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SERVING TODAY

Chancel Guild: Paula Humer

Communion Servers: Beth Underhill, captain; Becky and Tom Loftis, Tom McIntosh, Fern Mitropoulos, Mark Reed

Lay Reader: Clara Young

Open/ Close: Jay Lee

Sound: Roby Price

Ushers: Kari Young, captain; Miles, Clara & Cole Young

LEADERSHIP

ELDERS

Class of 2020:

Carol Ciepluch, Leslie Hamlin, Kay Loerch (*Clerk of Session*), Florence Luranc, JJ 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 Cummiskey, Ron Davis, Mark Douglass, Kris Hull (*Moderator*), Daryl Moore, Emily Ritzler, Suzanne Thatcher, Carol Waller, Nelson Cummiskey (*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

September 1, 2019 10:30 am

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12th 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 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 precious to us, and we welcome them in worship. Activity sheets and tactile activities are available in the back of the sanctuary. Each week, children are invited to join us for "Tell Us Our Story." Afterwards, they may remain in worship, go to Faithful Friends (PreK-1st) or go to child care.

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.



SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT:

For information on all activities and events at Saint Luke's, please go to 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 a.m., with a reception to follow.

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 more information, go to slpres.org or email shannondill@slpres.org.

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 FEAST brochure or go to slpres.org for details or to RSVP.

MEN'S BREAKFAST AT 8 AM ON SEPT. 14—

Perimeter Community Improvement Districts Executive Director Ann Hanlon will talk about the current plans for the Perimeter Business District, including the I 285/GA 400 interchange and access roads. RSVP to bobschultz9@icloud.com.

SAINT LUKE'S TO PARTICIPATE IN "BECOMING AN ALLY" EVENT— Our friends at Temple Emanu-El are producing a special event on Sunday, September 8th from 3:30-6 p.m., titled "Becoming an Ally." The workshop was created by the Anti-Defamation League to empower people to respond effectively to expressions of religious and racial hatred around the world. Space is limited. To RSVP, go to <https://support.adl.org/event/becoming-an-ally/e234657>.

TONIGHT! FAITH & PARENTING — Faith & Parenting will meet today, Sunday, Sept. 1, from 6-8 p.m. at the Vermack pool, where we will discuss topic options for the year. This laid-back gathering of school-aged families provides good company, as well as the opportunity to get connected, learn together, and grow in faith.

OWLS LUNCHEON ON SEPTEMBER 24 —

Please join the OWLS (Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors) on Sept. 24 in the Session Room at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and conversation. First-timers are free. Cost is \$6. Look for the sign up sheet in the lobby, or call the church and speak with Matt Dobson. Questions? Contact Nancy Self at 404.237.6551.

SAINT LUKE'S CLEAN UP DAY— Saint Luke's Building & Grounds committee will host a church clean up day on Saturday, September 7, starting at 9 a.m. Bring the family!

50th ANNIVERSARY CHOIR INVITATION— Anyone who may be interested in singing with the Chancel Choir for the 50th anniversary service on September 15 is invited to join the choir that morning. Rehearsal will be at 9:30 a.m. in the choir room. Robes and music will be provided. Just show up and sing!

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

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens
arr. Dale Wood

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.**

Holy Communion

When coming forward for Communion, please kneel at the closest available space to the center aisle. If you would like to be served where you are sitting, please raise your hand as the communion servers come down the center aisle and you will be served by intinction (dipping the bread in the cup). Everyone is invited to participate in the sacrament. A server with gluten-free bread will be standing at the center aisle. If you prefer gluten-free bread, please indicate your preference as you approach. Parents, please note the center rings of the communion trays are filled with wine. Only the outer ring is filled with grape juice.

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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus *arr. Robert Hobby*

Closing Hymn #384*

Soon and Very Soon

Benediction*

Postlude*

Toccata *Robert Lind*

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In Preparation for Worship

“The people of God are not merely to mark time, waiting for God to step in and set right all that is wrong. Rather, they are to model the new heaven and new earth, and by so doing awaken longings for what God will someday bring to pass.” — Philip Yancey

Gathering Prayer

Prelude

Fanfare *Robert Lind*

Chiming of the Hour

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.**

Processional Hymn #367*

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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

Clara Young

Scripture Reading

Revelation 22:20

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

Phil Brown

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

Lift Thine Eyes *Felix Mendelssohn*

Women's Ensemble

Lift thine eyes to the mountains from whence cometh help.
Thy help cometh from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.
He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved.
Thy keeper will never slumber.

Sermon

"Exploring Faith Foundations:
Revelation, Second Coming, End Times"

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.

Prayer for the Day 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.