

We are delighted you are here today with your animal friends and our church welcomes you. Before you leave, please sign our Guest Book and take a pamphlet, which describes our church. If you are looking for a spiritual home, we would be honored to have you join us. May God richly bless your day.

Church Staff

Pastor, Dr. Jason Whitener
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Associate Pastor, Rev. Phil Brown
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St. Luke's Presbyterian Church

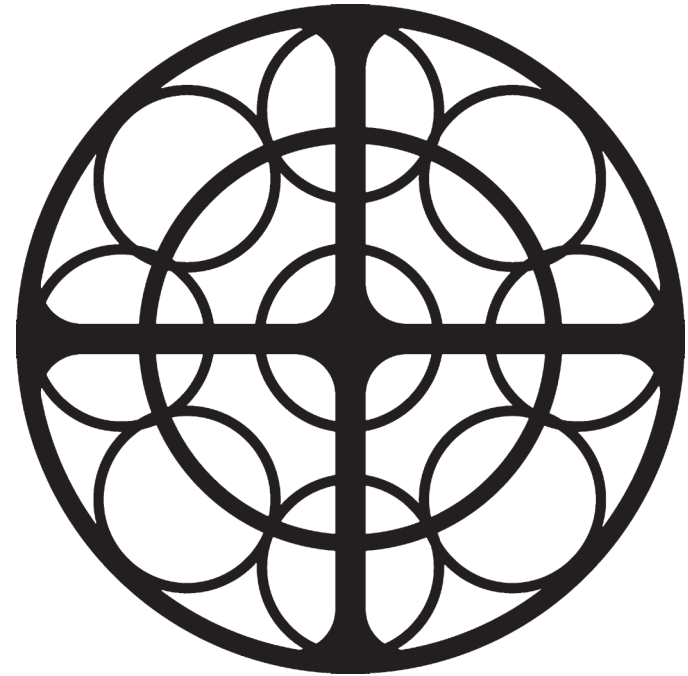
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8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion Service

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.)



Blessing of the Animals

St. Luke's Presbyterian Church
May 22, 2011

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.

Welcome to St. Luke's Presbyterian Church. The purpose of this service is to give thanks for each animal brought here today, to acknowledge the joy they bring to our lives and their place in God's created order.

To keep your pet as comfortable as possible, there are water bowls around the garden. If your pet is anxious, feel free to walk around the perimeter of the garden - we will make sure every pet is blessed! Thank you for your careful attention to your pet during this service.

In Preparation for Worship

O Lord, give us humility to thank You for the creation of animals, who can show affection which sometimes puts us to shame. Enlarge our respect for these Your creatures, of whom we are the guardians. And give us a sense of responsibility towards all Your creation, for Jesus Christ's sake, Amen.

A Prayer from Robert Runcie, 102nd Archbishop of Canterbury

Celebration of Community

Shannon Dill

Call to Worship

Genesis 1: 20, 24

Leader: And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures,

Response: and let birds fly above the earth across the firmament of the heavens.

Leader: Let the earth bring forth living creatures . . . cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds."

ALL: And it was so. Let us worship God!

Hymn

"Let All Things Now Living"

ASH GROVE

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God our creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses,
The sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing
With glad adoration, a song let us raise:
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

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Scripture Reading

Phil Brown

"But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In His hands is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being."

Job 12:7-10

Responsive Reading

Psalms 148

Leader: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heaven.

Response: Praise God in the heights.

Leader: Praise God, sun and moon.

Response: Praise God, all you shining stars.

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord;

Response: For God commanded, and they were created.

Leader: Praise the Lord from the earth, wild beasts and all cattle,

Response: Creeping things and winged birds.

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord,

Response: For God's name only is exalted, God's splendor is over earth and heaven.

Leader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Response: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Prayer for Animals (in unison)

Compassionate God, your Holy Spirit gives breath to all living beings; renew us by the same Spirit that we may learn to respect what You have given and care for what You have made, through Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Individual Blessing

Each pet will be blessed individually with these or similar words:

"Almighty God, in Christ's name we thank you for _____, and the joy and help he/she brings to our life. May God's Blessing be with you. Amen."

Benediction

We would like to thank the children of St. Luke's for making the cat and dog toys which are being given to our pets.