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SERVING TODAY

Continental Breakfast: Niki Rabren
Open/Close: Jay Lee
Chapel Guild: Sally and Dan Joyce

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



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March 15, 2020

3rd Sunday in Lent

Liturgical Color: Purple

Liturgical colors can orient us to the season of the church year and help to engage the sense of sight in worship. Purple marks the seasons of penitence and preparation, Advent and Lent.

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 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.

TODAY! PW EASTER BAGS— Help PW (Presbyterian Women) provide Easter bags to foster children currently living in a group home sponsored by CHRIS 180. Bags are available today and due back March 29. Monetary donations and Wal-mart gift cards are also accepted.

MARCH 21: HABITAT BUILD START DATE— This year, we will be rehabbing an existing house. Dates are March 21 - May 9, skipping Easter weekend. For details or to sign up, go to slpres.org.

MARCH 22: THE TALE OF THREE TREES - Our Westminster and Cherub Choirs will present a musical retelling of this inspiring folk legend during 10:30 am worship. Plan to be a part of our children bringing us this important Lenten message in drama and music.

MARCH 22: GRADUATE DINNER— All are invited to a church-wide dinner and service honoring Saint Luke's High School graduates. 6 pm in the Great Hall.

MARCH 24: OWLS LUNCHEON— Join the Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors (OWLS) for a presentation by Dunwoody Police. 11: 30 am. Sign up in the lobby.

MARCH 26: TAVERN TALKS— Join Senior Pastor David Lower from 7-9:30 pm at Dunwoody Tavern for good food and conversation.

MARCH 29: CHURCH-WIDE BRUNCH & EGG HUNT— Everyone — yes everyone! — is invited for brunch on March 29 at 9 am in the Great Hall, followed by egg hunts for children.

EGG HUNT CANDY CALL— Our Easter Egg Hunt is from 9:30 to 10:15 on Sunday, March 29. Parents of children participating are encouraged to drop off a package of candy in the marked basket located in the lobby by March 22. Others are welcome to hop in on this, as well!

VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN— All aboard for Rocky Railway, June 8-11! Registration is now open for 4th—5th grade VBS, which will include three half-day service projects around the Atlanta area, followed by an overnight trip to Calvin Center in Hampton, Georgia. To register for 4th & 5th grade VBS, or for 3s (by 9/1/19) through third grade classes held at Saint Luke's, go to slpres.org.

IOH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED— Interfaith Outreach Home (IOH) volunteers needed to provide a meal for approximately 30 people on March 19, April 16 and May 21. Please sign up in lobby or contact AI Bridges 770-394-6581/bridgtr@aol.com.

SAINT LUKE'S COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP— Thanks to a generous gift from an anonymous donor, \$2,500 will be awarded to a Saint Luke's high school senior who is enrolling in an accredited four-year U.S. college. For details and application, go to slpres.org. Application deadline is April 19, 2020.

SAINT LUKE'S LENT DEVOTIONAL— During Lent, we invite you to practice daily devotional and reflection time. We are hopeful that in preparing our hearts and minds during these days leading to Easter, we will come to experience the joy of the resurrection in new and powerful ways. To view two online daily devotional options, go to slpres.org. . In addition, the Saint Luke's Youth Council will be doing an Instagram devotional. @slpresyouth

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 Thanksgiving #708* We Give Thee but Thine Own, stanza 1

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

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

Words of Institution

Communion Music

Closing Hymn #547* Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Benediction*

Postlude* Antiphon *Marcel Dupré*

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In Preparation for Worship

“If you look for truth, you may find comfort in the end; if you look for comfort you will not get either comfort or truth only soft soap and wishful thinking to begin, and in the end, despair.”
– C. S. Lewis

Prelude

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: We are travelers.

People: **We sing songs and say prayers.**

Leader: We give thanks and break bread.

People: **We wrestle with life, death, and everything between.**

Leader: We struggle together along this Lent journey.

All: **In our worship, God, remind us once again that we do not travel alone.**

Opening Hymn #32* I Sing the Mighty Power of God *arr. Carol Lynn Mizell*

Call to Confession*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession*

from Dietrich Bonhoeffer

O God, the struggle of our calling is great,
and so every morning we turn and cry to you.
Help us to pray and to concentrate our thoughts on you;
We cannot do this alone.
In each of us there is darkness, but with you there is light;
We are lonely, but you do not leave us.
We are feeble in heart, but with you there is help.
We are restless, but with you there is peace.
In each of us there is bitterness, but with you there is patience;
We do not understand your ways, but you know the way.
Restore us, and enable us to live in the way of Jesus Christ.
Whatever this day may bring, may your name be praised. 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 #581*

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen.

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 12:1-12

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

An Unending Parable

Erin Rugh

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.

Prayers of the People

God of love, in our shared struggle, hear the cry of those who yearn for love;
those lonely, grieving, disheartened, neglected, unwanted, invisible.
God of love, **their prayer is ours, hear our prayer.**
God of justice, in our shared struggle, hear the cry of those who yearn for justice;
those persecuted and oppressed, exploited, ill-treated, broken.
God of justice, **their prayer is ours, hear our prayer.**
God of peace, in our shared struggle,
hear the cry of those who yearn for war and terror to end;
those battle-worn, hope-weary, terrified, anxious, evicted, desperate for refuge.
God of peace, **their prayer is ours, hear our prayer.**
God of healing, in our shared struggle, hear the cry of those who yearn for healing;
those hurting, weakened, depressed, searching for hope.
God of healing, **their prayer is ours, hear our prayer.**
God of mercy, in our shared struggle, hear the cry of those who yearn for forgiveness;
those convicted, guilt-ridden, weighed down, contrite, humble.
God of mercy, **their prayer is ours, hear our prayer.**
Because you turn your ear to us, we will call on you as long as we live.
Help us, and help those with whom we pray
to know your love, your justice, your peace, your healing,
your mercy, this day and all days.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who gave us these words to give to you...