



11 a.m. ~ April 10, 2011
Fifth Sunday of 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.

We Assemble in God's Name

In Preparation for Worship

You are merciful and just in the deliverance of Your people, O God. You draw us up out of the depths of distress; You incline Your ear as we call on Your name. Our souls rest in You and in the promise of Christ's redeeming love. Lay now Your hand upon us, and draw us out by Your Spirit, that we may sing praises to Your name. Amen.

Gathering Prayer of Adoration

Prelude

Wondrous Love

Samuel Barber

*Call to Worship

Psalm 130

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

People: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, so that You may be revered.

Leader: Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and great power to redeem.

People: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits; and in the word of the Lord I hope.

All: Let us worship God!

†*Processional Hymn #85

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

Celebration of Community

Minute for Habitat

Val DeFriece

*Invitation to Confession

Kyrie

John Merbecke
arr. Healy Willan

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Call to Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

You called us to life in the Spirit, yet we seek to satisfy the flesh. We call You gracious, yet we practice greed. We praise You with our lips, O God, yet we do not honor You in our lives. Discontent consumes us as we yearn for still more things. We know that to live by Your grace promises inheritance of new life. Redeem our enslavement to corruptible desires, that we may be worthy to be called righteous in Christ. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

†*Gloria Patri

2 **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.**

Tell Us Our Story

Phil Brown

Children are always welcome to stay in worship. However, if you prefer:

- 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

Introduction of New Members

Anthem

Hope in God
Chancel Choir

Jean Berger

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? My soul, hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God. (*Psalms 43:5*)

We Hear God's Word Proclaimed

Morning Prayer & 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.

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 30
Page 479

Becky Loftis

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

John 15:1-11
Page 939

Jason Whitener

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"I AM...the True Vine"

Jason Whitener

*The Apostles' Creed (in unison)

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.

We Respond to God's Word

Offering & Offertory

Variation on "Wondrous Love"

Samuel Barber

*Doxology

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

We Go in God's Name

*Closing Hymn #543

Abide with Me

EVENTIDE

*Invitation to Discipleship

*Benediction

*Postlude

What Wondrous Love Is This

arr. Larry Shackley

Flowers

The flowers are given by Loretta and Jim Tysinger to the Glory of God and in celebration of their wedding anniversary on April 10th.

Serving Today

Acolytes: Bible Bearer: Grace Strickland; Candle Lighter: Chris Wolfe;
Crucifer: Hayley Wolfe; Bell Ringer: Katie Ryan

Bread for Visitors: Monica & Tom McGurk

Chancel Guild: Marcy & Keith Williams

Continental Breakfast: Faye & Steve Cashwell, Mary & Billy Martin

Faithful Friends: Amy Boothe & Suzanne Boothe

Greeters: Sally & Rand Birsinger, Rebecca & David Strickland

Nursery Supervisor: Taylor Vivian

Nursery Volunteers: Christy & Peter Keohane

Open/Close: Steve Klein

Sound Crew: Roby Price

Ushers: Benjamin King, David King - captain, Steven King, Kari Young, Miles Young

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

For Your Personal Reflections

KNOW

PC(USA) Ethiopia Mission Conference at St. Luke's

St. Luke's is hosting the annual conference of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Ethiopia Mission Network April 28-30. Our members and friends are invited to participate in any part of the conference. To learn more about the conference and to register, please visit the network website, www.ethiopianetwork.org, and/or speak with Jason Whitener.

Adult Sunday School ~ Next Sunday ~ 9:30-10:30 a.m.

FINCH (Families in Christ), Room 203: This class brings together parents and other adults to learn and grow in their own faith and their ability to share that faith with their families.

Kerygma Study of One in Christ, Room 232: This semester we will study First Corinthians, learning from the writer, Paul, how to "walk the talk." We will discover how having the mind of Christ affects the way we live.

The Present Word, Room 145, Parlor: This class is for all levels of biblical knowledge as a traditional Bible study. Next week's lesson is "Hosanna!". (Mark 11:1-11)

Seasons of the Spirit, Room 235: This discussion class is biblically-based, following revised common Lectionary. We can move forward in trust and faith because God attends to us when our praise shouts "hosanna," when our pain cries "why", and when we are at a loss of words. (Matthew 21:1-11)

Soul Food (Finding Sustenance for Faithful Living), Room 234: Fellowship, study and discussion on a range of topics related to spirituality in our lives. "The Thoughtful Christian" curriculum provides much of the source material for this class.

College Seniors and High School Seniors

Calling all Graduates! We need your picture for the next newsletter. High School grads, we need full name, name of high school, and the college you plan to attend. College grads, we need your name, name of college, your degree and what you plan to do after graduation. **Deadline for all pictures to be given to Shirley Carrier is this Friday, April 15th.** We would like them in a digital format, but if you need us to scan the picture, it will be returned. Questions? Contact Shirley Carrier at shirleycarrier@slpres.org or 770-393-1424, ext. 225

Youth Connection (SLYC)

Sunday:

Sunday School: 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Confirmation Class: 3:30-4:30 ~ bring a draft of your statement of faith. It's due this Wednesday to philbrown@slpres.org

Youth Choir: Today, 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the Choir Room

Chastain dress rehearsal, April 16 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Chastain concert, April 17, arrive at 5 p.m.

Youth Connect: 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Great Hall and Youth Rooms

Great job on youth Sunday two weeks ago! You all should be very proud of yourselves.

Electronic calendar and more info at www.slpres.org/youth.asp

Children's Ministries

Easter Egg Hunt is TODAY!

All children through fifth grade are invited to join us in finding Easter Eggs right after the church-wide fellowship lunch.

Vacation Bible School Registration is Happening NOW!

Our PandaMania spots are being filled in record time, so please don't delay in registering your child for this amazing week planned for June 6 – June 9 from 9:00 to noon. We also offer an extended day program. Forms for all VBS Programs are available in Sheppard Hall. While you're there, please pick a volunteer job by signing up on our big bamboo banner.

If you have a 4th or 5th grader, please know that our "Wild Wanderers" program of daily outreach trips and a "Panda Connections" overnight at Zoo Atlanta is limited due to van capacity and is filling quickly. Please register now to assure your child's spot!

Westminster and Cherub Choir: Rehearsals every Wednesday; see Music listing.

Men's Bible Study

Fridays, 6:40 a.m. to 8 a.m., in the Parlor, Room 145: The men are studying Proverbs. For more information or to sign up, contact Dave Elkins at d.elkins@att.net.

St. Luke's Presbyterian Women

Circle 1 - Monday, April 11, 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor

Night Circle - Monday, April 11, 7:30 p.m. in the Parlor

Circle 2 - Tuesday, April 12, 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor

Study Lesson for April : Number 1 & Epilogue: "Christianity Is A Life We Live, Not Just a Creed We Profess" and "You Can Be So Near, But Yet So Far" from *The Top Ten List for Christians* by James W. Moore. No Circle Item in April.

SHARE

Last Sunday, St. Luke's Church welcomed 68 guests to its worship services. Each Sunday, many of our pews will have a first-time or repeat visitor. Your warm welcome to our guests expresses the inviting and hospitable character of this congregation. Your smile and welcoming word makes a difference.

Holy Week Services: Please join us as we move through Holy Week together.

- Sunday, April 17 Palm Sunday 8:30 a.m. Service in the Chapel and 11 a.m. Service in the Sanctuary
- Thursday, April 21 Maundy Thursday Service 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Friday, April 22 Good Friday Noon Meditation in the Chapel, followed by a soup lunch in the Great Hall
- Saturday, April 23 Easter Vigil Service 8 p.m. throughout the church
- Sunday, April 24 Easter Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Services in the Sanctuary

Music Ministry: At St. Luke's everyone has an opportunity to participate in music. Rehearsal Schedules are:

- **Cherub Choir**, Wednesdays, 5:30 - 6 p.m. (4 yrs. - 1st grade), Room 203
- **Westminster Choir**, Wednesdays, 5:15 - 6 pm. (2nd - 5th grades), Choir Room
- **Youth Choir**, Sundays, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. (6th - 12th grades), Choir Room
- **Festival Ringers**, Wednesdays, 6:15 - 7:15 p.m., Handbell Room
- **Chancel Choir**, Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., Choir Room

Chastain at St. Luke's returns Next Sunday, April 17, 6 p.m. in Hannaford Garden: The Bruce Jones Band and singers will provide entertainment for all ages, and our Youth Choir will also sing. Reserve your spot today by calling Shirley Carrier in the church office (770-393-1424, ext. 225). Bring your picnic supper to enjoy during the concert. Child care will be provided. A free-will offering will be taken at the door. Come for a night of fun and fellowship.

Attention LinkedIn Users: Would you be willing to share your knowledge of LinkedIn with other members of St. Luke's? The Member Connection Team is looking for volunteers with LinkedIn experience to help with an "Introduction to LinkedIn" workshop to introduce interested members to this popular online business networking tool. Email Jared Elliot (jared.elliott@att.net) or Mark Mason (mark.mason@timestar.com) if you would like to join us as we prepare for this workshop.

Men of St. Luke's: We have a great way of getting off to a great start on **Saturday, May 14, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. - St. Luke's Men's Breakfast!** It's a big deal: a time of Christian fellowship, a hearty and delicious breakfast, and an opportunity for new knowledge. Plan to come! Invite a guest or two! Look for the usual invitation via email and be sure to contact Daryl Moore (ddmoore@yahoo.com) with questions.

O.W.L.S. (Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors):

- **Friday, April 15: Tour of Canterbury Court:** The O.W.L.S. have been invited by Canterbury Court Retirement Community to be their guests on April 15. We will begin at 10:30 a.m. with brunch, a tour of the facilities, and a short informational meeting. If you are interested in attending, sign up on the sheet on the lobby bulletin board.
- **Tuesday, April 26: Movie at the Church:** The O.W.L.S. will gather at 1:30 p.m. to see the popular movie, "Young at Heart." It is about a group of seniors learning "that you're never too old to rock!" Music from James Brown to Coldplay. Popcorn and appropriate movie snacks will be available. We will meet upstairs in Room 207. If interested, the sign-up sheet is on the lobby bulletin board. Cost is \$2.
- **SAM'S (Senior Adult Ministry) Day at Camp Calvin:** Camp Calvin's Spring S.A.M.'s Day is on Wednesday, May 4. There will be a variety of activities available. Cost is \$15. If interested, check out the flyer on the main lobby bulletin board and RSVP on the sign-up sheet below the flyer. Sign-Up Deadline is Wednesday, April 20.

Lenten and Easter books are on display in our library: Everything is available from board books to theology! There's a comfortable chair just waiting for you

Faith and Film, Friday, April 15: April's film is "The Pursuit of Happyness." Dinner at 7 p.m., and the movie starts at 7:30 p.m., Room 207. RSVP to Josh & Cindy Nunez at nunez.cd@gmail.com and contact them to help with food.

Church-Wide Luncheon and Easter Egg Hunt, TODAY! Come one, come all to the St. Luke's Annual Church-Wide Luncheon and Easter Egg Hunt immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service today. Join us in the Great Hall for our famous fried chicken!

All children through fifth grade are invited to join us in finding Easter Eggs right after the church-wide fellowship lunch.

Jobs & Java - St. Luke's Job Seekers Support Group: Next meeting, **Tuesday, April 12**, noon at Starbucks in Dunwoody Village for networking and support. For information, contact Louise Lewis (LewisLouise@bellsouth.net) or Jared Elliot (jared.elliott@att.net). Below are some St. Luke's members who are in a job search.

Diane Beidl, Residential Real Estate Paralegal, dlbeidl@bellsouth.net / 770-448-5785

Jared Elliot, Manager/Director of Operations, Jared.Elliott@att.net

Jim Garrison, Advertising and Marketing, jimgarrison@mindspring.com / 404-408-5550

Earl Owens, Financial & Management Analyst, Management Accounting & Activity Based Costing, unc_tarheel@bellsouth.net / 770-986-0234 (home); 770-789-8254 (cell)

Diane Markel, Corporate Risk Manager, 330-835-8911 (cell)

Mark Thomas, Management Consultant (organizational effectiveness & efficiency, business process reengineering, change management), markrthomas@comcast.net

Kris Turnbull, Talent Management Professional (training, leadership assessment and development, competency assessment, and workforce analytics), 770-634-8700 or kris.e.turnbull@gmail.com

Keith Williams, Account Manager, Marketing Manager, Account Executive,

keithwilliams_10999@hotmail.com / 678-571-7337

Interested in Golf? The St. Luke's Men's Golf Fellowship has started their third year and this year will golf on the first Saturday of the month. Golfers need to sign up for the announcements by sending their email address and cell phone number to Dave Elkins at d.elkins@att.net or call 770-458-6415.

Posture Perfect with Lisa Beckman: Lisa Beckman is the only Affiliate of the Egoscue Method of structural alignment in this area. This class meets on Mondays, 12:30 p.m., Room 203. \$5 per class, no pre-registration, start this class at any time and continue at your pace. It's great for couch potatoes to athletes in training. Please bring a towel or yoga mat with you.

Counters needed: Anyone interested in counting the offering one Sunday a month after church, please call Byron Brown at 770-441-9383.

How to Avoid The Top 10 Estate Planning Mistakes Seminar on Thursday, May 5: The Endowment Committee is once again sponsoring a "Top Ten Estate Planning Mistakes" Seminar presented by Magellan Planning Group. The seminar will be held in the Session Room from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A light lunch will be served. If you would like to learn more about how to plan your estate to avoid simple but costly mistakes, then be sure to sign up by calling Tom McKenney at 770-396-3598 or watch for the sign-up poster in the lobby.

SERVE

Stephen Ministry Seminar: St. Luke's Stephen Ministry is hosting a seminar, "Transitions" Sunday, May 1, 3-5 p.m. in the Chapel. Change in our lives is inevitable. Some changes we can plan for such as retirement. Even an anticipated change can come with challenges. We will discuss how to cope and adjust to changes that occur throughout our lives such as marriage, a new baby, empty nests, or a parent coming to live with their children in their golden years. We look forward to discussing how to successfully navigate the turns life takes. Light refreshments will be served. Call Sally Hawkins or Betsy Turner in the church office at 770-393-1424 if you are planning to attend.

Summer Mission Trips to Mexico: This will be our 20th year to build houses and spread the love of God to our sisters and brothers in Piedras Negras, Mexico. Please prayerfully consider joining the group during one of St. Luke's two weeks - it will be the vacation of a lifetime! The two trips are planned for: July 10th - 16th and July 17th - 23rd. Both weeks are open for all ages and there is a job for everyone. To express interest or get more information, sign up on the Outreach bulletin board in the lobby or call or email Mary Martin, 770-441-0373, mary.martin@nsn.com.

Easter Bags for CHRIS Kids: St. Luke's Presbyterian Women would like to thank the congregation for supporting this important project. The youth at CHRIS Kids appreciate our support. If you'd like to make a monetary contribution in support of this project please mark your checks PW Easter Bag Project. PW will be providing an additional \$10 gift card per bag. Also, if you would like us to take any small house wares, decorative items or clothing (baby/toddler/ or ages 17-21 yrs.) to CHRIS Kids please leave them in the marked collection bins. **All items and Easter bags must be returned to the main church lobby by 1:30 TODAY.**

We Need Your Help for Six Star Refugee Partnership, Inc: Six Star Refugee Partnership, Inc. is a 501c3 that began in 1999 when six area churches joined to help serve the refugee community in Atlanta. While you may not be able to leave the country to participate in other St. Luke's missions, Six Star Refugee Partnership is looking for volunteers to work with the Sia Ting family from Myanmar (Burma). Activities may include practicing conversational English with the parents, tutoring the eight year old boy, transportation to the market or health appointments and financial/budgeting. By just offering an hour a week you may find yourself developing lasting friendships that span our racial, religious and cultural divides. **Please consider volunteering. You will be happy you did!** Contact Bill and Ellen Womack: epwomack@bellsouth.com for information on how to get involved.

Buy Some; Share One: St. Luke's has an ongoing food drive to support local organizations. We ask that **every** time you go to the grocery store, pick up one extra non-perishable item and put it in the cart in the lobby - Buy Some; Share One!

- The Community Action Center's Food Pantry is in **immediate need** of canned meats, canned pastas and peanut butter. Please help fill the pantry for neighbors seeking assistance.

Do you make YUMMY muffins? If so, please contact Mark McCann at markmccann7@gmail.com or 404-432-4034, or Todd Parker at tparker220@comcast.net or 404-964-0578.

Volunteers Needed: Cut a hole in the darkness, or poke a hole if you are from Texas, by providing a meal to I.O.H. or the Druid Hills Night Shelter.

Interfaith Outreach House (I.O.H.) provides transitional housing for homeless families. Parents have classes on the third Thursday of every month and St. Luke's provides and delivers a meal to the families for approximately 10 adults and 15 children. Meal reimbursement is budgeted. Volunteers for I.O.H. meals are needed May 19.

The Druid Hills Night Shelter provides shelter and food for 26 homeless men and is now open year-round. On the fourth Sunday of each month, St. Luke's prepares and serves a meal for the men. Eating with the men is encouraged and they enjoy the companionship. Volunteers for Druid Hills Night Shelter are needed for June 26 and July 24. If you or your group are interested, please contact Al Bridges at 770-394-6581 or sign up on the lobby bulletin board.

R.O.C.K. (Reaching Out Through Crocheting & Knitting): Wednesdays, 10 a.m. - noon, Parlor, #145. Men and women, young and not quite so young, of varying skill levels (absolute beginners to experts) are welcome! We make prayer shawls, layette sets for preemies, squares for blankets, and a variety of other outreach projects.

The IOH 16th Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, April 19, at the Rivermont Golf and Country Club. Entry fee is \$150 (\$88 of which is tax deductible) or you can be a sponsor at several levels. Check the main bulletin board or go to <https://www.regonline.com/16thannualgolftournament>. They are also looking for items for a raffle and silent auction.

Elders

Class of 2011: Ken Barton, Jan Billions, Steve Cashwell (Clerk of Session), Doug Chipman, Steve Klein, Kay Loerch, Clarice Reid (Youth Elder), Bob Smallwood

Class of 2012: Bona Allen, John Bradley, Ted Guerrant, Ellie Moorhead, Julie Pile, Laura Strange, Beth Underhill

Class of 2013: Bob Crutchfield, Denis DuBois, David King, Bruce Jones, Nancy Moore, Jennifer Price, Mark Rogers.

Deacons

Class of 2011: Carol Ciepluch, Susan Crawford (Moderator), 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, Todd Parker, Wayne Radloff, Steve Vail, Ginger Williams

Class of 2013: Chris Alexander, Brian Anderson, Paula Barbin, Paul Clay, Leigh Ann Haertel, Tom McGurk, Tom McKinney, Kelly Sloan, Jennifer Wolfe.

Welcome to our guests!

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

1. During the Celebration of Community 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 Steve Vail, Elder Jenny Price**, and one of our **Ministers** in the Narthex. They will answer questions and provide a Guest Packet.
3. If you are interested in learning more about St. Luke's and/or are interested in joining, please contact Jason Whitener, 770-393-1424 ext. 223 or jasonwhitener@slpres.org.

& That All May Worship: St. Luke's strives to be a welcoming church for all. Assistive hearing devices, large print hymnals, large print bulletins and pew cushions are available. Please contact an usher for further assistance.

Parents: During the 11:00 worship service, if necessary, the parlor is a comfortable place to be with your child and still see the service. Children's Worship Notebooks are available for all ages in the coat area of the Narthex. Please see an usher for assistance.

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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

Pastor, Dr. Jason Whitener	Director of Children's Ministries, Catherine Anne Thomas
Associate Pastor, Rev. Shannon Dill	Intern, Youth & Children's Ministries, Kelly Fitzgerald
Associate Pastor, Rev. Phil Brown	Director of Music & Organist, Clair Maxwell
Pastor Emeritus, Dr. E. Moss Robertson	Director of St. Luke's Little Saints Preschool & Kindergarten, Carol Perry
Facilities Manager, Roby Price	Administrative Assistants, Shirley Carrier & Liz Catlett
Receptionists, Sally Hawkins & Betsy Turner	
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

Last Sunday's Attendance: 8:30 a.m. - 46; 11 a.m. - 236
Last Sunday's Tithes & Offerings: \$25,047 Financial reports available online.