

**CHURCH STAFF**

Senior Pastor ..... Rev. Dr. David Lower  
Associate Pastor ..... Rev. Shannon Dill  
Associate Pastor ..... Rev. Phil Brown  
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Director of Children’s Ministries..... Catherine Anne Thomas  
Director of Saint Luke’s Little Saints Preschool..... Carol Perry  
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Intern for Children & Youth Ministry.....Erin Rugh  
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Interim Facility Manager..... Ted Guerrant  
Receptionist.....Matthew Dobson  
A/V Director.....Roby Price

**SAINT LUKE’S PERIMETER COUNSELING CENTER**

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**SERVING TODAY**

**Continental Breakfast:** Allison Thornton  
**Open/Close:** Bill Womack  
**Chapel Guild:** Donna & Rich Crutchfield

**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:**

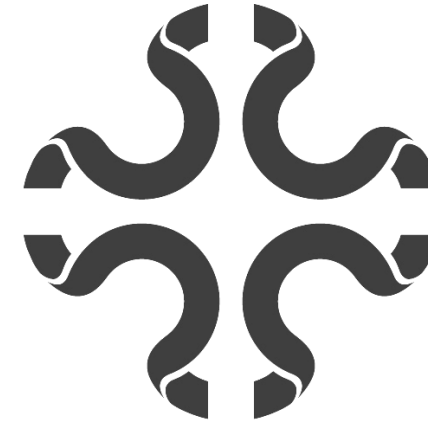
Thomas Brown, Karleen Buchholz, Jenny Cummiskey, Ron Davis, Mark Douglass, Kris Hull (*Moderator*), Daryl Moore, Emily Ritzler, Suzanne Thatcher, Carol Waller, Nelson Cummiskey (*Youth Deacon*)

**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 12, 2020

Baptism of the Lord

### 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.

**JAN. 15: WEDNESDAY NIGHT FEAST** — Join us for our Wednesday night dinner and program, "Faith Outside This Place," Jan. 15-Feb. 26. Dinner at 5:45 pm; Program for all ages, 6:30-7 pm. Fill out the pew card or register at slpres.org.

**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.

**JAN. 25: ADULT CHILI DINNER**—Adults are invited to the home of Becky and Tom Loftis (575 Old Cobblestone Dr. Atlanta 30350) for a Chili Supper on Saturday, January 25, from 6:30pm-9pm, \$7.50/person at the door. Please RSVP at slpres.org or contact Becky Loftis at loftylodge@me.com, Mary Martin at marymckeemartin@gmail.com or Faye Cashwell at faye@cashwellhome.com.

**JAN. 26: PW SANDWICH PROJECT**—Be a part of this fun, family, service event at 9:15 am on Sunday, Jan. 26th in the Great Hall! Sandwiches will be given to four different shelters to be distributed to hungry neighbors around Atlanta. You can help by sponsoring a banana box for \$25/box. These sturdy banana boxes carry almost 100 sandwiches each, so your sponsorship will feed a lot of hungry folks. Makes checks payable to Pres. Women, with sandwich project in the memo line. See the display in the lobby for more information.

**JAN. 28: OWLS LUNCHEON**— Join the Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors (OWLS) at 11:30 am on Tues., Jan. 28 featuring a presentation about cathedrals by Saint Luke's member Roby Price.

**NEW MEMBER INQUIRER'S CLASS**—If you are interested in learning more about Saint Luke's, the Presbyterian faith tradition, and what it means to be a member of this wonderful church, please join senior pastor David Lower for a New Member Inquirer's Class on **Jan. 26, Feb. 2 and 9 at 9:15 a.m.** in the Session Room (room 109). New members will be welcomed during the 10:30 a.m. service on **Sun. Feb. 9**. Childcare provided during classes. Contact David Lower with questions: davidlower@slpres.org 770.393.1424, ext. 380.

**FEB. 7-9: AUTHENTIC PARENTS RETREAT**— Located in Montreat, NC, this retreat is for parents with kids of all ages; however, the workshops will primarily focus on families who have elementary, middle and high school-aged kids. For details, go to authenticparenting.org.

**FEB. 14-16: BETTER MARRIAGES RETREAT** — Join us at The Auburn Marriott Opelika Resort and Spa at Grand National for the Better Marriages Retreat February 14-16. Register now! For any questions email or call Bob and Christine Crutchfield at 770-364-8079 and gafrog01@hotmail.com.

**MAR. 6-8: 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.

**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.

**Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church and Temple Emanu-el**

in partnership with the **Anti-Defamation League (ADL) & the American Jewish Committee (AJC)** bring you:

BEARING WITNESS: A HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

**What's really happening to asylum seekers at our borders and in our backyard?**

*What can we do to help?*

Join us for a community-wide, non-partisan discussion on the humanitarian crisis facing asylum-seekers both at the US-Mexican border and in Georgia

Sunday, January 26, 3:30-5:30pm

Temple Emanu-el, 1580 Spalding Dr, Sandy Springs

**RSVP Required. Go to [templemanuelatlanta.org](http://templemanuelatlanta.org).**

Panelists:

Charles Kuck, Managing Attorney, Kuck Baxter Immigration, Fmr. President American Immigration Lawyers Assn.

Traci Feit Love, Founder & Exec Director, Lawyers for Good Government & Project Corazon

**In Preparation for Worship**

“God's glory is not just for mountain tops but for the foot of mountains too, where human need cries out for help and God's glory can be revealed.”

*- Rosalind Brown, Holy in the Ordinary*

**Prelude**

Christ our Lord to Jordan Came *Johann Pachelbel*

**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: God calls us together.

People: God gathers us in.

Leader: God leads us home.

People: And we are forever changed!

**Opening Hymn #401\***

Here in This Place

**Call to Confession\***

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**Prayer of Confession\***

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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\***

from Angels We Have Heard On High

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 2:1-22

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

Following 101

Shannon Dill

## Affirmation of Faith\*

from a Brief Statement of Faith

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

## Moment for Mission

Saint Luke's Little Saints  
Preschool & Kindergarten

Carol Perry

## 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

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness *Anton Leupold*

## 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 #731\*

Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith is Firm

## Benediction\*

## Postlude\*

We All Are One in Mission *Mark Sedio*

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