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SERVING TODAY

**Chancel Guild:** Nancy Self  
**Continental Breakfast:** Presbyterian Women  
**Open/ Close:** Bill Womack  
**Sound:** Brad Troha  
**Ushers:** TJ & Stephanie McGoldrick, captains; The McGoldrick Family & The Brown Family

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 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



SAINT LUKE’S  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 24, 2019 10:30 am



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## November 24, 2019

Christ the King

**Flowers:** *The flowers today are given in thanks for God's many blessings and in memory of Frances Weidner Kitchens.*

### Liturgical Color: White

*Liturgical colors can orient us to the season of the church year and help to engage the sense of sight in worship. White is used for special days or seasons in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, such as Christmas and Easter.*

## 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 will 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](http://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](http://slpres.org).

**TODAY! PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW) BAKE SALE** — The PW has apple and pumpkin cakes on sale *today* from 9 am - noon. The cakes sell for \$5 each. Cash or checks accepted. These delicious baked goods are wonderful to have during the Thanksgiving holidays. PW appreciates your support of our fundraiser!

**NOV. 30: 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 for all ages.

**DEC. 2: 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 friend/seat request. If you need help, please see Erin Murray. \$16 pp. Questions? Contact Christy Keohane ([christykeohane@yahoo.com](mailto:christykeohane@yahoo.com)) or Fern Mitropoulos ([tmitropoulos@comcast.net](mailto:tmitropoulos@comcast.net)).

**DEC. 8: LESSONS & CAROLS** — Join us on Dec. 8 at 10:30 am for this traditional service of readings and seasonal music led by members of the congregation and all our choirs.

**DEC. 8: SERVICE OF COMFORT & REST** — This special service on Dec. 8 at 4 pm in the Chapel offers hope and comfort to those who are finding it difficult to celebrate this season due to the loss of loved ones or broken relationships, or for any other reason.

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

**DEC. 15: CHURCH-WIDE BRUNCH AND HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS** — Our annual church-wide celebration of joy and fellowship will be Sunday, Dec. 15, from 9 - 10:15 am in the Great Hall! We'll enjoy breakfast and Advent activities for all ages – yes, that's adults AND children!

**DEC. 15: CHURCH-WIDE CHRISTMAS PARTY** — The Saint Luke's Church-wide Christmas party will be Sunday, Dec. 15, from 5:30-9 pm at the home of Dan & Sally Joyce (7430 Stoney Kirk Close). Please bring an appetizer or dessert. Babysitting available. Questions? Contact Sally Joyce at [sallyjoyce@comcast.net](mailto:sallyjoyce@comcast.net).

**SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE** — 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](mailto:FHLuranc@comcast.net).

**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. Deadline is Dec. 15. Names will be published in the Dec. 22 bulletin.

**Postlude\***

Jerusalem, My Happy Home    *arr. Richard Proulx*

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**Commitment Update**

**Please submit your pledge by Nov. 30**

Thank you to all who have submitted 2020 pledges. As of this week, we are at about 65% of our goal. 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](mailto:commitment@slpres.org) OR
- 2. Log in to Realm via the app or the [slpres.org](http://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**

“The church confesses the Scriptures to be the Word of God written, witnessing to God’s self-revelation. Where that Word is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the Living Word is present by the inward witness of the Holy Spirit. For this reason the reading, hearing, preaching, and confessing of the Word are central to Christian worship. ”

*– PC(USA) Book of Order W-2.2001*

**Gathering Prayer**

**Prelude**

For the Fruit of All Creation    *arr. Frank Stoldt*

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship\***

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;  
                  make his deeds known to all people!  
People: **Sing to God; sing praises to the Lord; dwell on all his wondrous works!**  
Leader: Give praise to God’s holy name!  
People: **Let the hearts rejoice of all those seeking the Lord!**

**Opening Hymn #643\***

Now Thank We All Our God

**Call to Confession\***

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
Leader: Let us pray.

**Prayer of Confession\***

God, we get caught up in so much during our busy lives of building family, building wealth, building homes, building friendships, and building faith that we forget you are also found in the rubble piles and stepped-over places. Grant us eyes to see you even in the midst of all our building projects. Forgive us for all those times we put our building over the building up of your Kingdom.  
*(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, Whose Goodness Shines On Me

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. Amen.  
World without end, without end, amen. World without end, without end, amen.  
World without end, without end, amen.  
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. 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**                      2 Kings 22:3-8

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

**Tell Us Our Story**    Catherine Anne Thomas  
*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, get a nametag, and walk together to The Harbor for Faithful Friends.*

**Anthem**                                      Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing                      Chancel Choir  
*arr. Mack Wilberg*

Come thou fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace.  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer  
Hither by thy help I come,  
And I hope by thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wondering from the fold of God  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above. *(Robert Robinson)*

**Sermon**                                      Rubble Rubble                                      Phil Brown

**Affirmation of Faith\***                      From a Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in either life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.  
*(In a time of silence, what can you affirm or what do you need to name that feels like it is separating you from the love of God? What affirmation can you give yourself today to fill in the blank... "I rejoice that \_\_\_\_\_ can't separate us from the love of God." For example, you may affirm that you rejoice that disease, politics, over-scheduled lives, etc., can't separate us from the love of God.)*

**Hymn #647\***                                      Give Thanks

**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.

**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 Peace    *Jean Langlais*

**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.

**Closing Hymn #716\***                      God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

**Benediction\***

**Response #659\***                                      Know that God is Good

Know that God is good. Know that God is good.  
Know that God is good; God is good; God is good.  
Halle, hallelujah. Halle, hallelujah. Halle, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!