**  
Highlights - Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27, & Jan. 3  
Bulletin - Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30, & Jan. 6

**CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR ALL WOMEN**— Please join your church friends for the annual Christmas Dinner and Service on **Monday, December 3rd**, hosted by Presbyterian Women (PW). Mingle in the lobby from 6-6:30pm, followed by a delicious dinner prepared by Chef Quentin, and concluding with a meaningful and beautiful candlelight communion service in the sanctuary. It is a lovely and memorable evening and the perfect way to get in the spirit for the Christmas season. **Please sign up in the lobby and invite local family and friends to join you.** You can note if you have a request to be seated with a friend in particular. \$15 per person. Checks can be made out to SL PW. Questions? Contact Stephanie McGoldrick at tsmcgoldrick@gmail.com or Jenny Troha at jbtroha@bellsouth.net.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW) BAKE SALE** — Sunday, November 18, delicious mini-loaves on sale in the lobby for \$4 each. Choose from Cranberry- Orange or Pumpkin. Great for Thanksgiving guests and holiday hostess gifts.

**SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE** — Angels needed! Make Christmas special for a child or senior in need! Take a name from the Angel Tree, and use the suggestions to purchase items for that child. If you like, partner with another church member or family to purchase gifts. Unwrapped presents should be returned to the lobby by Friday, November 30. If you have questions, please contact Florence Luranc at FHLuranc@comcast.net or 404-915-3148.

## ADULT MINISTRY

**Shannon Dill**    [shannondill@slpres.org](mailto: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.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**Clair Maxwell**    [clairmaxwell@slpres.org](mailto:clairmaxwell@slpres.org) / 770.393.1424 ext. 227

### INSTRUMENTALISTS

Our church orchestra will be participating in worship on the following dates:

December 16 – 10:30 am – Lessons and Carols

### WESTMINSTER AND CHERUB CHOIRS

Our children's choirs will be singing on the following dates:

December 16 – 10:30 am – Westminster and Cherub Choirs (Lessons and Carols)

## In Preparation for Worship

God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in my eyes, and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking;  
God be at my end, and in my departing. Amen.



### Prelude

Children of the Heavenly Father    *arr. Cindy Berry*

### 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: Lead a life worthy of Your calling.

People: **We cannot do this alone,  
we dare not try this alone,  
so we gather as God's people.**

Leader: Lead a life filled with the gifts of Your calling,

People: **And be reminded of the Spirit at work among us!**

### Opening Hymn #409\*

God Is Here

### Call to Confession\*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

## Prayer of Confession\*

Good and gracious God,  
We give thanks for Your constant presence in our lives.  
And, at the same time, we confess that we are not always as aware  
of Your presence as we should be.  
We admit that too frequently, we miss out on the opportunity  
to tap into Your always present love and share it with others.  
And so, we boldly ask that You teach us to do justice,  
to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with You in this life.  
Hear now our silent prayers of confession...  
(Silence is kept for personal reflection.)

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy.  
People: Hear our prayer. Amen.

## Assurance of Forgiveness\*

**Song of Praise #582\***      Glory to God

## Passing the Peace of Christ\*

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

## Prayer for Illumination

**Scripture Reading**      Michah 5:2-5a; 6:6-8 *on pages 865-866 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. If preferred, parents may take their child(ren)  
to child care in Room 114.*

## Sermon

"Learning to Sail"

Shannon Dill

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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

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

#### NOVEMBER 11

**Sunday School:** We will meet upstairs in the youth room at **9:15am**

**Middle School Youth:** We will meet from **5-6:30pm** at the church for mental health chats. Come for a discussion about mental health- what we know, what we want to know, and learn about some resources.

**High School Youth:** We will meet from **7-8:30pm** for mental health chats. Come for dinner and a discussion about mental health- what we know, what we want to know, and learn about some resources. Location will be at the Keel home, 6636 Ridge Moore Dr., Atlanta, GA 30360.

#### FAMILIES WITH COLLEGE STUDENTS

Each year, Montreat hosts a College Conference, which features engaging keynote speakers, thought provoking workshops, meaningful worship services, and much needed sabbath in the mountains of North Carolina. We are excited to be taking a group to this year's conference, which will be **January 2-5, 2019!** If your college student would like to go, have them register at <https://tinyurl.com/SLCCM19>. Don't hesitate to reach out to Erin Rugh (erinrugh@slpres.org) with questions.

### THANK YOU FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEERS!

We are grateful, once again, to our amazing Family Promise volunteers who helped to make our guests feel at home during their stay at Saint Luke's for the past two weeks!

### SAINT LUKE'S UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, November 11  
Celebrate the Arts  
Family Promise Benefit Concert

Sunday, November 18  
City of Dunwoody  
Electronics Recycling Event

Sunday, December 2  
Cherry Log Christmas Carol

Monday, December 3  
PW Christmas Dinner

# SPLASH! CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Catherine Anne Thomas    [cathomas@slpres.org](mailto: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](http://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!

## DECEMBER 2 – HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS, IN THE GREAT HALL

We'll have a great family project for each household to take home, as well as many smaller ways to remember the meaning of the season. A delicious brunch is included! 9:15am.

## DECEMBER 20 – LIVE NATIVITY

Invite your friends to this community favorite! We'll interact with the friendly beasts from the Little Red Barn; see Mary, Joseph, shepherds, kings, angels, and a tiny baby; drink hot chocolate; make s'mores; hear beautiful music and the nativity gospel; and remember the joy and love that one birth brought to our world.

*If you or someone in your family would like to portray a Bethlehem role during the live nativity, please contact Catherine Anne Thomas, [cathomas@slpres.org](mailto:cathomas@slpres.org).*

## DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY WORSHIP AT 5:00PM, SANCTUARY

This worship service, for many of us, is the foundation of our Christmas celebration activities. Led by our own children, it's a sweet and powerful reminder that Christ was born for all.

*All children who attend get to play a part. If, however, your child (Kindergarten or older) would like a special part – either speaking or non-speaking – please email [cathomas@slpres.org](mailto:cathomas@slpres.org). Participants will rehearse once on December 16. Arrive at 4:00pm on Christmas Eve.*

## Affirmation of Faith\* (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

**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!**

## Moment for Commitment

Price Family

## 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

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us    *arr. Bill Wolaver*

*On this Commitment Sunday, you are invited to come forward and place your pledge card and your offering in the basket at the front of the church.*

## Song of Thanksgiving \*

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.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication\* (responsively)

Leader: We thank you, O God,  
for the abundant blessings you have poured out into our lives:  
for the sheer wonder of creation, for seedtime and harvest,  
hands to hold someone else's hand, and someone else's hand to hold.

People: **We give thanks and we are changed.**

Leader: For our homes and our loved ones,  
for work to do, and strength to do it,  
and for moments of gladness that sparkle our day.

People: **We give thanks and we are changed.**

Leader: For our church, for the good news of the gospel,  
and for our life together in the Lord.

People: **We give thanks and we are changed.**

**O God, our loving creator and giver of all good gifts,  
bless our church, strengthen our faith  
and grant us the spirit of Christian stewardship;  
may we give generously of our time, talent, treasure, and testimony,  
to the spreading of your kingdom  
here in our community and throughout the world.  
We make our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## 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.*

### 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, (Continued...)**

**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 #749\*

Come! Live in the Light!

### Benediction\*

### Postlude\*

## SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT:



**COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS TODAY! WE NEED ALL HANDS ON DECK!**—This year's commitment theme: "Setting Sail – All Hands on Deck!" has been chosen to encourage the congregation to use sailing as a metaphor for seeking, sensing, and trusting God in all parts of our lives. During the Launch Party, we invited members of the congregation to spend time in prayer, reflection, and discernment listening for how the Holy Spirit is "filling our sails." Today, we continue that process by asking you to write your answer to the following questions on a pennant, which you received when you came into church this morning, and place your pennant in the designated basket you will find on a table in the lobby:

*Where do you feel the winds of the Holy Spirit are leading us?*

*What do you hear God saying to our church?*



**TODAY! FAMILY PROMISE BENEFIT CONCERT AT 5 PM** — Join us for a concert to benefit Family Promise **TODAY, Sunday, November 11, 2018, at 5:00pm** in the Sanctuary. Hear choirs from Saint Luke's and Peachtree Road Lutheran Church, along with soloist, brass, percussion, handbells, piano and organ. Suggested donation is \$20.



**TODAY! CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER 10:30AM WORSHIP**— There will be a congregational meeting **TODAY, November 11** immediately following the 10:30am worship service. The purpose is to elect at least four members to serve on the Officer Nominating Committee.