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SERVING TODAY

Chapel Guild: Donna and Rich Crutchfield
Continental Breakfast: Kay Moe
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:

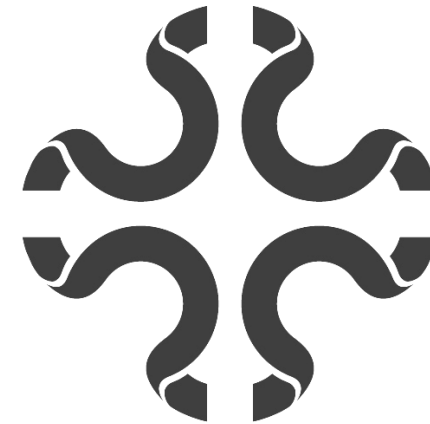
Thomas Brown, Karleen Buchholz, Jenny Cummiskey, Ron Davis, Mark Douglass, Kris Hull (*Moderator*), Daryl Moore, Emily Ritzler, Suzanne Thatcher, Carol Waller, Nelson Cummiskey (*Youth Deacon*)

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



SAINT LUKE’S
P R E S B Y T E R I A N C H U R C H

November 17, 2019 8:15 am



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SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT:

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

TODAY! CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — Immediately following the 10:30 am service. The purpose is to elect at least four members to serve on the Officer Nominating Committee.

TODAY AT 4PM! FAMILY PROMISE BENEFIT CONCERT — The Saint Luke's choir will join with the Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church choir for a musical program of celebration and thanksgiving TODAY at 4 pm. All are invited! Donations will benefit Family Promise.

TAVERN TALKS ON NOV. 21 — Men of Saint Luke's are invited to join Senior Pastor David Lower, from 7-9:30 pm on Nov. 21 at Dunwoody Tavern, for food, beverages and good conversation. Everyone welcome!

RISE AGAINST HUNGER ON NOV. 24 — Saint Luke's will participate in Rise Against Hunger on Sunday, Nov. 24, from 9:30 - 10:30 am, in the Great Hall. Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief organization that distributes food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable, mobilizing the necessary resources to end hunger by 2030.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW) BAKE SALE — Next Sunday, November 24th-- Delicious mini loaves will be on sale in the lobby for \$5 each. Choose from apple cake or pumpkin cake. Great for Thanksgiving guests and holiday hostess gifts.

OWLS LUNCHEON ON DEC. 10 — Join the older, wiser and loving seniors (OWLS) on Dec. 10 at 11:30 am in the Great Hall. RSVP to Nancy Self (nself@comcast.net) by Dec. 3.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER — All women are cordially invited to the annual Presbyterian Women's (PW) Christmas Dinner & Communion Service on Monday, Dec. 2 at 6 pm. Please sign up and pay through REALM and indicate if you have a request to be seated with anyone in particular. If you need help, please see Erin Murray. \$16 pp. Questions? Contact Christy Keohane (christykeohane@yahoo.com) or Fern Mitropoulos (tmitropoulos@comcast.net).

SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE — Angels needed! Make Christmas special for a child or senior in need! Take a name from the Angel Tree, and use the suggestions to purchase items for that child/senior. Unwrapped presents should be returned to the lobby by Sunday, Dec. 1. Questions, contact Florence Luranc at FHLuranc@comcast.net.

DECK THE HALLS & COURTYARD — Please join us on Saturday, Nov. 30, at 9:30 am as we transform Saint Luke's for Advent and Christmas. Indoor and outdoor decorating opportunities available for all ages.

NEEDED: "HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS!" EVENT CO-COORDINATORS — Work with Catherine Anne Thomas, Director of Children's Ministries, to help organize this fun family event scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 15. Contact cathomas@slpres.org for more details.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS — Help decorate the church *and* honor or remember a loved one by purchasing a poinsettia. Donation envelopes are in the pew boxes. \$15 per plant (please write poinsettias on the memo line). Names will be published in the bulletin on December 22.

November 17, 2019

23rd 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 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.

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.

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 #39*

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Benediction*

Postlude*

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart *arr. Robert Powell*

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Commitment Update

What a wonderful Commitment Sunday worship and fall festival we had last Sunday! As of Commitment Sunday we are at about 45% of our goal for 2020. We still need to hear from many of you! You can submit your pledge one of three ways:

1. Send a confidential email to commitment@slpres.org OR
2. Log in to Realm via the app or the slpres.org website. Navigate to Giving and add your new pledge OR
3. Print and submit the pledge form to the church office. There are extra brochures and pledge forms in the church office, lobby and narthex, as well.

In Preparation for Worship

"You don't need a plan; you just need to be present."

-Bob Goff, Love Does

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

We Gather Together *arr. Flor Peeters*

Call to Worship*

Leader: A love that never ceases,

People: **A hope that cannot be quenched,**

Leader: These are the things that are of God,

People: **Then let us worship God!**

Opening Hymn #12*

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Call to Confession*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession*

Divine God,
we try to grow faithfully
in the soil you have prepared for us.
You feed us, shelter us,
and provide for our daily needs.
Yet, we often fail to offer you
the fruit of our harvest
and we often act as though you leave us to try and make it on our own.
Yet, through it all,
you remain faithful.
Renew our lives once more and bring us closer to you.
Hear also the personal confessions on our hearts...
(silence is kept for personal reflection...)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness*

Song of Praise #582*

Glory to God

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me.
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

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 5:1-7; 11:1-5

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

And yet...

Shannon Dill

Affirmation of Faith*

From a Brief Statement of Faith

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.
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.
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

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

Song of Thanksgiving #607*

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

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.