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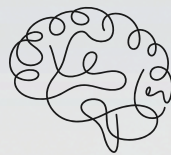


CHURCH KICKOFF

MINISTRY AT SAINT LUKE'S PRESBYTERIAN, 2026-2027

JOIN US TO BUILD YOUR FAITH,
DEEPEN RELATIONSHIPS, AND
HAVE FUN!

MIND = LEARNING



BREATH = PRAISING



HEART = CARING/GIVING



HANDS = RELATING/HELPING/DOING



FEET = MISSION



FAITH FORMATION: ADULTS

Narrative Lectionary Prep Class meets Sundays at 9:30am to explore the history and culture around that morning's sermon topic. You'll walk into worship with a background about the scripture.

Raising Faith is a renewed Sunday morning community for parents of school-aged children, blending honest small-group conversation with brief, accessible videos from Candler Foundry's Sunday School Simplified to help us nurture faith in our children and one another.

Dad's Bible Study Fathers of school-aged children meet weekly Friday at 7am. DavidLower@SLPres.org

Men's Bible Study All men are invited to join this group online each Friday at 6:45am.

Little Saints Women's Study meets September-December on Tuesdays at 9:30 am to discuss Traci Smith's book, The Faithful Families Toolkit: A Companion Workbook to Faithful Families. StephanieMcGoldrick@SLPres.org

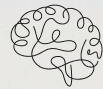
Invitation to the Old Testament meets 90 minutes weekly (in-person/online) from Sept. 17-Nov. 12 for in-depth study Thursdays at 6:30pm. This course includes a daily reading commitment and workbook preparation prior to each week's gathering. JodyAndrade@SLPres.org.

Reading the Bible in a Year begins January 2027 and ends in December. This group receives emails with daily reading assignments and gathers monthly (in-person/online) to discuss themes and group impressions. DavidLower@SLPres.org

RE:Group small groups meet monthly to know one another on a deeper level, share in faith, and learn in an easy and relaxed way. Monthly meet-ups include a discussion topic and guide. JodyAndrade@SLPres.org



FAITH FORMATION: CHILDREN



Sunday Mornings

9:30 – 10:15am

Classes for ages 3-PreK; K-5th; and childcare for babies and toddlers.

10:30 – 11:30 am

Classes for ages 3-PreK, 4th/5th after Tell Us Our Story in worship. On the first Sunday of each month, elementary children will remain in worship for Communion and Family Worship Sunday. Classes for 3-PreK and childcare for babies and toddlers are offered each week.

Kids are always welcome to remain in worship and enjoy a variety of activities and books from our worship carts in the narthex.

Catherine Anne Thomas,
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ONE LAMB MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY



Saint Luke's hosts gatherings, educational opportunities, and offers support for mental health wellness for all ages. Catherine Anne Thomas, CAThomas@SLPres.org

SAINT LUKE'S LITTLE SAINTS PRESCHOOL & KINGDERGARTEN



For 28 years, SLLS has been a special school community for learning wrapped in love for children ages 1-6, with after-school enrichment classes offered. More than half of our staff are SLPC members. Registration for the upcoming year and Friday Stay & Play are available. Stephanie McGoldrick, StephanieMcGoldrick@SLPres.org.

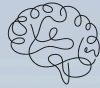


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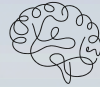
Join Pastor David and other men at Dunwoody Tavern on the first Sunday of each month at 7:30pm for an evening of conversation and community. Starts in October. DavidLower@SLPres.org

WAYFARERS



Join the preaching pastor for a discussion of the week's text over a online meeting each Wednesday at 10am. DavidLower@SLPres.org

FAITH FORMATION: YOUTH



Sunday Mornings

9:30-10:15 am

Middle and high school students gather in the Youth Room on Sunday mornings for faith learning & discussion.

Sunday Evenings

5-6:30 pm

Gather at the church for middle school & high school activities and dinner. TJ.McGoldrick@SLPres.org



MUSIC MINISTRY

Join our music making!
Reach out to learn about participating in our Chancel Choir, Festival Ringers, Cherub Choir (ages 4-6), Children's Choir (grades K-5th), youth ensembles, or as a soloist. Jen Weier, JenWeier@SLPres.org

WORSHIP MINISTRY



Join this team to help plan and prepare worship each week. This includes paraments, flowers, Advent decorating, communion, ushers, baptisms, weddings, and other gatherings in the sanctuary or chapel.

COLUMBARIUM



The Columbarium and Memorial Garden provide a permanent resting place for those who have loved Saint Luke's. For niche and memorial plaques contact Mary Martin.

DIACONATE CARE TEAM



This committee visits people in their homes and offers support including meals, transportation, home-bound support, and prayer during challenging times. Lovingcare@SLPres.org

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE



This committee encourages monetary gifts to Saint Luke's Endowment Fund through current gifts or estate planning. The return on our endowment funds various ongoing ministries.

PRAYER GUIDE



The weekly prayer guide invites you to pray for specific requests, which are updated weekly. An 11:30am (online) Thursday walk through this prayer guide is open to all. JodyAndrade@SLPres.org

STEWARDSHIP



This committee connects generosity of time, talent, and financial resources with deep faith, with a primary focus on Stewardship season in the Fall.

BASKETBALL: PICK UP GAMES



The Great Hall doubles as a gym for adult basketball games 8pm on Monday and Thursday nights. There is a 15-person limit each night so be sure to contact David if you'd like to play.

David Lower, DavidLower@SLPres.org

BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND ORGANIZATION



If you're handy with tools, we have an ongoing "fix-it" list for small projects. If you're an organizer at heart, Saint Luke's closets are calling your name.

INTERFAITH OUTREACH MINISTRIES



Commune with other religious communities like partners Temple Emanu-El and The Atlantic Institute for togetherness, learning, and praying for peace.

LIVE NATIVITY

Portray Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, shepherds, and the Wise Men in our annual live nativity. This family-friendly community event has volunteer roles for all ages.



OWLS

Older Wiser Loving Seniors gather monthly for lunch and a program on the fourth Thursday of the month. David Lower, DavidLower@SLPres.org

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW)

All women are invited to join PW for fellowship, Christian study, and outreach work. Circle meetings are the 2nd Monday of each month at 10 am or 7:30 pm.



TECHNOLOGY TEAM

Join this team to support online streaming and technology aid for online worship.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (BIRTH - 5TH GRADE)

Vacation Bible Experience: On the Boardwalk

June 7 through June 11, 2027, will be four days of impactful, fun faith-building for children. Three-year-olds through 3rd graders enjoy VBX at church, while 4th and 5th graders head out for community service within Greater Atlanta. CAThomas@SLPres.org



Children's Special Events

include Trunk-n-Treat (Oct. 25), Advent breakfast and craft session for "Happy Birthday, Jesus" (Dec. 6), and the Egg Hunt following worship on Palm Sunday, March 21. CAThomas@SLPres.org

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

This committee hosts meals and various hospitality offerings to nurture congregational life and support special receptions and events.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Every other Tuesday we join Dodd-Sterling UMC to share community and help 145 families be food secure with food picked up from Urban Recipe earlier that morning.



LIFT



Join this 4th Thursday monthly casual gathering of women at a local restaurant for fellowship grounded in faith.

WELCOME MINISTRIES



Join the Belonging and Engagement Committee to support new or returning members in becoming more integrated into our Saint Luke's community through invitation and relationship building.

YOUTH MINISTRY (6TH-12TH GRADE)



Summer Trips

Summer trips provide our middle & high school youth with transformative opportunities to live out their faith through service, deepen relationships, and nurture spiritual growth in a supportive Christian community. Through experiences such as Mountain TOP and Montreat, youth are challenged to step outside their comfort zones, develop leadership skills, and build lasting friendships rooted in shared faith and purpose. These trips foster a stronger connection to God, the church, and the wider community. TJ.McGoldrick@SLPres.org



Confirmation

At Saint Luke's, confirmation is an experience for 8th graders (typically) who are ready to take the next step in their faith journey. The experience requires getting to know your peers and your Christian traditions as we have fun and talk through big questions together. Like: "What does it mean to be a Christian?" "What is the Bible?" "What does it mean to be Presbyterian?" etc. At the end of the experience, each participant will write their own faith statement and decide if becoming an active member in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is what God is calling them to do. Sundays in January, with one overnight retreat. TJ.McGoldrick@SLPres.org

Youth in the Community

Throughout the year, Youth Group offers meaningful opportunities for students to build community, strengthen their faith, and support one another beyond Sunday gatherings. Monthly high school breakfasts create space for fellowship, mentorship, and deeper conversations, while retreats and local outings encourage spiritual growth and lasting friendships. Through the Cheer Squad, youth intentionally celebrate and encourage one another by attending performances, games, and activities across the community. Involvement in the planning and execution of the Tartan Trot allows students to develop teamwork, servant leadership, and a sense of ownership in the life and mission of the church. TJ.McGoldrick@SLPres.org



MISSION/OUTREACH



Join this committee to plan and implement mission work of the church including food distribution, hospitality, and partnerships with other faith-based groups.



MISSION TRIPS



We travel domestically and internationally to partner with organizations doing good work in other parts of God's world. DavidLower@SLPres.org



TARTAN TROT



Each February, Saint Luke's hosts the Tartan Trot, a road race that begins and ends in our parking lot, draws 1,000 runners, and raises funds for key ministries. More than a race, it is a celebration of community, mission, and endurance.

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