



SAINT LUKE'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Christmas Eve 9:00 pm



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1978 Mount Vernon Road Dunwoody, GA 30338
770.393.1424 www.slpres.org Office Hours: M-F, 8:30am-4:30pm

December 24, 2019
Christmas Eve

Liturgical Color: White
White is used for special days such as Christmas and Easter.

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!

We are delighted you are worshipping with us.

DURING the Welcome, please print the requested information on the Friendship Pad and pass the Friendship Pad down the pew.

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 blue Worship Carts in the back of the sanctuary.

CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. David Lower
Associate Pastor Rev. Shannon Dill
Associate Pastor Rev. Phil Brown
Director of Music & Organist..... Clair Maxwell
Director of Children's Ministries..... Catherine Anne Thomas
Director of Saint Luke's Little Saints Preschool..... Carol Perry
Treasurer.....Mark Rogers
Program Coordinator for CE & Music Ministry.....Erin Murray
Intern for Children & Youth Ministry.....Erin Rugh
Church Administrator.....Lindsay Moss
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Receptionist..... Matthew Dobson
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SERVING TODAY

Chancel Guild: Mary and Ted Guerrant
Communion: Terry Nall, captain
Ushers: Andrea Price, captain; Faye Cashwell, Carol Hickey, Janis Jones, Nancy Moore
Instrumentalists:
Andy Zabinski, violin
David Edwards, violin
Mary Beth Bryant, cello

LEADERSHIP

ELDERS

Class of 2019:

Al Bridges, Beth Eisenmesser, Sonny Jester, Bob Pile, Bob Polensek, Terri Potter, Whitney Samuelson, Steven Vivian, Sydney Sloan (*Youth Elder*)

Class of 2020:

Carol Ciepluch, Leslie Hamlin, Kay Loerch (*Clerk of Session*), Florence Luranc, J J Singley, Kelly Sloan, Steve Thornton, Brad Troha

Class of 2021:

Bob Burroughs, Steve Cashwell (*Asst. Clerk of Session*) Tracy Coffie, Val DeFriece, Matt Fogarty, Nael McCarty, Todd Parker, Kristen Wescott

DEACONS

Class of 2019:

Melissa Blakely, Alyson Cohen, Mark Douglass, A.J.Favero, Carol Hickey, Dorothy Kitchens (*Moderator*), Debbie Parkes, Carol Waller, Al Wang, Rosie Coffie (*Youth Deacon,*)

Class of 2020:

Thomas Brown, Karleen Buchholz, Jenny Cummiskey, Ron Davis, Kris Hull (*Vice Moderator*), Daryl Moore, Emily Ritzler, Vivian Smith, Suzanne Thatcher

Class of 2021:

Marylyn Brown, Kelda Hearn, Janis Jones, Alan Keel, Christy Keohane, Betsy King, Molly Naugher, Gena Spears, Steve Wassell

Closing Hymn #134* Joy to the World, *stanzas 1,2 and 4*

Benediction*

Passing the Peace*

Leader: Jesus Christ is born this day.

People: **Peace is born to us.**

Postlude* From Heaven Above to Earth I Come
arr. Walter Pelz

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Prelude

Welcome

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 Lord a new song;

People: **Sing to the Lord all the earth!**

Leader: Sing to the Lord and bless God's name;

People: **Tell the good news of God's love from day to day.**

Carol #133* O Come All Ye Faithful, *stanzas 1, 3 and 4*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Wescott Family

Emmanuel, God-With-Us, this is the night heaven's heart bursts open with joy, when you come to make all things new. We thank you, loving God, for the gift of Jesus, light in darkness and hope of the world. Forgive us for the times we lose sight of your presence and power. With all creation and with singing angels, we praise your name and rejoice in the birth of earth's salvation! Amen.

Anthem O Little Town of Bethlehem *arr. John Leavitt* Chancel Choir

First Lesson Isaiah 9:2,6-7 Daryl Moore

Carol #123* It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
stanzas 1-3, and 5 sung to tune of NOEL

Second Lesson Jeremiah 33:14-16 Beth Eisenmesser

Carol In the Bleak Midwinter Chancel Choir

Third Lesson Luke 1:26-35, 38 Sally Harvey

Carol #99* My Soul Gives Glory to My God

Fourth Lesson Luke 2:1-7 Scott Shipley

Carol #140* Once in Royal David's City

Fifth Lesson

Luke 2:8-20

Florence Luranc

Carol

Gloria *Antonio Vivaldi*

Chancel Choir

Homily

Behold the Gift

David Lower

The Offering Invitation

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

He Shall Feed His Flock from *Messiah* *G.F. Handel*

Lindsey Sanders and Taylor Link, *soloists*

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

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 in the center of the communion rails for those who prefer this option. If you would prefer to be served where you are sitting, please raise your hand.

Tonight college students have been invited by the session to serve communion. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support for them throughout the school year.

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

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come *Michael Praetorius*
Chancel Choir

The Sharing of the Light of Christ*

*As we begin singing Silent Night,
You are invited to receive and pass the light of Christ by the candles provided.*

Hymn #122

Silent Night, Holy Night *STILLE NACHT*

Stanza 1

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright.
'round yon Virgin Mother and Child!
Holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

Stanza 2

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar
heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia:
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born."

Stanza 3

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from Thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Sixth Lesson

from John 1

At the conclusion of the reading of John 1, the Sanctuary lights will come up and you are invited to extinguish your Christmas candle.