

Bible Study & Christian Education

Children's Ministries

Faith Journey Sunday School: We really need elementary teachers for our March exploration of communion! What an incredible opportunity to make faith connections with so many of our children! And as always, all lessons and materials are prepared. Please sign up in Sheppard Hall or email cathomas@slpres.org.

FEAST fun continues each Wednesday night. We know that spring schedules are crazy, so try to drop in when you can...even if you're not registered. We're having a lot of fun with "Faith, Hope, and Love"!

High Seas Expedition, our Vacation Bible School for this summer, is set to sail from Monday, June 7 through Thursday, June 10, from 9 am to noon. Also available: "Overboard!", an extended day of fun until 4:00 with an optional day on Friday, June 11. Registration for church members is March 21; please see our website for details. **(See inside for Movie Night!)**

Youth Connection (SLYC)

Sundays:

9:30 a.m. in the Youth rooms 207 & 208 for Sunday School

3:30-4:30 p.m. Confirmation (thru 3/28)

No Youth Choir or Youth Connection tonight

Wednesdays:

6:00-6:30 p.m. Dinner in Great Hall

6:30-7:30 p.m. FEAST Bible Study - Senior High Room #207

SUMMER TRIPS REGISTRATION CLOSED - may be able to fit a few more in!

Check the blog for details:

www.stlukespres.blogspot.com

Young Adult Ministry (SLYAM)

3rd Fridays ~ 7 p.m.: Faith & Film / Room 207. See Fellowship News for more information.

Info: Phil, 770-393-1424 or e-mail philbrown@slpres.org

Adult Sunday School ~ Next Sunday's Info:

FINCH (Families in Christ)~Room 203: Bringing together parents and adults to learn and grow in their own faith and their ability to share that faith with their families.

Kerygma Study of Acts~Room 232: Offering a thorough study of this New Testament account of the early church and its message for the church today. No homework, but it is discussion based and class participation is encouraged.

The Present Word~Room 145: Mission to the Community (Jonah 1: 1-3, 3: 1-9)

Seasons of the Spirit~Room 235: The goodness of God invites all to its feast of priceless grace. (Isaiah 55: 1-9)

Soul Food~Room 234: Finding Sustenance for Faithful Living: Fellowship, study and discussion on a range of topics related to living in today's world.

Men's Bible Study

Fridays, 6:40 a.m. to 8 a.m., in the Parlor, Room 145: The men are studying the books of Hebrews through Jude. For more information or to sign up, contact Dave Elkins at d.elkins@att.net or 770-458-6415.

Presbyterian Women

Monday, March 8, 9:30 a.m. Circle 1 meets in the Parlor (childcare available by registration)

Monday, March 8, 7:30 p.m. Night Circle meets in the Parlor

Tuesday, March 9, 9:30 a.m. Circle 2 meets in the Parlor

February Circle Item: Easter Bags & financial contributions for CHRIS kids

Bible Study: Chapters 8 & 9 "Matthew - The Tax Collector", "Thomas - The Twin", "James - The Less", "Simon - The Zealot", and "Judas - The Apostle with Three Names" from *Twelve Ordinary Men* by John McArthur.

Stephen Ministry

The Stephen Ministry training classes are now complete! In our last module, "Follow Me", we reviewed what we have learned and what we still need to do to prepare for our commissioning. We thank you for your support and encouragement during the last six months and ask for your continued prayers for these members and for God's blessings upon their ministry. Please join us March 28th for their commissioning and everyone is invited to join us in the Hannaford Gardens at 12:15 p.m. to celebrate the growth of this Ministry at St. Luke's.

Welcome to our guests!

We are delighted you are worshipping with us! As a guest, you are invited to:

1. During the Words of Welcome, please print the requested information on the Friendship Pad and pass the Friendship Pad down the pew.
2. After the worship service, please join **Deacon Susan Crawford, Elder Rosemary Armstrong-Burton**, and one of our **Ministers** in the Narthex. They will answer questions and provide a Guest Packet.
3. Our next New Member Class will be held with our new Senior Minister, Jason Whitener, April 28 & May 2. For questions, please contact Shannon Dill, 770-393-1424 x 229 / shannondill@slpres.org.

& That All May Worship: Assistive hearing devices, large print hymnals, large print bulletins and pew cushions are available. An usher will assist you.

Parents: If necessary, the parlor is a comfortable place to be with your child and still see the service.

St. Luke's Presbyterian Church

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8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion Service

9:30 Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary

(Nursery Provided for all services and Sunday School)

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

(After hours pastoral emergency, please call one of the pastors at home.)

Church Staff

Senior Pastor, Dr. Jason Whitener (joining us March 1, 2010)

Associate Pastor of Educational Ministries, Rev. Shannon Dill

Associate Pastor of Youth Ministry, Rev. Phil Brown

Pastor Emeritus, Dr. E. Moss Robertson

Director of Children's Ministries, Catherine Anne Thomas

Intern, Youth & Children's Ministries, Kelly Fitzgerald

Director of Music & Organist, Clair Maxwell

Director of St. Luke's Little Saints Preschool & Kindergarten, Carol Perry

Facilities Manager, Roby Price

Administrative Assistants, Shirley Carrier & Liz Catlett

Receptionists, Sally Hawkins & Lolly Ross

Treasurer, Gary Phipps

Pastoral Counseling

St. Luke's Perimeter Counseling Center, Georgia C. Griffin, J.D., M. Div., Director, Perimeter Center, Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist/Mediator 404-636-1457, ext. 452.

Elders

Steve Cashwell, Clerk of Session **Class of 2010:** Rosemary Armstrong Burton, Karen McAlarney, Nael McCarty, Alan Miller, Andrea Price, Ross Thomas, Steve Thornton, Miles Young. **Class of 2011:** Ken Barton, Jan Billions, Steve Cashwell, Doug Chipman, Steve Klein, Kay Loerch, Bob Smallwood. **Class of 2012:** Bona Allen, John Bradley, Ted Guerrant, Ellie Moorhead, Julie Pile, Laura Strange, Beth Underhill.

Deacons

Mark Mason, Moderator **Class of 2010:** Mary Louise Connor, John Eagar, Ellie Goodwin, Mark Mason, Cathy Ray, Lisa Reeves, Scott Rice, Stanton Thomas, Ron Valdes. **Class of 2011:** Carol Ciepluch, Susan Crawford, Mark McCann, Janine McKenney, Lisa Meyers, Yvonne Miller, Josh Nunez, Ashley Owens, Ellen Womack. **Class of 2012:** Jean Cronan, Beth Eisenmesser, Andrew Grinnell, Glenda Gray, Mary Kent, Wayne Radloff, Steve Vail, Ginger Williams.

Last Sunday's Attendance: 329 Last Sunday's Tithes & Offerings: \$14,098

Financial reports are available online.

Behold, I am doing a
new thing;
now it springs forth,
do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the
wilderness and
rivers in the desert.

Isaiah 43:19

11 a.m. ~ February 28, 2010
Second Sunday in Lent

St. Luke's Presbyterian Church

The Church of the Word & Sacraments &
Liturgical Color: Purple

Our Mission

Responding to God's call and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we invite all to join us in knowing, serving, and sharing Jesus Christ here and around the world.

Our Vision

To be a beacon of faith, hope, and love ~ every member
an active disciple in Christ's ministry.

Assemble in God's Name

In Preparation for Worship

Psalm 103: 8,10-12

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His loving kindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our transgressions from us.

Gathering Prayer

Prelude

Improvisation on "A Mighty Fortress"

Todd Wilson

*Call to Worship

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

People: and renew a right spirit within me.

Leader: Cast me not away from your presence,

All: and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Psalm 51

†*Processional Hymn (*see insert*)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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Celebration of Community

Minute for Mexico

Betsy Turner

*Call to Prayer & Prayer of Adoration

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

*Invitation & Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Gracious God, who is willing to seek us in the dried up places of our lives, forgive us for not trusting that there is no place that is too dark for your presence, and no situation that is too far removed from your grace. We invite you into those places to bring healing where there is pain, courage where there is fear, pardon where there is shame. Stay with us as we go through every valley and help us to stay with one another. Stay with us as we reach out to the world with hands that heal. Amen.

*Declaration of Pardon

†*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. Amen.

Baptism

Emma Elizabeth Rabren & Thom Reynolds Rabren

Shannon Dill

Baptism Response

Sanctus (Holy)

Louis Vierne

Chancel Choir

Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Holy Lord God of hosts.

Pleni sunt coeli et terra Gloria tua. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in excelsis! Hosanna in the highest!

Proclaim God's Word

Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

Parents of children through age 3 may take them to the nursery.

Parents of children in Pre-K and Kindergarten may take them to the Faithful Friends Class, Room 119.

Morning Prayer 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.

Anthem

Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy)

Louis Vierne

Chancel Choir

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison.

Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43: 18-25

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Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Nancy Self

New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 5: 14-21

Page 1006

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Shannon Dill

Sermon

"Welcome to the New Past"

Shannon Dill

*Affirmation of Faith (*in unison*)

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful humanity. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love. (*from the Confession of 1967*)

Respond to God's Word

Offering & Offertory

What Does the Lord Require?

Erik Routley

Chancel Choir

arr. Todd Wilson

What does the Lord require for praise and offering? What sacrifice of praise or tribute bid you bring? Do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God. Rulers of men, give ear! Should you not justice know? Will God your pleading hear while crime and cruelty grow? Still down the ages ring the prophet's stern commands: to merchant, worker, king, he brings God's high demands: How shall our lives fulfill God's law so hard and high? Let Christ endue our will with grace to fortify. Then justly, in mercy, we'll humbly walk with God. (*Albert F. Bayly*)

*Doxology (*As ushers reach chancel steps, please stand.*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Go in God's Name

*Closing Hymn #488

The God of Abraham Praise

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*Invitation to Discipleship

*Benediction

*Postlude

Contrapunctus XI

J. S. Bach

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Our guest conductor today is Todd Wilson, head of the Organ Department at The Cleveland Institute of Music and Curator of the E.M. Skinner pipe organ at Severance Hall in Cleveland.

The flowers are given by Yvonne & Alan Miller, to the Glory of God and

in honor of Jessie & Bill Miller, parents of Alan Miller,

who are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on March 3, 2010 in Paisley, Scotland.

*Baptism of Emma Elizabeth Rabren & Thom Reynolds Rabren,
children of Niki & Jack Rabren.*

Let us welcome their Grandparents, Marsha & Dean Kruckenberg and Pam & Jim Rabren, and friends, Heather Barclay, Staci & Tommy Dee, and Morgane Hardy.

***congregation standing, who are able; † seating of worshippers.**

Confirmation Class of 2010

Please keep the following members of St. Luke's 2010 Confirmation Class, and their leaders, in your prayers as they participate in a Retreat: Daniel Botsch, Parker Cutler, Hunter deReyna, Maddie Dill, Andrew Dobbins, Charlotte Hurst, Josh Klein, Andrea Padilla, Darsy Ramirez, Phil Brown, Kelly Fitzgerald, and Mike Frandsen.

Serving Today

Acolytes: Crucifer - Claire Cumiskey; Candle Lighter - Ellie Eisenmesser;
Bible Bearer - Nelson Cumiskey; Water Bearer - Reagan McGurk;
Bell Ringer - Ann-Marie Sills

Bread for Guests: John Eagar **Chancel Guild:** Vicky & Art Simon

Continental Breakfast: Carolyn Wasserman

Greeters: Ellie Goodwin, Ginger & Phil Williams

Liturgists: Cathy Schreiber, Betsy Turner

Nursery Supervisor: Wendy Haye **Nursery Volunteers:** Monica & Tom McGurk

Open/Close: Bruce Jones **Sound Team:** Bob Burroughs

Ushers: Ferebee Kaleida, Gretchen Keyser - Captain, Cathy & John Ray

Congregational News

Sunday, March 7, Dr. Jason Whitener & Family will be here! Come & meet our new Senior Pastor, Dr. Jason Whitener, his wife Kristy and their children, Scott, Brian & Sarah. He will preach at both services & a reception in the Great Hall will follow the 11 a.m. worship service.

Trivia Night on Friday, March 5th, 6:30 p.m. DJ Aaron Elya will again provide a fun and challenging evening for us. Don't worry about trivia knowledge, your teammates will help! Back by popular demand - delicious Beaver Creek BBQ will be served, and we'll have lots of good food, fun & fellowship. Pay \$7 at the door, but please sign up in advance in the church lobby or by emailing Meredith Klein at jamsklein@comcast.net. Babysitting provided.

Family Movie Night, Friday, March 12: Join your church friends for the movie "Up", at 6 p.m. Bring your own dinner and lots of friends! For more information, contact Amanda Dunnick, amandadunnick@bellsouth.net.

Easter Egg Hunt and Church-Wide Luncheon: Save the date of March 21 for our annual Egg Hunt & luncheon! All children from toddlers through 5th grade are invited to join the hunt which immediately follows our lunch.

Outreach

Summer Mission Trips to Mexico

Last call! Plans are almost complete for the two trips to Mexico this summer, July 4-10 and July 11-17. Applications are due by **Sunday, March 15**. If this is your year to minister with other St. Luke's members and friends of all ages (teens to seniors), sign up now. See the Outreach bulletin board or call Mary Martin, 770-441-0373.

Meals Needed for Interfaith Outreach Home (IOH)

Please contact Al Bridges (770-394-6581) if you can volunteer to furnish a meal on May 20. It will be for the parent classes, approximately 10 adults & 15 children. Reimbursement is budgeted.

Men's Retreat at Callaway Gardens

March 26-28 the men of St. Luke's will head to Callaway Gardens for a fun-filled weekend of fellowship and spiritual nurture. Activities available include golf, fishing tours/lessons, clay shooting, and hiking. Our own Jason Whitener will be joining us too! We will eat together there on Friday night and be back by the end of the 11 a.m. service on Sunday morning. **Sign up by March 7.** Cost is \$20 for dinner Saturday and supplies. Rooms and other meals "pay as you go." All information is on the sign-up poster in the lobby. Further questions to Phil Brown at philbrown@slpres.org.