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SERVING TODAY

Chancel Guild: Art and Vicky Simon

Continental Breakfast: Rich and Donna Crutchfield

Communion Servers: Ken Painter, captain; Julie Knotts, Mary and Billy Martin, Ellen and John Massey

Lay Reader: Carol Sweigert

Open/ Close: Jay Lee

Sound: Brad Troha

Ushers: Carol Waller, captain; Dustin Waller, Stephen and Lindsay Moss

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



December 1, 2019

1st Sunday of Advent

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, and on Communion Sundays.

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.

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.

TOMORROW! PW CHRISTMAS DINNER — All women are cordially invited to the annual Presbyterian Women's (PW) Christmas Dinner & Communion Service tomorrow, Dec. 2 at 6 pm. Go to slpres.org for details and to RSVP.

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE PARTS — Our 5 pm worship service on Christmas Eve invites EVERY child in attendance to participate! However, we do have opportunities for 1st - 8th graders to play certain roles as we tell the story of Christ's birth. Opportunities are posted in the main lobby, so if somebody in your family would like to help, please sign up for a part! There will be one rehearsal, tentatively scheduled for after 10:30 worship on Dec. 22.

CHRISTMAS EVE CREATIONS — All children are invited to create nativity artwork to be enjoyed by our church family during the Advent season! All submissions will be displayed in the window hallway, and several will be selected to appear in our Christmas Eve bulletins. Deliver your masterpiece to the church office in the box marked "Kids' Christmas Creations" by Sunday, Dec. 15.

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

DEC. 8: SERVICE OF COMFORT & REST— 4 pm in the Chapel. This special service 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 by Dec. 3.

Dec. 14: MEN'S BREAKFAST — 8 am. David Roth, Director of Memorial Drive Ministries (MDM) will be the guest speaker.

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. On-location babysitting available. Questions? Contact Sally Joyce at sallyjoyce@comcast.net.

DEC. 19: LIVE NATIVITY— Join us for our annual Live Nativity, Dec. 19, from 6-7:30 pm. Visit animals from the Little Red Barn and enjoy hot chocolate, cookies and Christmas music. If you or a member of your family would like to be a part of the Live Nativity scene, please contact Saint Luke's member Kelly Sloan at kellymsloan@yahoo.com.

Saint Luke's Little Saints Preschool & Kindergarten

2020-2021 Registration

Enroll your Little Saint in our church weekday school! We welcome all children ages 12 Months Old through Kindergarten. Registration for the 2020-2021 school year begins on Tuesday, January 21 for church members. Current families register on Wednesday, January 22 and new community families register on Thursday, January 23. Please contact Carol Perry, Director to arrange a tour of our wonderful school: carolperry@slpres.org.



In Preparation for Worship

“The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes,
but in having new eyes.”

–Marcel Proust

Gathering Prayer

Prelude

O Come, O Come Emmanuel *arr. Calvin Hampton*

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Ashton and Christ Guest

Opening Hymn #360*

Christ is Coming

Prayer for the Day*

God of glory, we are thirsty for your grace.
You make a way for us in the wilderness, and offer to quench our thirst.
And yet we go astray.
We hide our eyes from your presence, and do not listen to your word.
Speak peace again to our wayward, fearful hearts.
Strengthen us to follow in your holy ways.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Song of Praise #360*

Christ is Coming (*first verse*)

Christ is coming! Let creation from its groans and labor cease;
let the glorious proclamation hope restore and faith increase: Christ is coming!
Christ is coming! Come, O blessed Prince of peace.

Passing the Peace of Christ*

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

Prayer for Illumination

Carol Sweigert

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-18

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

Tell Us Our Story

Erin Rugh

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.

Sermon

The Gift of Hope

David Lower

Hymn #451*

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Moment for Mission

Thornwell Christmas Offering Sally and Reed Harvey

Join our tradition of donating to Thornwell in lieu of sending Christmas cards to your Saint Luke's family. Names will be published in the December 22 bulletin. Please make checks payable to SL PW. You may place your contribution in the envelope on the Thornwell poster in the lobby or in the specially marked envelope in the pew rack & then place in offering plate. Deadline: Sunday, December 15. Any questions, please contact Julie Knotts at 404-668-4008.

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.

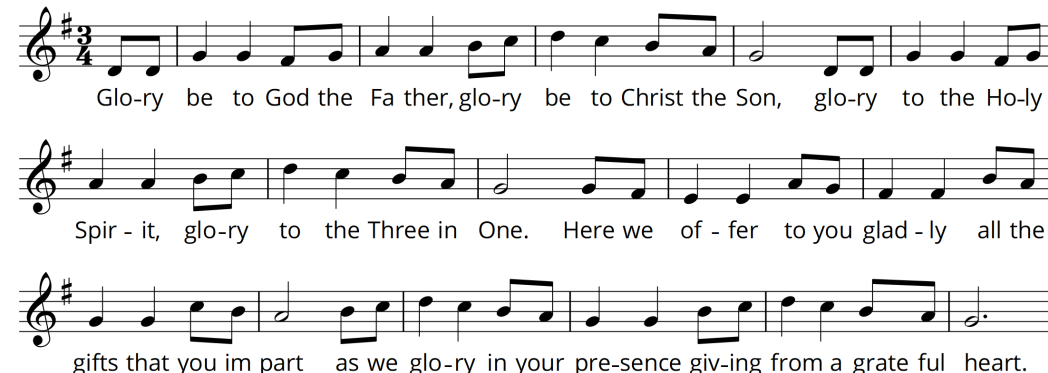
Offertory

Carols for Advent arr. Patrick Liebergen Chancel Choir

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Now sing we noel!
O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by your advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
We sing with joy, the birth is near, the Son of God will soon appear.
Prepare! The child will come from above, the Prince of peace, the King of love.
(VENI EMMANUEL)

Song of Thanksgiving*

Christmas Doxology



Glo-ry be to God the Fa ther, glo-ry be to Christ the Son, glo-ry to the Ho-ly Spir - it, glo-ry to the Three in One. Here we of - fer to you glad - ly all the gifts that you im part as we glo-ry in your pre-sence giv-ing from a grate ful heart.

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

Closing Hymn #103*

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

Benediction*

Response #92*

While We are Waiting, Come

While we are waiting, come. While we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emanuel. While we are waiting, come.

Postlude*

Fantasy on Veni Emmanuel arr. Marilyn Biery

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