



11 a.m. ~ July 31, 2011

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Liturgical Color: Green

St. Luke's Presbyterian Church

A Church of the Word and Sacraments

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 do hear the prayers of Your people, O God, and give heed to their supplications. Your faithfulness spans generations and nations, as a cloak of protection sewn with benevolent care. You promise Your presence as Your Spirit abides in our midst. We bow down before You, as our ancestors have done before us, in praise and adoration of Your gracious name. Amen.

Gathering Prayer of Adoration

Jason Whitener

Prelude

God of Our Life

Barbara Harbach

*Call to Worship

Psalm 17

Leader: Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to our cries; give ear to prayers from lips free of deceit.

People: I call upon You, for You will answer me, O God; incline Your ear to me, hear my words.

Leader: Wondrously show Your steadfast love, O Savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at Your right hand.

People: As for me, I shall behold Your face in righteousness; when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding Your likeness.

All: Let us worship God!

†*Processional Hymn #482 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

Celebration of Community

Shannon Dill

*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 (in unison)

Merciful God, You teach us compassion, and we practice bigotry. You implore us to trust You, while we create idols. You send Christ as a witness that You will not forsake us; yet we fret over matters as though You cared not at all. Forgive our compulsion to control our own destiny. Look kindly upon us when we fear for our future. Have mercy upon us when we mismanage Your grace. We are Your people; help us to dwell in Your promise. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

†*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.

We Hear God's Word Proclaimed

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.

†Solo

He Has Always Been Faithful

Runyan/Groves

Kelda Hearn, soloist

(Parents may return to their seats during the solo)

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 17:1-8, 15

Mary Louise Connor

Pages 471, 472

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

2 Timothy 4:16-18

Jason Whitener

Page 1040

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Stand By Me"

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.

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

We Respond to God's Word

Offering & Offertory

I Could Not Do Without Thee
Kelda Hearn, soloist

Craig Curry

*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 #361

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

*Invitation to Discipleship

*Benediction

*Postlude

When Morning Guilds the Skies

Robert Lind

Serving Today

Chancel Guild: Tricia & Brid Igleheart

Continental Breakfast: Rebecca & David Strickland

Greeters: Sandy & Tom McKinney, Margie & Bob Starling

Nursery Supervisor: Allison Parkes

Nursery Volunteers: Lindsay Moss & Laurie Munn

Open/Close: Jim Cox

Sound Crew: Paul Clay

Ushers: Janis & Bruce Jones, Ken Painter, Peggy Tienken, John Tienken - Captain

For Your Personal Reflections

KNOW

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

Adult Summer School in Full Swing! Sunday School doesn't take a vacation, but it does change a little so that you can always feel free to attend a class even if you have been on vacation.

For the entire summer:

Seasons of the Spirit, Room 235: A biblically-based discussion class following revised common Lectionary. When all seems lost, we can trust that God will come to us, to strengthen us to carry on. (Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28)

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 "Walk in God's Path." (Judges 13:1-8, 24-25)

For the month of July ~ Summer Sundaes at 6:30 p.m. in Hannaford Garden:

Join us for ice cream, fellowship, and an "extra topping" of Scripture, singing, reflection, and prayer. It's a summer treat for the entire church family, so parents, bring the kids, or kids, bring your parents! Depending upon the heat, it will be in the Great Hall or Hannaford Garden. Don't miss this last Sunday!

For July and August:

Study of the Ten Commandments, Room 232: This class will get back to the basics and explore what the Ten Commandments mean to us today. Next Sunday the lesson will be "Prohibiting Theft, False Witness and Coveting," led by Jim Giesler.

For August:

Special Combined Adult Sunday School on August 21: Plan on joining us in the Chapel at 9:30 a.m. for a special class with speakers Maria & Tony Barnhart.

FINCH (Families in Christ), Room 203: This class will continue the study of Adam Hamilton's "*Christianity's Family Tree: What Other Christians Believe and Why.*" No morning class in July; but plan to attend the Summer Sundaes.

Understanding that folks travel and are in and out more than usual in the summer, ALL of the summer classes are designed for you to be able to "come when you can" and not worry that you will be out of the loop.

Disciple Bible Study

During the past few weeks, you have read a brief description of the Disciple Bible Study classes we will be offering this fall. Prayerfully consider joining a class this year. Let us know when you are available and in what class you are interested. A brochure summarizing all the class descriptions is available on the website and in the lobby.

Contact Shannon Dill (770-393-1424, ext. 229) or Bill Barbin (404-964-3004) with questions.

Youth Connection (SLYC)

Sunday:

Youth Sunday School Resumes in August: 9:30-10:30 a.m. Don't forget to come tonight to the last "Summer Sundaes" 6:30 p.m. in the Hannaford Garden or Great Hall for fellowship, reflection, singing and ice cream!

August 28th the youth are serving dinner at **Druid Hills Night Shelter**. We could use someone to help coordinate this. It's really simple to do and it's a great way to be in local outreach and generally a fun time too. Phil will be out of

town until the 21st, but he's willing to help as best he can from afar. Please let Phil know if you are interested, philbrown@slpres.org.

Youth Choir and Youth Connect will resume in the fall.

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

Children's Ministries

Blessing of the Backpacks ~ Sunday, August 14: Students, fill your own backpack (or book bag) with school supplies for the Community Action Center, then bring it up for a special blessing during the 8:30 or 11 a.m. worship service!

The Nursery Committee is seeking two new members... duties involve serving as Nursery Supervisor for one Sunday about every six weeks as well as managing one of our many ongoing nursery tasks. For more information on this great way to get involved with our children and their parents, please contact cathomas@slpres.org. Thanks!

FEAST for ALL, our popular Wednesday night program for all ages, needs two adult volunteers to help with class planning and leadership: one for the preschool classes (we will have two again this year!) and one for our younger elementary group. We will also be recruiting three small group leaders for our younger elementary group, about ten table parents, and a rotating preschool teaching staff...so please prayerfully consider how you might be able to help our children on these important and fun evenings. For more information, please contact cathomas@slpres.org or sign up on the fall FEAST for ALL registration forms which will be appearing soon.

Summer Sunday School for Kids is Back NEXT WEEK! Children of all ages will want to join the fun as we come back together from 9:30 until 10:30 each week during August. Our 3's, Pre-K, and K classes will love Play-n-Praise as we experience new stories and songs. Our elementary kids will be revved up for another round of the Bible Olympics as we compete with relays, games, and Bible fun. FINCH class members will help run our Bible Olympics this month, and they can also compete along with the children! Many thanks to all of our adult volunteers who have been - or will be - involved these extra-fun summer programs.

Men's Bible Study

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

Share Your Vacation Pictures

Roby would like to do a slide show on the screens in the lobby of pictures showing summer vacation destinations of our church families. If you would like to send some pictures to Roby, please email him at robyprice@slpres.org. Thanks!

Name Tag Sunday - August 7

Next Sunday, August 7, will be Name Tag Sunday. Wear your name tag (from work, military, college, church, camp, or a blank one will be provided) so your fellow worshipers can greet you by name.

SHARE

Last Sunday, St. Luke's Church welcomed 42 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.

Summer Music: There are many talented musicians in our St. Luke's family, and it's time once again for us to share those talents in worship. This is a wonderful opportunity to offer your musical gifts, and the variety of music is always much appreciated by the congregation. If you would like to provide special music, either a solo or small ensemble, for any of our worship services during August, please contact Clair Maxwell in the church office.

Faith and Film, Friday, August 19: The film for August is "Freedom Writers." 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.

Men's Golf: The St. Luke's Men's Golf Fellowship is golfing the first Saturday of the month. Golfers need to sign up for announcements by sending their email address and cell phone number to Dave Elkins at d.elkins@att.net or call 770-458-6415.

Jobs & Java - St. Luke's Job Seekers Support Group: Next meeting, **Tuesday, August 2**, 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, dibeidl@bellsouth.net / 770-448-5785

Jared Elliot, Manager/Director of Operations, Jared.Elliot@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

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.

St. Luke's Men's Breakfast: St. Luke's men ~ it's time for the kickoff of the 2011-2012 Men's Breakfast series! To get us started, St. Luke's own Tony Barnhart, College Football Hall of Famer, CBS College Sports Network host, accomplished blogger and author on all things football, will give us his always popular prognostications on the upcoming college football season. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors, break out your team' colors, and get your game face on! Join us at 8 a.m. on **Saturday, August 13**, in the Great Hall at St. Luke's for a great tailgate breakfast, warm fellowship, and the inside story on whose going to do what in the SEC, ACC, Big 10, Big East, Pac 10, Big 12, Mountain West, etc, all the way to the BCS. For questions, contact Daryl Moore 678-441-6203, ddmoore@yahoo.com.

O.W.L.S. (Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors): We are taking a couple of months off for the summer and are looking forward to resuming on Tuesday, September 27.

Christian Living, Music and Worship: These are just a few of the topics covered by the variety of books in our library. Come see for yourself what we offer!

SERVE

Community Action Center's Annual School Supply Drive: Help make a difference in the lives of local children by helping the CAC in their collection of school supplies through August 31. During the back-to-school sales, think about picking up a few items. A list of needed school supplies can be found on their website, www.ourcac.org. You may drop off your items in the steel carts in the lobby **through July** and we will make sure CAC receives them. After July, please mark the bags for CAC School Supplies and leave next to the bins. See "Blessing of the Backpacks" for August 14, under Children's Ministries.

Looking to serve your church? There is a need for members willing to serve in a friendly and welcoming way as ushers. Duties include greeting members and visitors while passing out bulletins, taking up the offering, directing congregants during communion, and tidying up after the service. If you are interested, please contact John Tienken at 770-394-1104 or email to tienkenj@bellsouth.net.

Get together with some friends for a continental breakfast here at St. Luke's every Sunday morning. If you and your friends could furnish one of these breakfasts, please contact Jay Burton (jayburton@ballp.com) or Tom McGurk (tdmcgurk@yahoo.com).

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.

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! Please consider adding protein to your donation - some examples are canned meats and peanut butter. Please help fill the pantry for neighbors seeking assistance. This month we are collecting for the Community Action Center. In August we will be collecting for Interfaith Outreach House (IOH.)

Divorce Recovery Group: The Stephen Ministry is sponsoring a Divorce Recovery group for members of St. Luke's and as an outreach for friends, neighbors and coworkers. Many people who have gone through the pain of divorce find it helps to go through the healing process with others. Group members meet together to share thoughts and feelings. Facilitators encourage sane thinking and support. In a safe environment, members have an opportunity to vent with people who have been there and to help oneself as well as others. Healing in this setting is remarkable!

The group is no more than eight members so make sure to sign up quickly as we will open this to the community. We will meet for eleven weeks. Sessions will begin Wednesday, August 17th from 7 - 8:30 p.m. To sign up and/or for more information, please call Paula Morris at 404-326-6889 or Bob Polensek at 678-478-9627.

Elders

Class of 2012: Bona Allen (Clerk of Session), John Bradley, Ted Guerrant, Ben King (Youth Elder), Tom McIntosh, Julie Pile, Laura Strange, Beth Underhill

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

Class of 2014: Tricia Bridges, Jim Bryant, Faye Cashwell, Annie Hardy, Sally Joyce, Dick Miller, John Ray

Deacons

Class of 2012: Jean Cronan, Beth Eisenmesser (Moderator), 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

Class of 2014: Diane Beidl, Jay Burton, Jim Giesler, Beth Collins Himes, Joyce Johnson, Jean Kammerer, Paula Morris, Luis Sepulveda, Kris Turnbull

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 Jim Giesler, Elder Mark Rogers** and our Pastors in the Narthex. They will be available to answer questions and provide you with a packet of information and a loaf of bread lovingly made by St. Luke's member, Cindy Nunez.
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
Associate Pastor, Rev. Shannon Dill
Associate Pastor, Rev. Phil Brown
Pastor Emeritus, Dr. E. Moss Robertson
Facilities Manager, Roby Price
Receptionists, Sally Hawkins & Betsy Turner
Treasurer, Gary Phipps

Director of Children's Ministries, Catherine Anne Thomas
Director of Music & Organist, Clair Maxwell
Director of St. Luke's Little Saints Preschool &
Kindergarten, Carol Perry
Administrative Assistants, Shirley Carrier & Liz Catlett

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. - 62; 11 a.m. - 266
Last Sunday's Tithes & Offerings: \$15,099 Financial reports available online.