



SAINT LUKE'S  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**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  
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**SERVING TODAY**

**Chapel Guild:** Becky Loftis  
**Continental Breakfast:** Anna Ferretti  
**Open/Close:** Jay Lee

**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



March 24, 2019 8:15 am



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**Third Sunday in Lent**

## March 24, 2019

Third 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 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.



## 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 am 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.

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

### 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.

**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.

**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, bridgrtr@aol.com.

**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

### Prelude

Prelude on “Aberystwyth” Healey Willan

### 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\*

from Psalm 103

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.

## Prayer for Illumination

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 22:1-14, pg. 24 of the New Testament

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

## Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

*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 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.**

## 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

## 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 #282\***

Come Down, O Love Divine

## Benediction\*

## Postlude\*

Postlude on "O Filii Et Filiae" Willan

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