



SAINT LUKE'S  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**CHURCH STAFF**

Senior Pastor ..... Rev. Dr. David Lower  
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Associate Pastor ..... Rev. Phil Brown  
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**SERVING TODAY**

**Bell Ringer:** Bonnie Ruggiero  
**Bible Bearer:** Mary Cassin Thatcher  
**Candle Lighter:** Emma Rabren  
**Crucifer:** Valentina Thelen  
**Continental Breakfast :** Saint Luke's Girl Scouts  
**Flag Bearers and Color Guard:** Lilly Hamlin, Katie Moebes, Allie Riordan, Evelyn Rittenberry, Eliza Thatcher, Annabelle Wang, Ansley Wassell  
**Chancel Guild:** Nancy Self  
**Lay Reader:** Valentina Thelen  
**Open/Close:** Sonny Jester  
**Sound:** Brad Troha  
**Ushers :** Allie Riordan, Evelyn Rittenberry, Eliza Thatcher, Annabelle Wang, Ansley Wassell

**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



March 10, 2019 10:30 am



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**First Sunday in Lent**

## March 10, 2019

First Sunday in Lent

### Liturgical Color: Purple

*Liturgical colors can orient us to the season of the church year and help to engage the sense of sight in worship. Purple marks the seasons of penitence and preparation, Advent and Lent.*

### 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 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).



## SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT:

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

**TODAY! 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.

**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 am in the chapel, as we consider what it means to follow Jesus. (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.

**FAMILY LENT WREATH**—Be sure and pick up an activity created to bring Lent into focus for all ages. Through forty days of prayer, stories, kindness, and helping, children and parents will enjoy transforming a crown of thorns into a beautiful flowered wreath. These family kits are available in the church lobby.

**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.

**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. Contact Catherine Anne Thomas, cathomas@slpres.org, for more information.

**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) conduct any other business pertinent to the congregation.

**TONIGHT! YOUTH & PARENTS MENTAL HEALTH NIGHT**— "An Emotionally Intelligent Way to Reduce Anxiety, Sadness, and Mental Illness in Students," featuring parent speaker Emily Shupert, PhD, LPC, MABC and youth speaker Matt Frease, ThM, ThD Candidate. Sunday, **March 10, 5-7 pm** in the Great Hall. Dinner and childcare (young ones through elementary school) provided. No RSVP needed.

**FILM SCREENING**— The Green Team is hosting a screening of the film, **Chasing Coral**, in the Chapel on Wednesday, **March 13, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm**. Please join us in learning how to protect our oceans and become good stewards to the environment.

## Benediction Response\*

Give Us Grace

Chancel Choir

Give us grace, O Lord.

## Postlude\*

Final Gigout

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## Girl Scout Sunday Recognition

### Saint Luke's Girl Scouts 2018/19:

Emily Anderson, Belle Dixon, Clairra Dixon, Mischa Douglass, Lilly Hamlin, Elizabeth Lee, Lily Martinson, Katie Miller, Katie Moebes, Colleen Murphy, Megan Murphy, Sophie Price, Evelyn Rittenberry, Emma Rabren, Maggie Ridl, Bonnie Ruggiero, Anna Schniederjan, Eleanor Schniederjan, Anna Kate Shelton, Sarah Jane Shipley, Alexis Shortal, Eliza Thatcher, Mary Cassin Thatcher, Valentina Thelen, Anna Tomsik, Annabelle Wang, Ansley Wassell, Ashley Lynn Wilson, Marin Wolfe

### Gold Award Girl Scout:

Anna Tomsik earned her Gold Award this year with her project "So You Want a Dog", which dealt with the problem of overcrowded animal shelters and the relinquishment of companion pets.

### Bronze Award Girl Scouts:

Sophie Price, Alexis Shortal, and Marin Wolfe along with their Troop 14572 are working on their Bronze Awards by doing work to sponsor two cats at the Furkids Cat Shelter. Allie Riordan is also working on her Bronze Award.

## In Preparation for Worship

"The practice of forgiveness is our most important contribution to the healing of the world."  
- Marianne Williamson

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## Presentation of Colors\*

Lilly Hamlin, Katie Moebes, Allie Riordan,  
Evelyn Rittenberry, Eliza Thatcher, Annabelle Wang, Ansley Wassell

## Pledge of Allegiance\*

## Gathering Prayer

Lilly Hamlin

## Prelude

Ave Verum W. A. Mozart  
*arr. Martha Lynn Thompson*

Festival Ringers

## Chiming of the Hour

Lenten Toll *William Mathias*

Festival Ringers

## Welcome and Announcements

## Moment for Girl Scouting

## Call to Worship\*

Hymn #535 Bless the Lord, O My Soul

## Opening Hymn #446\*

How Blest, Those Whose Transgressions

## Call to Confession\*

Katie Moebes

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

## Prayer of Confession\*

Katie Moebes

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within us. We are your creation, O Lord. Help us to live as reflections of You.

We often forget to say "thank you" for the gifts You have given to us. Hear now our prayers of gratitude... **(silence)**

We often forget that others in the world are Your creation, too. Hear now our prayers for Your love to be shown through us to others... **(silence)**

We often forget to stand up for what is right and just for those who are poor, marginalized, and oppressed. Hear now our prayers for places where justice is lost, and hope is subdued... **(silence)**

Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within us. May we know Your steadfast love and may Your grace give us courage to live as those You created us to become... **(silence)**

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer. Amen.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness\*

### Song of Praise #544\*

Bless the Lord, My Soul

### Passing the Peace of Christ\*

Katie Moebes

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

### Prayer for Illumination

Valentina Thelen

### First Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:15–22  
*pg. 19 of the New Testament*

Valentina Thelen

### Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:23-35  
*pg. 19 of the New Testament*

Bonnie Ruggerio

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### Tell Us Our Story

David Lower and Girl Scouts

*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.*

### Anthem

So Great Is His Mercy *Don Doig*

Chancel Choir

For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west, so has he removed our transgressions from us.  
Just as a father has compassion on his children,  
so the Lord also has compassion on those that fear him.  
For he himself knows our frame, and he is mindful that we are but dust.  
And so the mercy of the Lord is everlasting toward them that fear him.  
And as for man, his days are like the grass, a flower of the field, so he flourishes.  
And when the wind has passed it over, the flower is vanished; it is no more.  
*(Psalm 103:11–17)*

### Sermon

"Grace as Forgiveness"

David Lower

### Hymn #436\*

God of Compassion, In Mercy Befriend Us

## Affirmation of Faith\*

from A Brief Statement of Faith (1983) Mischa Douglass

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, of every gender and race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

## The Offering Invitation

Sarah Jane Shipley

*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 Bless the Lord, My Soul  
*Georges Bizet arr. Hal Hopson*

Chancel Choir Quartet

O bless the Lord, my soul.  
With all of my heart, I bless God's holy name.  
God forgives all our guilt, gives us life forevermore.  
God of goodness, God of mercy,  
you bring hope to all your children.  
God of justice, God of love, you give peace to all the poor in heart.  
High as the highest heavens above us, so is your great love for us. *(Psalm 103)*

## Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Emma Rabren and Lilly Hamlin

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.

## Song of Thanksgiving #606\*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow

## Closing Hymn #444\*

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

## Benediction\*

Emma Rabren