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SERVING TODAY

Chapel Guild: Becky Loftis

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:

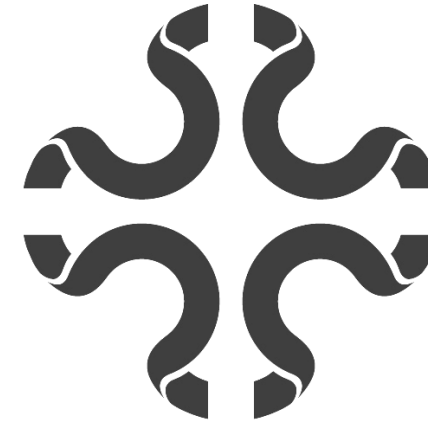
Thomas Brown, Karleen Buchholz, Jenny Cummiskey, Ron Davis, Mark Douglass, Kris Hull (*Moderator*), Daryl Moore, Emily Ritzler, Suzanne Thatcher, Carol Waller, Nelson Cummiskey (*Youth Deacon*)

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
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 5, 2020

2nd Sunday of Christmas

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 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.



SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT:

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

TONIGHT! FAMILY MEETING: THE SUNDAY MORNING CHALLENGE — We are family! And we get it. We see it. The Sunday morning struggle is real. So, that's why we want to hear from you! Families of children, middle & high school youth are invited to join us for a "family meeting" on Jan. 5 from 5:30 - 7 pm, so that we can hear how Saint Luke's can better be a part of your life. We want to help you and serve you! Because that's what families do. Dinner and childcare provided.

2020 WOMEN'S RETREAT— March 6-8 at Dillard House with guest speaker Rev. Betsy Turner. Registration is open! Go to slpres.org for all the details.

FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED— Saint Luke's will host our Family Promise guests, **Jan. 5-12, 2020**. Volunteers and meals are needed! Go to slpres.org for details and to sign up.

JAN. 11: CHURCH BREAKFAST—The men of Saint Luke's will host a church-wide breakfast on Jan. 11 at 8 am, featuring a legislative update with Representative Mike Wilensky - Georgia House District 79, Josh McLaurin - Georgia House District 51, and Sally Harrell - Georgia Senate District 40.

POINSETTIA PICK UP— If you ordered a poinsettia, you may pick it up following the 10:30 am worship service.

JAN. 19: MENTAL HEALTH SPEAKER NIGHT— 5:30-7:30 pm, featuring Youth Speaker Tim Blue, with To Know We Are Not Alone (TKWANA), and Parent Speaker Stephen Propst, a former chair of Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA). Chili potluck. Open to the community.

UNDECK THE HALLS — Please join us on Saturday, Jan. 11, at 9:30 am to take down our advent and Christmas decorations.

FEAST STARTS JAN. 15 — Join us for our Wednesday night dinner and program, "Faith Outside This Place," Jan. 15-Feb. 26. Dinner at 5:45 pm; Program 6:30-7 pm. Registration information coming soon!

YOUNG WORSHIP LEADERS — Starting in January, Saint Luke's will introduce "Young Worship Leaders," a new initiative offering a variety of opportunities for children, youth and families to serve during worship. Be on the look out for more information about this exciting new initiative!

**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 gist was simple: Nouwen suggested we all find ourselves bouncing around three very human lies that we believe about our identity: I am what I have, I am what I do, and I am what other people say or think about me.”

- Heuertz, Christopher L.. *The Sacred Enneagram* (p. 20). Zondervan. Kindle Edition

Prelude

Prelude on the Introit for the Epiphany *Maurice Duruflé*

Welcome and Announcements

At this time, please print the requested information on the Friendship Pad and pass it down the pew.

Call to Worship*

Leader: Sing to the angels a message from God.

People: **Jesus is the messiah!**

Leader: The one who was born is the Son of God.

People: **And we are forever changed!**

Opening Hymn #150*

As with Gladness Men of Old

Call to Confession*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession*

Holy God, we bow before you confessing our dim comprehension of truth that has been revealed so clearly. When we could have looked ahead, we fell behind. When we could have viewed the wider picture, we saw only parts. When we could have sensed the Spirit leading, we missed the way. Give us faith that trusts when it cannot see; through the light that lingers when all else fails.

(Silence is kept for personal reflection.)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness*

Song of Praise*

Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

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Passing the Peace of Christ*

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Mark 1:21-39

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

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

Sermon

"Do I even know who I am?"

Phil Brown

Affirmation of Faith*

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star *Dietrich Buxtehude*

Song of Thanksgiving*

O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright.
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

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 #152*

What Star is This with Beams So Bright

Benediction*

Postlude*

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright *arr. Mark Sedio*

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