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SERVING TODAY

Chapel Guild: Beth Underhill
Open/ Close: Bill Womack

LEADERSHIP

ELDERS

Class of 2020:

Carol Ciepluch, Leslie Hamlin, Kay Loerch (*Clerk of Session*), Florence Luranc, J J Singley, Kelly Sloan, Steve Thornton, Brad Troha, Casey Singley (*Youth Elder*)

Class of 2021:

Bob Burroughs, Steve Cashwell, Tracy Coffie, Val DeFriece, Matt Fogarty, Nael McCarty, Todd Parker, Kristen Wescott

Class of 2022:

Rosemary Armstrong-Burton, Sylvia Jackson, Julie Lee (*Asst. Clerk of Session*), Tom Mangum, Nancy Moore, Cathie Rogers, Dustin Waller, Justin Wilkes

DEACONS

Class of 2020:

Thomas Brown, Karleen Buchholz, Jenny Cumiskey, Ron Davis, Mark Douglass, Kris Hull (*Moderator*), Daryl Moore, Emily Ritzler, Suzanne Thatcher, Carol Waller, Nelson Cumiskey (*Youth Deacon*)

Class of 2021:

Marylyn Brown, Carol Hickey, Janis Jones, Alan Keel, Christy Keohane, Betsy King, Molly Naugher (*Vice Moderator*), Gena Spears, Steve Wassell

Class of 2022:

Tricia Bridges, Donna Crutchfield, Chas Davis, Lindy Farley, Janis Kilgore, David Strickland, Angela Thayer, Miles Young



BASE CAMP
exploring faith foundations
summer sermon series

August 25, 2019 8:15 am



SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT:

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

STUDY, SERVICE, SOCIAL—Presbyterian Women (PW) is an organization for all women at the church. We are gearing up for a new year and would love for you to stop by our table to get information about our gatherings and projects. Questions? Contact Stephanie McGoldrick (tsmcgoldrick@gmail.com) or Diane Lemaster (dilemace@aol.com).

CALL FOR ART— In honor of Saint Luke's upcoming 50th anniversary, we're calling artists of all ages to create a visual representation of Saint Luke's. All submissions will be displayed during the anniversary celebration on September 15 and included, if desired, in a silent auction. Deadline is Sept. 1. Questions? Contact lindsaymoss@slpres.org.

MOUNTAIN TOP ADULTS IN MISSION TRIP—Come join other adults from Saint Luke's as we serve with our mission partner, Mountain TOP, in Grundy County, Tennessee. We have groups going two different weekends, so you can select the weekend that works best for you: October 24 – 27 or October 31 – November 3. The weekend begins on Thursday afternoon and we are back to Dunwoody around noon on Sunday. Cost is \$225 (before Sept. 15) or \$250 (on or after Sept. 15) and includes all meals, lodging and supplies. For details, go to slpres.org . To register via Mountain Top website, go to <https://www.mountain-top.org/fall>. Questions? Email shannondill@slpres.org or tedguerrant@slpres.org.

SAINT LUKE'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY— Join us on **September 15** as we celebrate 50 years of Faith & Family. Dr. Christopher Price will preach at 10:30 am, with a reception to follow.

FEAST STARTS SEPT. 18— Make FEAST your mid-week time to recharge! Join us for our Wednesday night dinner & program, "Faith in this Place," where we'll explore intriguing locations around the church. Dinner starts at 5:45 p.m. Check out the pew brochure or go to slpres.org for details or to rsvp.

Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church Financial Summary, July 31, 2019			
Month	Actual	Budget	Variance
Total	\$	\$	\$
Income	126,087	96,150	29,937
Total Expenses	\$ 134,633	\$ 138,984	\$ (4,351)
Net	\$ (8,546)	\$ (42,834)	\$ 34,288
Year to Date	Actual	Budget	Variance
Total	\$ 1,028,206	\$ 1,053,900	\$ (25,694)
Total Expense	\$ 983,559	\$ 984,704	\$ (1,145)
Net	\$ 44,647	\$ 69,196	\$ (24,549)

August 25, 2019

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green

Liturgical colors can orient us to the season of the church year and help to engage the sense of sight in worship. Green is used for all other time periods (called Ordinary Time) not marked by a specific festival or season.

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
astonishing grace,
we are moved to love God,
love each other,
and love our neighbors
near and far.

VISION

Boldly following Jesus,
We love all people
and work to build a compassionate,
just, and peaceful world.

WELCOME, GUESTS!

DURING the Welcome, please print the requested information on the Friendship Pad and pass the Friendship Pad down the pew.

AFTER worship, 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. Activity sheets and tactile activities are available on the cart in the Chapel lobby. For your convenience, there is a Family Restroom located in the administrative office's hallway, near the main lobby.

SPECIAL CONNECTIONS We welcome children, youth and adults with special needs. If someone in your family could benefit from having a buddy during their time here today please ask an usher or greeter for assistance.

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 #744*

Arise, Your Light Is Come

Benediction*

Postlude*

Finale Felix Mendelssohn

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SAINT LUKE'S PROGRAM COORDINATOR UPDATE—WELCOME, ERIN MURRAY!

This week we say farewell to Melissa King, our magnificent Program Coordinator, as she and her husband Mike move to Raleigh. In just one year at Saint Luke's, Melissa has brought great wisdom and commitment to helping organize our education, music, and outreach programs. Thank you, Melissa, for bringing great work and spirit to our church family! We will miss Melissa dearly, and wish her, her husband Mike, and their daughters Hannah and Leila all the best in their next chapter. Feel free to send your own message of thanks and support to melissaking@slpres.org.

We are also thrilled to report that Melissa's successor, Erin Murray, has already started getting oriented, and will assume full-time work as Program Coordinator next week. Welcome, Erin! Erin brings great skills and experience in project management and teaching to her work, including most recently the Move & Learn teacher at Saint Luke's Little Saints. We welcome Erin, and her family, to the Saint Luke's team! Feel free to send your own message of welcome to erinmurray@slpres.org.

In Preparation for Worship

“According to scripture, neither our good works nor our faith justifies us. God alone does it by God's free grace in Christ. It is not confidence in the goodness of our life or in the strength of our faith, but confidence in God that gives us the assurance that we are right with God.... The gospel does not say, 'Trust God and he will love you,' the gospel says, 'God already loves you, so trust him.' Faith is not a 'work' that saves us; it is our acknowledgment that we are saved.”
- Shirley Guthrie, *Christian Doctrine*

Prelude

Prelude Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: By faith, we trust that we were created in the image of God.

People: **By faith, we hope and dream and make plans.**

Leader: By faith, we face our fears and insecurities.

People: **By faith, we follow where God leads.**

Leader: By faith, we trust that God is present in our midst.

People: **By faith, we gather in this place to worship God together.**

Opening Hymn #82*

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Call to Confession*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession*

Almighty God, we are not always people who live by faith. We know that we were created in your image, but we treat ourselves and each other in ways that do not honor your presence within us. We know your laws and your commandments, but we choose to disobey you and to act in ways that harm our neighbors. We hear your call to reach out to those most in need, but instead we turn our backs on them and on you. Forgive us, O God, and help us day by day to become more faithful followers and the people you created us to be...

(silence is kept for personal reflection...)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness*

Song of Praise #598*

Amen, we praise your name, O God! (Sing praises!)
Amen, we praise your name, O God! (Sing praises!)
Amen, amen. Amen, amen.
Amen, we praise your name, O God! (Sing praises!)

Passing the Peace of Christ*

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 61:1-11

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

Tell Us Our Story

Shannon Dill

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

Sermon

"Exploring Faith Foundations:
Gospel and Faith"

David Lower

Affirmation of Faith*

adapted from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (1983)

ALL: 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.

Leader: 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, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

People: 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.

Leader: We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

ALL: In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Offering

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

Michelle Moebes, flute

Song of Thanksgiving #607* Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.**