



SAINT LUKE'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SERVING TODAY

Chancel Guild: Mary & Ted Guerrant
Continental Breakfast: Anna Ferretti
Lay Reader: Claire Cumiskey
Open/Close: Jay Lee
Sound: Roby Price
Ushers : Kari Young, 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



March 24, 2019 10:30 am



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Third Sunday in Lent

March 24, 2019

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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 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! CELEBRATE THE ARTS CONCERT:

WE ARE ONE — Join us TODAY at 4 pm in the Chapel for a concert featuring Brenda Turner, soprano, and music from various faith traditions illustrating that all people are unified by love.

OWLS LUNCHEON ON MARCH 26— Join the Older, Wiser, & Loving Seniors (OWLS) on March 26 at 11:30 am for lunch and trivia.

EGG HUNT CANDY CALL— Our Easter Egg Hunt is from 9:15 to 10:15 on Sunday, April 14. The eggs will be empty like the tomb of Christ, but we give each child a small bag of candy at the end. Parents of children participating are encouraged to drop off a package of candy in the marked basket located in the lobby by April 7. Others are welcome to hop in on this, as well!

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.

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

IOH MEAL NEEDED— Interfaith Outreach Home (IOH) volunteer needed to provide a meal for 10 adults and 15 children on April 18. Contact Al Bridges, bridgtr@aol.com.

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.

EASTER BAGS FOR CHRIS 180 — Help PW provide Easter bags to foster children who are currently living in a group home sponsored by CHRIS 180. Bags will be available between Sunday, March 17 and Sunday, March 24, and due back to the church by Sunday, April 7. Monetary donations and Wal-mart gift cards are also accepted.

2019 VBS: SEEKING SAFARI LEADERS— VBS volunteers are needed! Go to the Volunteer tab at slpres.org to view all the various (leaders, cinema, drama, snack) volunteer opportunities! Contact Stephanie McGoldrick, tsmcgoldrick@gmail.com, with questions.

VBS WILD DECORATING PARTY— Join us from 7-8:30 pm on Tuesday, March 26 to help transform our church into an African savanna!

2019 HABITAT HOUSE: Eight days of work. A lifetime of joy! — There is abundant joy for all involved in helping another Habitat home owner build a house! April 6 is the first build day and the work continues for seven more Saturdays with a jump over Easter weekend and Memorial Day weekend. For more details or to volunteer, go to slpres.org.

LENT 2019

APRIL 14 Palm Sunday
Easter Egg Hunt & Church-wide Brunch
9 am, Great Hall

APRIL 18 Maundy Thursday
Soup Supper and Communion Service
6 pm, Great Hall

APRIL 19 Good Friday
Service
7 pm, Chapel

APRIL 21 Easter
7 am Sunrise Service, Courtyard
8:30 am, Sanctuary
10:30 am, Sanctuary
Flower the Cross at 8:30 am and 10:30 am services.

In Preparation for Worship

“If we take eternity to mean not infinite temporal duration, but timelessness, then eternal life belongs to those who live in the present.” – *Ludwig Wittgenstein*

Gathering Prayer

Prelude

Prelude on “Aberystwyth” *Healey Willan*

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits.

Opening Hymn #262*

Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus

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.
People: **Hear now our prayers of gratitude... (silence)**
Leader: We often forget that others in the world are Your creation, too.
People: **Hear now our prayers for Your love to be shown through us to others... (silence)**
Leader: We often forget to stand up for what is right and just for those who are poor, marginalized, and oppressed.
People: **Hear now our prayers for places where justice is lost, and hope is subdued...(silence)**
Leader: 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. Lord, in your mercy,
People: **Hear our prayer. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness*

Song of Praise #544*

Bless the Lord, My Soul

Bless the Lord, my soul,
and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul,
who leads me into life.

Passing the Peace of Christ*

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

Musical

Daniel Westminster and Cherub Choirs
William Anderson, Tom Long and Allen Pote

This Is a Tale
Let's Just Praise the King
Daniel's Prayer
To the Lion's Den
Here I Am
The One True King

The musical today serves as both Tell Us Our Story and Faithful Friends, so children are encouraged to remain and enjoy. At its conclusion, parents may take children PreK and younger to regular child care.

Prayer for Illumination

Claire Cummiskey

Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:1-14, pg. 23 of the New Testament

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

Sermon

"Grace as Invitation"

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.

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

Offertory on "Song 24" Willan

Song of Thanksgiving #606*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow

Closing Hymn #282*

Come Down, O Love Divine

Benediction*

Postlude*

Postlude on "O Filii Et Filiae" Willan

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