

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

March 3, 2019 8:15 am

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Transfiguration 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 or seasons in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ.

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!

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.

CHURCH STAFF

- Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. David Lower
- Associate Pastor Rev. Shannon Dill
- Associate Pastor Rev. Phil Brown
- Director of Music & Organist Clair Maxwell
- 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
- Receptionist Matthew Dobson
- A/V Director Roby Price

SAINT LUKE'S PERIMETER COUNSELING CENTER

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SERVING TODAY

- Chapel Guild:** Dan Joyce
- Continental Breakfast:** VBS Directors: Kate Davis, Anna Ferretti, Stephanie McGoldrick and Cheryl Wellford
- 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, 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 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



SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT:

For information on all activities and events at Saint Luke's, please go to slpres.org.

TODAY! SACRAMENT SUNDAY—

After Tell Us Our Story at the 10:30 am worship service, our PreK through 3rd grade children are invited to the chapel for Sacrament Sunday, which will focus on Baptism. Children will return to worship service for Communion.

LEARN HOW TO BE A BUDDY— In our ongoing efforts to better care for those with special needs, we are now seeking youth and adults interested in becoming a Sunday morning buddy. No previous experience is required – only the desire to interact, relate, and communicate with others at Saint Luke's. Two one-hour training sessions have been scheduled: **March 3 and March 10, from 9:15 to 10:15 am in the Session Room.** Both sessions will provide the same information and will be led by SLPC member Armann Fenger.

ASH WEDNESDAY DINNER & WORSHIP — Join us on March 6 for pancake dinner at 5:45 pm in the Great Hall, followed by Ash Wednesday worship service at 6:45 pm in the Chapel.

ADULT SUNDAY LENT STUDY— Join Rev. Shannon Dill, Rev. David Lower, and the Adult Sunday School leaders for "Entering Passion of Jesus," each Sunday, March 10 - April 7, from 9:15-10:15 in the chapel, as we consider what it means to follow Jesus. (The House to House group will continue to meet in Room 203).

2019 LENT DEVOTIONAL— Please see Highlights and slpres.org for information on this year's Lent Devotional provided by Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

MEN'S BREAKFAST IS MARCH 9th AT 8AM — Our guest speaker will be Rev. Eric Powell of Dodd-Sterling UMC. This is our launch breakfast leading up to the habitat build on April 6 and will focus on building "bridges that actually work" for those in need. RSVP to bobschultz9@icloud.com.

NEXT WEEK! YOUTH RECITAL — Come hear a combined performance by several of Saint Luke's own young people as they showcase their many musical talents. Noon in the Chapel. Light refreshments will be provided.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, MARCH 17 — There will be a congregational meeting on March 17 immediately following the 10:30 am worship service. The purpose is to: 1) hear report of Officer Nominating Committee and elect new class of Elders and Deacons; 2) hear a report of the Financial Committee on 2018 results and 2019 budget; 3) approve Terms of Call for Pastors; and 4) and conduct any other business pertinent to the congregation.

SAINT LUKE'S COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP — Thanks to a generous gift from an anonymous donor, \$2,500 will be awarded to a Saint Luke's high school senior who is enrolling in an accredited four-year U.S. college. For details and application, go to slpres.org. Application deadline is April 14, 2019.

SUPPER CLUB, MARCH 23—Join fellow singles and couples for a potluck-style dinner on March 23 at 7 pm. Sign up on the poster in the lobby to host or participate. RSVP by March 18.

In Preparation for Worship

"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I will show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me – watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."
Matthew 11:28–30, *The Message*

Prelude

Trumpet Tune *Georg Philipp Telemann*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: The life with Christ is not easy sometimes.
People: **But we know we do not go alone.**
Leader: There is sacrifice in being a disciple
People: **The life of a disciples is one of giving.**
Leader: May we be fueled for our life with Christ this day.
People: **Let us worship God.**

Opening Hymn #193*

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

Call to Confession*

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession*

Merciful God, You have called us to take up our cross and walk with You. You do not call us to safe places sometimes. You call us to places that take sacrifice and love to reach. Forgive us when we want to take the easy route, even when You are calling us in a different direction. Help us see that even when we don't understand what to do, or take the wrong action, You are there telling us to not be afraid. Teach us to be confident in Your grace, trusting of Your love, and true to Your claim on our lives. Hear now the personal confessions 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 #673* stanza 3



With the saints we lift our voi - ces, God of pow-er, God of might. All cre - a-tion
 shines with glo - ry, sing - ing prais - es day and night: Al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly light.

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 16:24 -17:8, pg. 18 of the New Testament

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

Tell Us Our Story

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

Sermon

"The Junk We Carry Up a Mountain"

Phil Brown

Affirmation of Faith*

From: The Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

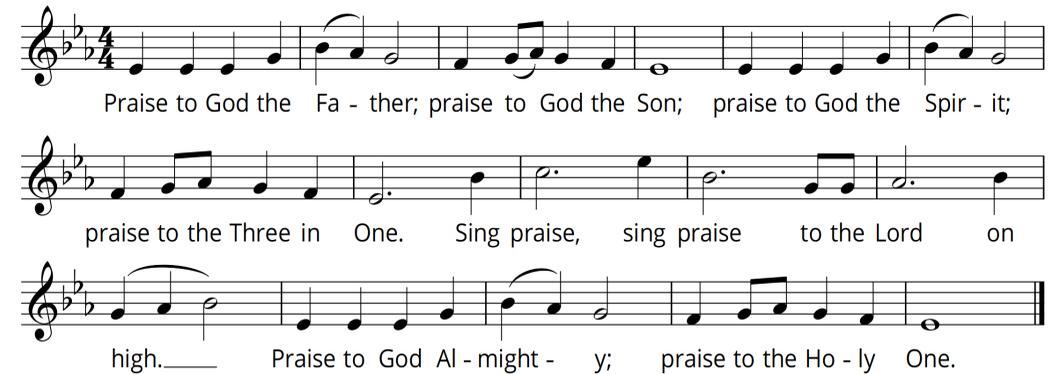
Offering Invitation

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

Grazioso Telemann

Song of Thanksgiving #605*



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 #348*

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

Benediction*

Postlude*

Trumpet Tune Telemann

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