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Associate Pastor Rev. Shannon Dill
Associate Pastor Rev. Phil Brown
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Chancel Guild- Sarah & Rob Caverhill

Lay Reader- Carol Sweigert

Open/Close- Sonny Jester

Ushers- Shawn Hamlin, Captain

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:

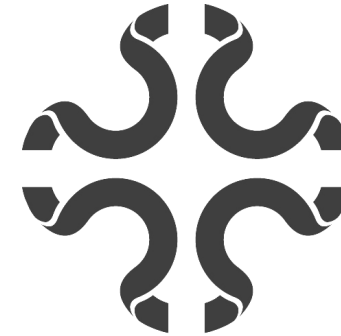
Melissa Blakely, Alyson Cohen,
Mark Douglass, A.J. Favero,
Carol Hickey, Dorothy Kitchens
(*Moderator*), Debbie Parkes, Carol
Waller, Al Wang, Rosie Coffie (*Youth Deacon*),

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



SAINT LUKE'S
P R E S B Y T E R I A N C H U R C H

November 18, 2018

10:30am



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

November 18, 2018
26th 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: *Flowers are given in Thanksgiving for Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church and in memory of Mike's mother, Frances Weidner Kitchens.*

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 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 activity sheets and tactile activities are available on the blue Worship Carts in the back of the sanctuary. 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).

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.

BULLETIN/HIGHLIGHTS DEADLINES

DECEMBER 3 for:
Highlights - Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27, & Jan. 3
Bulletin - Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30, & Jan. 6

SAINT LUKE'S CHURCH OFFICE HOURS —

The church administrative offices will be closed on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (November 21-23) in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Wishing you a harvest of blessings, good health and good times.

SAINT LUKE'S UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Sunday, November 18
City of Dunwoody
Electronics Recycling Event
- Sunday, December 2
Happy Birthday, Jesus
- Sunday, December 2
Cherry Log Christmas Carol
- Monday, December 3
PW Christmas Dinner

MUSIC MINISTRY

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

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Sunday, December 16 - Our church orchestra members will participate in worship for our annual Lessons and Carols. Rehearsal is at 9:15 am that morning in preparation for the service at 10:30 am.

Christmas Eve - We are looking for musicians to participate in the 9 pm service on Christmas Eve. Contact Clair for more details.

WESTMINSTER AND CHERUB CHOIRS

Sunday, December 16 - Our children's choirs will be singing for the Lessons and Carols service at 10:30 am. Warm up begins at 10 am that morning.

Christmas Eve - We would like as many of our children to participate in singing for our 5 pm service. Contact Clair for more details.

NO rehearsals for any of our choirs on November 21, December 26 and January 2.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

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

NOVEMBER 18

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

Confirmation Class: We will meet with the youth class in the youth room at **9:15am**

Youth movie after church: We will see *Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald* after church. 12:00 showing at Perimeter Pointe Cinemas. Tickets are \$14.

NOVEMBER 25

Sunday School: No Sunday School this week.

No youth group in evening.

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.

In Preparation for Worship

"The world is in a constant conspiracy against the brave. It's the age-old struggle: the roar of the crowd on the one side, and the voice of your conscience on the other."

- Douglas MacArthur



Gathering Prayer

Prelude

Now Thank We All Our God *arr. Jeffrey Honoré*

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: There are a lot of voice in the world.

People: **Gather us here today. Tune our ears to You.**

Leader: Voices that are louder than others. Voices that pull us from your truth.

People: **Focus us here, Lord. That in these moments of worship we will hear You.**

Opening Hymn #367*

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Call to Confession*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession*

Holy God,
You have promised to be with us when we gather together,
yet we confess that we do not always act as if You are here.
We make our own agendas more important than the common good.
We waste the resources You give to us.
We build our lives on foundations other than Your grace.
Meet us in this holy place once again, surround us with Your glorious presence,
and forgive us in Your redeeming love.
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

Carol Sweigert

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 36:13-20; 37:1-7 on page 624 of the Old Testament

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

Tell Us Our Story

Clair Maxwell

After Tell Us Our Story, parents may walk children 3 and younger to their classrooms in Sheppard Hall. Pre-K, K and 1st 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

DECEMBER 2—HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS IN THE GREAT HALL

Plan now to attend our annual church-wide celebration of joy and fellowship on Sunday morning, December 2 in the Great Hall! From 9:00am until 10:15am we'll enjoy breakfast and Advent activities for all ages – yes, that's adults AND children! Families will want to be sure and make a special Advent activity calendar, too. As we light the candles on the birthday cake we will remember Jesus, the light of the world, born for each of us.

NEXT SACRAMENT SUNDAY: DECEMBER 2 AFTER TELL US OUR STORY AT 10:30am

We can still learn about Communion during Advent! All children ages PreK and up are invited to join us for a time of engaged learning and activities.

DECEMBER 20 – LIVE NATIVITY 6:00-7:30PM

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 Mary Kent, gkent4@aol.com. Time commitment for characters is 5:30-7:15pm.

OPERATION 5:00PM CHRISTMAS EVE!

Our 5:00pm worship service on December 24 is beloved by all. Why? Because there's nothing quite like seeing and hearing the Christmas story through the eyes of a child. If someone in your family would like to participate, look for a SignUp Genius link to appear on our slpc.org web site very soon! We have one scheduled run-through, on Sunday, December 16 after the 10:30am service.

Another great way for kids to contribute is through artwork. We invite any child to submit a color (crayon or marker) illustration of the nativity story. Use white paper, vertical orientation is usually best for reproduction. All entries will be displayed and published; we will pick one for our Christmas Eve bulletin cover! Leave all drawings in the office mailbox of Catherine Anne Thomas.



GUESS WHAT IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER? — ADVENT!

1st Sunday of Advent is December 2. Some highlights include:

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS — 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! Questions? Contact Nancy Self, 404.237.6551 or nself@comcast.net.

SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE — As a reminder, unwrapped purchases need to be returned to the lobby by Friday, November 30. Please contact Florence Luranc at fhloranc@comcast.net or 404.915.3148 with any questions.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW) CHRISTMAS DINNER — Monday, December 3. Mingle in the lobby from 6-6:30pm, followed by a delicious dinner prepared by Chef Quentin & concluding with a candlelight communion service. Please sign up in the lobby and invite local family and friends to join you. \$15 pp. Checks can be made out to SL PW. Questions? Please contact Stephanie McGoldrick at tsmcgoldrick@gmail.com or Jenny Troha at jbtroha@bellsouth.net.

THORNWELL CHRISTMAS OFFERING — Join our tradition of donating to Thornwell in lieu of sending Christmas cards to your Saint Luke's family. Names will be published in the December 16 bulletin. Please make checks payable to SL PW. You may place your contribution in the envelope on the Thornwell poster in the lobby or in the specially marked envelope in the pew rack & then place in offering plate. Deadline: Sunday, December 9.

OWLS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON — Saint Luke's OWLS (Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors) will host their Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, December 11 at 11:30 am at the home of David and Amanda Lower (4696 Devonshire Rd., Dunwoody, GA 30338). Please bring a dessert to share. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the lobby. Join us for lunch and friendship!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW) CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE — The PW will have two types of mini loaves available for purchase, Triple Chocolate & Cranberry-Orange on Sunday, December 9. These delicious, homemade breads make wonderful hostess gifts. \$4 each. Please, cash or check. These delicious baked goods are wonderful to have on hand during the Christmas holidays!

SAINT LUKE'S CHURCH-WIDE CHRISTMAS PARTY — Come join your Saint Luke's family for the annual Christmas Party at the Joyce's home (7430 StoneyKirk Close), **5:30-9pm on Saturday, December 15, 2018**. Bring a dessert or appetizer to share and enjoy food, fellowship, and Christmas fun! Sign up on the poster in the lobby to RSVP. The Joyces are even providing childcare in their fun basement! Call Fern Mitropoulos at 770-3438996 or tmitropoulos@comcast.net with any questions.

Anthem Now Thank We All Our God *J.S. Bach* Chancel Choir

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in Whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today. (*Martin Rinkart*)

Sermon "Finding a Voice in the Middle of Chaos" Phil Brown

Hymn #373* O Day of Peace

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.**

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.

Minute for Mission

Ansley Crutchfield

The 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

We Gather Together *arr. Flor Peeters*

Closing Hymn #645*

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Benediction*

Benediction Response*

What Does the Lord Require of You?

Chancel Choir

Postlude*

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SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT:



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



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW) BAKE SALE TODAY — Delicious mini-loaves are on sale in the lobby for \$4 each. You can choose from Cranberry-Orange or Pumpkin. Great for Thanksgiving guests and holiday hostess gifts.



COME JOIN IN THE FUN OF DECORATING SAINT LUKE'S — Please join us on Saturday, December 1 at 9:30am as we transform Saint Luke's for Advent and Christmas. Questions? Contact Nancy Self at nself@comcast.net. Hope to see you there!



ADVENT DEVOTIONAL - HOPES AND FEARS: BE NOT AFRAID— We hope you'll follow along daily, be deepened in your faith, and prepare your heart to celebrate the birth of Christ. This year's devotional is provided by Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

There are a wide variety of way to access the devotional!

- Read online. Go to our website www.slpres.org and follow the link for Advent Devotional.
- Receive daily e-mails. Go to www.pts.edu/email, click "Signup for Seminary News," and "Devotionals (Advent and Lent)."
- Follow along on the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Facebook and Twitter pages.
- Download the free app:
Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=edu.pts.devotions>
Apple: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/devotions-advent-lent/id945697533?ls=1&mt=8>
- A limited number of printed copies will be available at the church. Contact Shannon Dill if you have any questions!