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SERVING TODAY

Chancel Guild: Kimey and Mark Reed

Lay Reader: Ron Davis

Open/Close: Steve Klein

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:

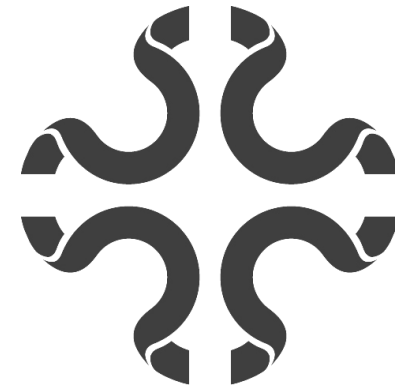
Melissa Blakely, Alyson Cohen,
Mark Douglass, A.J. Favero,
Carol Hickey, Dorothy Kitchens
(*Moderator*), Debbie Parkes, Carol
Waller, Al Wang, Rosie Coffie (*Youth Deacon*),

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

December 30, 2018 10:30am



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

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

December 30, 2018

1st Sunday after Christmas

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 for special days or seasons in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, such as Christmas and Easter.

Flowers: *The flowers today are given by Tom and Lela McIntosh in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary on December 28.*

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 8:15am Chapel Communion Service
- 9:15am Sunday School
- 10:30am Sanctuary Worship Service

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).

SAINT LUKE'S LITTLE SAINTS PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is coming in January!

Our accredited program honors the individuality of the child as we prepare each student for elementary school.

Children ages 12 months through Kindergarten enjoy learning in our beautiful classrooms under the guidance of our dedicated and experienced teachers.



Saint Luke's Little Saints
SAINT LUKE'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

REGISTRATION DATES:

- January 22nd** (Church Members)
- January 23rd** (Current Families)
- January 24th** (New Families)

For further information and to arrange a tour, please contact Carol Perry, Director: 770.393.1424 x240 or

INFORMATION FOR ALL TARTAN TROT SUPPORTERS

1 - REGISTER FOR THE RACE

We need runners! If you are a sponsor, please use the promo code already provided to you by email to take advantage of your complimentary race registrations! It's a perk of being a Sponsor. Use them yourself or give them away. You can register here: <https://raceroster.com/events/2019/16889/tartan-trot-5k10k>

2 - BECOME A SPONSOR OR PAY YOUR PLEDGE

There is still time to sponsor. Please feel free to do so online through Realm or using a pledge card. If you have already pledged, just a friendly reminder that you may fulfill your pledge online through Realm or you can drop a check off in the collection plate or the church office. Be sure to write "Tartan Trot 2018" in the memo line.

3 - VOLUNTEER

Look for information about volunteer opportunities in January!

4 - CYCLEBAR

Mark your calendars! Join us at Cyclebar (4794 Ashford Dunwoody Rd, Dunwoody, GA 30338) at 1:00 p.m. on **Saturday, January 12**. Rides will be \$20 and all proceeds will benefit Tartan Trot. Registration link: <https://bit.ly/2RQwzAm>

MEN'S BREAKFAST, 8:00AM , SATURDAY JANUARY 12—Please join us for our annual legislative update from our newly elected representatives, Mike Wilensky HD79 and, Josh McLaurin HD51. Considering the changes in our elected representatives in north Atlanta, this should be a very informative discussion. So pull your questions together and plan on joining your fellow members and friends of St Luke's. Please RSVP to bobschultz9@icloud.com by Wednesday night, January 9. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Tom Loftis at tomloftis01@gmail.com.

2019 COMMITMENT UPDATE —We are grateful for the positive and generous response of so many folks to this year's commitment campaign. Pledges as of December 8th totaled \$1,080,157 from 151 individuals or families. So many of you have increased your pledges by 7% or more; just what we requested and prayed for. **THANK YOU for supporting God's work here at Saint Luke's.** Our goal is to reach \$1.368 million, so we are not done yet. Last year we received 200 pledges and our hope is the remaining members who have not turned in their pledges will match or increase their commitment 7% for 2019 if they are able. A 7% increase in giving will allow to us fund our anticipated 2019 budget, more than 7% will allow Saint Luke's to do even more! We are coming to the end of the commitment season and we will begin to finalize budgets for 2019 based on the final results from this year's campaign. To those who have not yet responded, open your hearts and let's make it happen! Submit your pledge via Realm at slpres.org or on the mobile app, send a confidential email to commitment@slpres.org or by submitting a pledge form to the church office.

MARRIAGE RETREAT— FEBRUARY 8-10, 2019

Whether you are newly married wanting to know more about what's ahead, parents in the midst of busyness looking to reconnect, or just want to have a weekend away with your spouse join us at Calloway Gardens for the **Better Marriages retreat, February 8-10, 2019.** You can stroll through the gardens, attend workshops designed to enrich your marriage, and meet great people! Register now! For any questions email or call Bob and Christine Crutchfield at 770-364-8079 and Gafrog01@hotmail.com.

SAINT LUKE'S HOLIDAY HOURS—The Church office will be closed December 31-Jan 1.

In Preparation for Worship

“He plants trees to benefit another generation.”

Caecilius Statius, 200 B.C.E.

Gathering Prayer

Prelude

Chiming of the Hour

Carol Sing

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 voices 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 #147* The First Nowell

Call to Confession*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession*

Holy God,
We all come from particular place, times, and people. Generation after generation have worshiped you and trusted in you. You are the God of new life in this world. For give us when we forget that you are the God of our ancestors, the God who keeps promises of hope, peace, and joy. Forgive us in this Christmas season when we forget that your very presence in this world is miracle enough now as you were miracle enough for every generation.
(Silence is kept for personal reflection.)

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

Song of Praise* (refrain from hymn #113)

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Passing the Peace of Christ*

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

Prayer for Illumination

Ron Davis

Scripture Reading

Matthew 1:1-17 on page 1 of the New Testament

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

Tell Us Our Story

David Lower

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 Faithful Friends.

Sermon

"Six Degrees of Separation"

Phil Brown

Hymn #119*

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MUSIC MINISTRY

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

CHOIR NEW YEAR

Make it one of your new year's resolutions to join a choir! There are spaces open in all our groups, and we would love having you join us. Come as often as you are able, and no experience is necessary. Be a part of our church's music ministry!

NO rehearsals for any of our choirs on January 2.

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.

SPLASH! CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

JANUARY 6

Breakfast Club & Sunday School Resume

JANUARY 6—SACRAMENT SUNDAY

Our next Sacrament Sunday is January 6 and will focus on Communion. All children ages PreK through 3rd grade are invited to join us today and for future worship work shops, held on the **first Sunday of the month**, after Tell Us Our Story at 10:30am worship. We will focus on Communion in January and February; and Baptism will be our topic in March, April, and May. We will learn the hows and the whys of these important sacraments through stories, games, and other activities. For more information, please contact cathomas@slpres.org.

VBS 2018—ROAR!

Save the date: June 10-13, 2019! Registration opens March 1.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

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

DECEMBER 30

No Sunday School
No Youth Group

JANUARY 6

Sunday School 9:15-10:15
NO Youth Group—we will be back at it January 13!

PARENT RETREAT—FEBRUARY 8-10

A weekend in Montreat, NC focused on parenting kids of all ages. Sponsored by Saint Luke's and other churches around the Southeast. For more information: www.authenticparents.org

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 and 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.

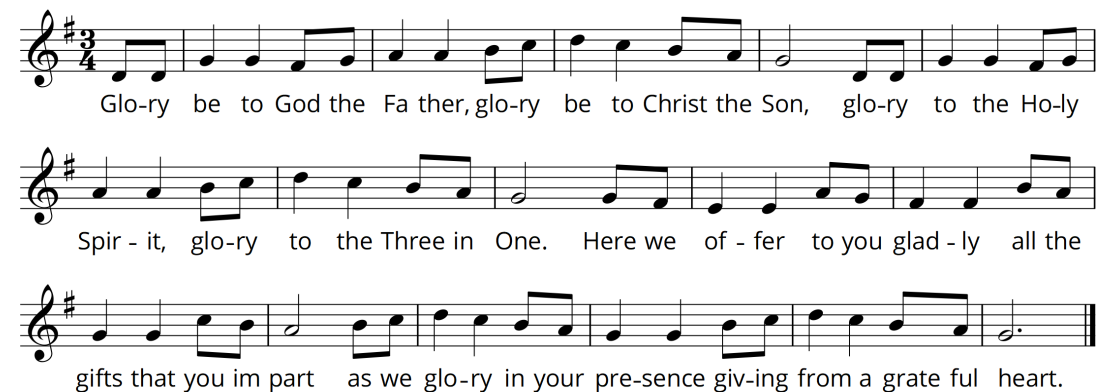
The Offering Invitation

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

Song of Thanksgiving

Christmas Doxology



Glo-ry be to God the Fa ther, glo-ry be to Christ the Son, glo-ry to the Ho-ly
Spir - it, glo-ry to the Three in One. Here we of - fer to you glad - ly all the
gifts that you im part as we glo-ry in your pre-sence giv-ing from a grate ful heart.

Closing Hymn #132*

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Benediction*

Postlude*

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SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT:



FAMILY PROMISE JANUARY 20-27, 2019 — Our Family Promise guests will arrive January 20th and will call Saint Luke's "home" through the afternoon of January 27th. Please consider volunteering during this time! To sign up, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/FPSLPC2019-01> or contact David King at cardheel@yahoo.com.



NOTE ON THE 2018 SLPC BUDGET— For Saint Luke's to meet its 2018 budget we need to collect \$262,000 of income for the month of December. If you have already fulfilled your pledge this year, we thank you and would ask that you consider making an additional gift to the church in 2018. If you have a balance remaining on this year's pledge, please try to fulfill that pledge as soon as possible. As you prioritize your year-end charitable donations, please remember Saint Luke's and know that only with your continued dedication and generous support will we raise the funds needed to make budget and meet our Church's commitments. Pledges and additional gifts may be made online through the Realm app, or if you are you are interested in donating stock please contact Mark Rogers for instructions at 678-935-8980 or jmarkrogers49@gmail.com.



UNDECK THE HALLS— Please help take down the advent decorations on January 6 after the 10:30 service. Meet Diane Markel on the chancel steps to get instructions.



WOMEN'S RETREAT— MARCH 1-3, 2019 AT DILLARD HOUSE Registration is now open. Join us for a weekend of fellowship, fun and spiritual growth. Rev. Julie Bailey will be our guest speaker. Julie serves as the Director of Alumni and Church Relations at Columbia Seminary. Registration forms are available in the lobby or you can sign up on line at: <https://slpres.org/2019-womens-retreat/>. Deadline to sign up is February 1. (return registration forms to Melissa King)



FEAST STARTS IN JANUARY—FEAST, our Wednesday evening dinner & Fellowship program, begins on January 16, 2019. Registration information coming soon!