

**CHURCH STAFF**

Senior Pastor ..... Rev. Dr. David Lower  
Associate Pastor ..... Rev. Shannon Dill  
Associate Pastor ..... Rev. Phil Brown  
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Director of Children’s Ministries..... Catherine Anne Thomas  
Director of Saint Luke’s Little Saints Preschool..... Carol Perry  
Treasurer.....Mark Rogers  
Program Coordinator for CE & Music Ministry..... Melissa King  
Intern for Children & Youth Ministry..... Erin Rugh  
Church Administrator.....Lindsay Moss  
Facility Manager..... Larry Scheinpflug  
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**SERVING TODAY**

**Chapel Guild:** Margaret & Dave Crow  
**Continental Breakfast:** Saint Luke’s Little Saints  
Preschool & Kindergarten  
**Open/Close:** Miles Young

**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:**

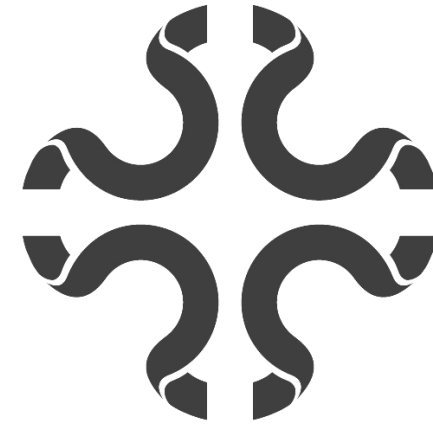
Melissa Blakely, Alyson Cohen,  
Mark Douglass, A.J.Favero,  
Carol Hickey, Dorothy Kitchens  
(*Moderator*), Debbie Parkes, Carol  
Waller, Al Wang, Rosie Coffie (*Youth  
Deacon*)

**Class of 2020:**

Thomas Brown, Karleen Buchholz,  
Jenny Cummiskey, 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

January 13, 2019 8:15am



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**January 13, 2019**

Baptism of the Lord

**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 and events, such as Christmas and Easter.*

**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 activity sheets 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.

**SAINT LUKE'S LITTLE SAINTS PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN**

**Registration for the 2019~2020 school year is January 22-24!**

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 [carolperry@slpres.org](mailto:carolperry@slpres.org).

**INFORMATION FOR ALL TARTAN TROT SUPPORTERS**

**RACE DAY IS FEBRUARY 23rd!**

**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**

We can't make the Tartan Trot happen without all of the the volunteers. We have lots of opportunities outside and inside so please take a look at the sign up to find a spot or we can find one for you.... <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4AABAD2BA31-tartan>

**4 - CAKE & PIES**

We are famous in the running world for our awards of baked goods. We need **150+** homemade pies and cakes; and are very grateful to each on of you for your willingness to keep the tradition going. Please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4AAAF22A13-2019>

**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 us to 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.

**CHILLY? CHILI!** — Adults are invited to the home of Mary and Billy Martin for a Chili Supper on **Saturday, January 26, from 6:30pm-9pm**, \$7.50/person at the door. Please RSVP on the church web site or contact Mary Martin at marymckeemartin@gmail.com or Faye Cashwell at faye@cashwellhome.com.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 27: HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO MAKE 10,000 SANDWICHES?** — Come and find out at the annual Presbyterian Women (PW) Sandwich Project. We'll be making sandwiches for hungry folks around Atlanta that will be distributed to four home-less shelters. Both young and old can help make sandwiches, so plan to attend! The fun starts at 9:30am in the Great Hall. Additionally, this winter weather is cold, so we'll be collecting mittens, gloves and men's white tube socks for those in need. See our display in the lobby to sponsor a box of sandwiches for \$25! All donations help offset the cost of sandwiches.

**OWLS LUNCHEON on JANUARY 22**— Please join us at 11:30a.m. on Tuesday, January 22, in the Session Room at Saint Luke's for the OWLS (Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors) lunch and entertainment featuring Judy Boehm duo. Let's get 2019 off to a great start!

**MARRIAGE RETREAT— FEBRUARY 8-10** —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.

## In Preparation for Worship

“As Christians our baptism joins us to Christ. We share in being named and claimed by God. This isn't primarily to fill our need to feel accepted and loved, though it certainly does that. When we forget our baptism, we forget who and whose we are. The world insists that we belong to ourselves, our employer, our family, our children's school or sports team, or the government of our country. As Christians we reject all these claims of ownership; we belong to God. It is about God's purposes, and through our baptism we no longer live for ourselves, we now live to, for and with God.”

- Heather Carlson, Ekklesia Project

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## Prelude

Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness arr. Anton Leupold

## 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:** God who creates, Your Spirit swept across the formless waters of chaos, making light and earth and life.

**People:** **God who calls, Your Spirit spoke over the waters of the Jordan naming Jesus as Your beloved child.**

**Leader:** God who blesses, Your Spirit moves with Grace in our lives.

**People:** **As proclaimed in our baptism, You call us as Your children to bear Your grace for the world.**

**We praise You, Holy One, for the washing and refreshing waters of Your grace.**

## Opening Hymn #485\*

We Know That Christ Is Raised

## Passing the Peace of Christ\*

**Leader:** May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## Prayer for Illumination

## Scripture Reading

Matthew 3:1-17, pg. 2 of the New Testament

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## Tell Us Our Story and Moment for Saint Luke's Little Saints Preschool & Kindergarten

Shannon Dill

*Children are always welcome to stay in worship. If preferred, parents may take their child(ren) to child care in Room 114.*

## Sermon

"Baptism: Sign and Seal"

David Lower

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Leader: We give you thanks, Eternal God, for you nourish and sustain all living things by the gift of water.

People: **In the beginning of time, your Spirit moved over the watery chaos, calling forth order and life.**

Leader: In the time of Noah, you destroyed evil by the waters of the flood, giving righteousness a new beginning.

People: **You led Israel out of slavery, through the waters of the sea, into the freedom of the promised land.**

Leader: In the waters of Jordan, Jesus was baptized by John and anointed with your Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection, Christ set us free from sin and death, and opened the way to the life that is eternal.

People: **We rejoice that you claimed us in baptism, and that by your grace we are born anew. By your Holy Spirit renew us, that we may be empowered to do your will and continue forever in the risen life of Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever. Amen.**

## Remembrance of Baptism

*Those wishing to renew the promises of baptism are invited to come forward to the font, hold out your hands to receive droplets of water, and return to your pew by the side aisle.*

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**Clair Maxwell**    [clairmaxwell@slpres.org](mailto: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!

**Cherub (PreK - K):** Wednesdays at 5:15pm with Catherine Anne Thomas

**Westminster (1st-5th):** Wednesdays at 5:00pm with Clair Maxwell

**Festival Ringers:** Wednesdays at 6:30pm with Clair Maxwell

**Chancel:** Wednesdays at 7:30pm with Clair Maxwell

## 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.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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

### JANUARY 13

- **Sunday School:** We will meet upstairs in the youth room at **9:15am**
- **Youth Group:** We will all meet at the church and run around together from 5:00-7:00 pm. Bring \$5 for pizza.

### THINGS TO LOOK FOR IN THE YOUTH EMAIL:

- Middle school youth group snack sign-up
- High school youth group host sign-up
- Summer trip deadline information

### 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](http://www.authenticparents.org)

## SPLASH! CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

### IT'S BACK!

Feast starts this week! Our Wednesday night dinners are a great chance for friends of all ages to connect. Wednesday nights January 16-March 6, 5:45—7:00pm. Childcare will be provided.

### VBS: COMING IN WITH A ROAR

Save the dates of June 10 through June 13 for another amazing Vacation Bible School! Online registration will open on March 1...so the month will indeed come in like a lion!

### MUSIC WITH MISS CATHERINE ANNE

**New!** Our Cherub Choir (ages PreK-K) will be led by Catherine Anne Thomas, Director of Children's Ministries. Pre-K and Kindergarten children are invited to join Catherine Anne from 5:15 - 5:45 pm on Wednesdays before FEAST (January 16-March 6).

### WESTMINSTER CHOIR RESUMES JANUARY 16

Children in first through fifth grade are invited to join Clair Maxwell, Director of Music, at 5 pm on Wednesdays before FEAST. The Westminster Choir will meet on Wednesdays January 16-March 20 with a performance on March 24.

## Responsorial Song

Take Me To The Water arr. Walter Ehret

**REFRAIN (ALL) Take me to the water. Take me to the water. Take me to the water to be baptized.**

I love Jesus, I love Jesus, I love Jesus, yes, I do. **REFRAIN**

He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior, yes, he is. **REFRAIN**

I'm going back home, I'm going back home, I'm going back home to be baptized. **REFRAIN**

Glory hallelujah, glory hallelujah, glory hallelujah to be baptized. **REFRAIN**

## Moment for Commitment

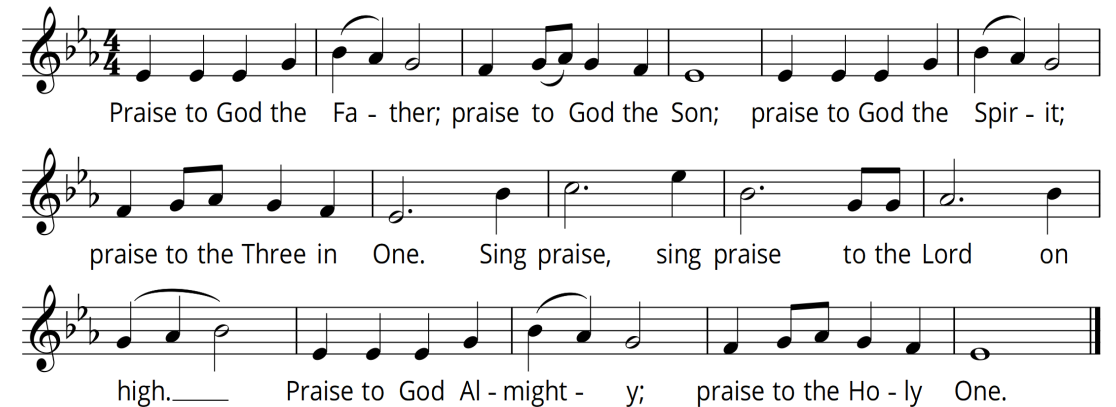
### Offering Invitation

*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

O Morning Star, How Far and Bright arr. Paul Manz

### Song of Thanksgiving \*



Praise to God the Fa - ther; praise to God the Son; praise to God the Spir - it;

praise to the Three in One. Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on

high. Praise to God Al - might - y; praise to the Ho - ly One.

## 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 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.

## Words of Institution

## Communion Music

### Closing Hymn #661\*

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

### Benediction\*

### Postlude\*

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright *arr. Mark Sedio*

## SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT:



**FAMILY PROMISE JANUARY 20-27** — 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/FPSP2019-01> or contact David King at [cardheel@yahoo.com](mailto:cardheel@yahoo.com).



**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. Please return registration forms to Melissa King.



**FEAST STARTS THIS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16** — FEAST, our Wednesday evening dinner & Fellowship program, begins this Wednesday, January 16. Join us for "Dinner & Devotion" led by our pastors, from 5:45-7:00pm. Register via the SLPC web site. **NEW:** Register online for all eight weeks at once, or pick and choose the dates you can attend!



**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED**— On January 18, 2019, at 9:45 am, Saint Luke's will host the Church Women United Annual Meeting in the Great Hall. Presbyterian Women may wish to attend, and any church member is invited to this business meeting. Church Women United is a national ecumenical movement witnessing to the unity of faith in Jesus Christ through worship, study, action and celebration. Four celebrations are held each year: World Day of Prayer, May Friendship Day, Human Rights Celebration, and World Community Day. All interested church women and men are invited to attend all meetings, particularly the Annual Meeting and the celebrations.

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