



SAINT LUKE'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



March 10, 2019 8:15 am



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

First Sunday in Lent

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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 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

Georgia C. Griffin, J.D., M.Div.
Director, Perimeter Center
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SERVING TODAY

- Chapel Guild:** Vivian Smith
- Continental Breakfast:** Saint Luke's Girl Scouts
- Open/Close:** Sonny Jester

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! 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.

TODAY! 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. Today, a one-hour training session will be **from 9:15 to 10:15 am in the Session Room**, and will be led by SLPC member Armann Fenger.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

In Preparation for Worship

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

Prelude Ave Verum W. A. Mozart Festival Ringers
arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship* Hymn #535 Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Opening Hymn #446* How Blest, Those Whose Transgressions

Call to Confession*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession*

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*

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:15–35, pg. 20 of the New Testament

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

Tell Us Our Story

David Lower

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

Sermon

“Grace as Forgiveness”

David Lower

Affirmation of Faith*

from A Brief Statement of Faith (1983)

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.

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 #606* Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow

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 #444*

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

Benediction*

Postlude*

Final Gigout

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