



11 a.m. ~ September 18, 2011

Twenty-fifth 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

O Lord, it would take forever to tell of Your deeds, an eternity of boasting how great You are. The heavens could not contain our bountiful expressions of Your grace and mercy. The seas would flood ashore with the expanse of Your love. Yet, we are bold to bring You our praise and thanksgiving. We delight to remember how You care for us all. Be pleased with our offerings of unbridled devotion and accept our attempts to give You the worship You are due. Amen.

Gathering Prayer of Adoration

Jason Whitener

Prelude

Praeludium

Georg Böhm

*Call to Worship

Psalm 105

Leader: Give thanks to God Who spread a cloud for a covering and gave fire to light the night!

People: Who opened the rock and water gushed forth and flowed through the desert sands.

Leader: Seek the Lord and the strength only God can give, a presence that continually abides.

People: We will remember the wonderful works God has done, the miracles, and the judgments God made.

All: Let us worship God!

†*Processional Hymn #339

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

Celebration of Community

Phil Brown

Minute for Mt. T.O.P.

Tim Cutler

Minute for Thornwell

Brittany Harrold

*Invitation to Confession

O Lord, Send Down Your Spirit

REFRAIN

Hal H. Hopson



CONG: O Lord, send down your Spir it, and make us new a - gain.

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Verse (choir only)

Lord, how great You are! How beautiful the world You made. The moon and stars on high, the flowers and the hills, O God, You made them all, they still are in Your hand.

*Call to Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

*Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Like our ancestors before us, we complain when things do not go our own way. We want abundance of everything rather than what is sufficient to sustain us. We would rather be elsewhere than where we are at the moment. When things do not go our way we ask, where are You? We would rather You serve us than be accountable ourselves. You gave manna and quail to those before us, yet we still doubt You will be there for us. Forgive our lack of trust in Your goodness and grant us forgiveness, we humbly pray. 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

Catherine Anne Thomas

Third Grade Bible Presentation

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 in Rooms 125 and 126.

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.

Anthem

A Psalm of Peace

Jane Marshall

Chancel Choir

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints, to those who turn to Him in their hearts. Surely His salvation is at hand for those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

(Psalm 85:8-11)

(Parents may return to their seats during the singing of the anthem.)

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 105: 1-8

Lindy Farley

Page 523

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 18: 21-35

Jason Whitener

Pages 852-853

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Forgive Us Our Debts, As We Forgive Our Debtors"

Jason Whitener

The Apostles' Creed (in unison)

Shannon Dill

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

Offertory

David McCarthy

*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 #223

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer

STUTTGART

*Invitation to Discipleship

*Benediction

*Postlude

Fugue

Georg Böhm

The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bernice Ann Knoeck by her daughter and family, Ted, Mary Jane, Chris and Carly Guerrant.

Serving Today

Acolytes: Bible Bearer: Landis Mangum; Candle Lighter: Andrew Rice;
Crucifer: David Reid; Bell Ringer: Katie Ryan

Chancel Guild: Vicky & Art Simon

Continental Breakfast: Christine & Bob Crutchfield

Greeters: Diane Beidl, Donna & Rich Crutchfield, Tom McKinney

Nursery Supervisor: Amanda Dunnick

Nursery Volunteers: Kirsten & Jeff Gromatzky

Open/Close: Josh Nunez

Sound Crew: Bob Burroughs

Ushers: Forrest Bell, Sr. & Forest Bell, Jr., Bob Johnson - Captain, Edna & Jim Schell

KNOW

Inquirers' and New Members' Fall Class

We will have our next Inquirers' and New Members' class this fall every Sunday, October 16 through November 20, in the Session Room, #109. The class will be led by Jason Whitener and St. Luke's members. If you are interested in knowing more about St. Luke's and/or want to join the church and be part of this class, please contact Jason Whitener at 770-393-1424, ext. 223 or jasonwhitener@slpres.org.

FEAST for ALL! ~ TODAY'S THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION

Register now for our Wednesday night fellowship and learning program, beginning **THIS WEDNESDAY**, September 21. Please leave your completed registration form and payment in the picnic basket in Sheppard Hall, in the Christian Education office or Liz Catlett's mailbox **TODAY**. Please do not put your FEAST checks in the collection plate. Note the family dinner deal! More details are in the brochure which is on our website, www.slpres.org, or in the lobby. If you want to sign up for the dinner on a weekly pay-as-you-go plan, please complete a blue pew card or call the church office by noon on Monday.

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

FINCH (Families in Christ), Room 230: This class brings together parents and adults to learn and grow in their own faith and their ability to share that faith with their families. Jason and Kristy Whitener will start off in September with a seven-week study of *The Busy Family's Guide to Spirituality* by David Robinson.

Kerygma, Room 232: This class explores Scripture, Christian belief, and our faith with the goal of growing as Christian disciples. We will start the year with *Beginnings: A Study of the Call of God in Genesis*.

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 "Wisdom and Discernment." (Proverbs 25:1-10)

Seasons of the Spirit, Room 231-233: A biblically-based discussion class following revised common Lectionary. We explore the ways God renews creation through the healing gift of Spirit as expressed in waters and rivers. (Revelation 22:1-5)

Soul Food, Room 235: Finding Sustenance for Faithful Living: Fellowship, study and discussion on a range of topics related to spirituality in our lives. The *Thoughtful Christian* curriculum provides the source material for this class.

Youth Connection (SLYC)

Youth Sunday School: 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Youth rooms upstairs

Youth Choir: 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the Choir Room ~ **BEGINS TODAY**

Youth Connection: 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Great Hall ~ This week is Youth and Parent Kick-Off. Get all the information for the year ahead!

FEAST for Youth: Wednesday, September 21, 5:45 p.m. dinner ~ 7:15 p.m. pick-up

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

Children's Ministries

New Child Information/Authorization Forms: ALL parents should complete one of these new forms for children of all ages. These will be good for one year, and will help us do the best job we can to keep your child safe and happy in all Children's Ministries programs. Forms are available in the church lobby and they are also on our web site.

LAST CALL for F.E.A.S.T. for ALL! Remember, our wonderful Wednesday night program begins THIS week, and we have classes for children ages three and up – as well as great child care for younger ones. Please tell us that you're coming and what you'd like to do when you get here! Forms are available in the church lobby and in Sheppard Hall.

St. Luke's Little Saints

Is your Little Saint ready to come to school? We still have openings in some of our younger classes. Please call St. Luke's Little Saints Preschool and Kindergarten to inquire about available space. We serve 12 months through Kindergarten in our wonderful Sheppard Hall facilities. Carol Perry: 770-393-1424, x 240

St. Luke's Presbyterian Women

Circle Meetings: (All Circle meetings are held in the Parlor, Room 145.)

Monday, October 17, 9:30-11 a.m.

Monday, October 17, 7:30-9 p.m.

Tuesday, October 18, 9:30-11 a.m.

October circle item to bring is a contribution to Thank Offering.

This year the book study is "*Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life*" by Marjorie Thompson and the lesson for October will be Chapter 2, "Chewing the Bread of the Word". (Bible Study/Reading)

PW Coordinating Team: Next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 4 from 7 to 8:15 p.m. in the Parlor, Room 145.

Men's Bible Study

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

SHARE

Last Sunday, St. Luke's Church welcomed 40 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.

50 SPONSORS TO GO!!! ONLY 13 days left to reach our **SPONSORSHIP GOAL** by **October 1**. Drop your pledge in the offering plate or visit our table in the lobby **TODAY**. Every pledge helps. Thanks so much to all who have pledged!
Tartan Trot Committee

Christmas in the Fall for Thornwell: The Presbyterian Women of St. Luke's annually "adopts" a child from Thornwell, which is a 136-year-old, non-profit ministry of the Presbyterian Church (USA) serving abused, abandoned, and neglected children. This year we have "adopted" a bubbly 9th grader named Brittany who loves sports and the colors red and baby blue. In order to provide clothes and a Christmas gift for her, please consider making a contribution prior to October 16. Please make your check payable to St. Luke's Presbyterian Women and include "Thornwell" on the memo line. You may leave the check in the apron in the lobby or in the offering plate. Questions? Contact Sandra DuBois at 770-395-7588.

Marriage Enrichment Group: Mark your calendars for the third Sunday of the month for our group meetings. Our first meeting this fall is **TODAY** 5-6:30 p.m. in the Parlor, Room 145. If anyone would like to “go out” to dinner together afterwards, they may do so, or if you prefer to go home and “get your week in order,” you will have the rest of the evening ahead of you. New this year, **child care** (no age limit) will be **provided free** at the church. RSVP to Kimey Reed at 404-441-8614 or kimeyreed@gmail.com.

Boy Scout Annual Popcorn Sale: St. Luke's Boy Scout Troop 764 have their popcorn sale continuing today and next Sunday, September 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Prices are from \$10-\$50, with 70% of the proceeds from popcorn sales go to support local scouting. You may select from microwave popcorn, caramel, cheese, chocolate, and pretzels. They will also accept donations to send popcorn to the troops, so stop by the table in the lobby or outside by the Scout Hut in Sheppard Hall.

MUSIC:

Chancel Choir: Wednesday Nights rehearsals from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Choir Room.

Youth Choir: Resumes **TODAY**, September 18 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

Cherub Choir: For children four years through the first grade, resumes **THIS** Wednesday, September 21 from 5:15 to 5:45 p.m. in Room 203, directed by Kristy Whitener.

Westminster Choir: For children in the second through fifth grades, resumes **THIS** Wednesday, September 21 from 5 to 5:45 p.m. in the Choir Room.

Festival Ringers: Youth and adults are welcome to join the handbell choir. Rehearsals resume **THIS** Wednesday, September 21, 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. We are in need of at least four people to join us. No previous music or handbell experience necessary. You can learn how to ring and read music at the same time! It is a great “small group” musical and fellowship experience. Contact Clair Maxwell at church or any current member of the choir if you are interested.

Celebrate the Arts, Saturday, September 24, at 7 p.m.: Join members of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra in an evening of exquisite chamber music by the new Dunwoody Chamber Ensemble. Returning favorites William Pu and Wooyoung Choi are some of the performers playing Brahms' Quintet in F minor and other romantic classics. Join us for an evening out at church!

O.W.L.S. (Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors): The O.W.L.S.' first fall event will be on Tuesday, September 27, at 11:30 a.m. in the Great Hall. The cost for lunch is \$7 per person, and you can RSVP on the sign-up sheet on the lobby bulletin board. The program will be CANINE ASSISTANTS and how they can benefit seniors.

Stephen Ministry has been a part of St. Luke's “In Reach” since 2008. Our dedicated team continues to improve their care-taking skills through monthly education programs. In these challenging times, reaching out to this valuable resource, sharing your concerns with someone who will listen in a non-judgmental way, offers consistent care each and every week. The hallmark of this ministry is confidentiality. We reach out not only to St. Luke's members, but to the community as well. We look forward to sharing more about who we are and what we do on September 25, Stephen Ministry Sunday. Consider inviting a neighbor, co-worker or friend to attend this worship service! Stephen Ministers will be sharing their enthusiasm and light refreshments with you following the service!

ACT UP! to present Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic musical, “The King and I”: Community and church members are needed to fill chorus roles. The performance dates are October 14, 15, 16, 21 and 22. If you are interested and/or would like more information, please contact Glenda Gray at 770-880-8593 or heyautngg@aol.com.

Jobs & Java - St. Luke's Job Seekers Support Group: Next meeting, **Tuesday, September 27**, 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.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

Give the Gift of Life: There will be a blood drive on Sunday, October 2, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Great Hall. Be sure to bring a photo ID with you and drink plenty of fluids (avoiding caffeine) before you come. For more information or to sign up, please contact Patsy Bradley at 770-394-5383.

St. Luke's Men's Breakfast: Join us on **October 8th at 8 a.m. in the Session Room (#109)** for a time of warm fellowship and a fantastic breakfast. For questions and/or to be added to the email list, contact Daryl Moore 678-441-6203, ddmoore@yahoo.com.

Faith and Film, Friday, October 21: The film will be "Groundhog Day." Dinner at 7 p.m., and the movie starts at 7:45 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.

Do you like fiction, non-fiction, or possibly a book of devotions? These are just a few of the types of books you can find in our library. Come see for yourself what we offer!

SERVE

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. Volunteers for Druid Hills Night Shelter are needed for November 27. If you or your group are interested, please contact Al Bridges at 770-394-6581 or sign on the lobby bulletin board.

Community Action Center's Food Pantry in Critical Need: The CAC Food Pantry is critically low on food. They need our help to refill the shelves. The Pantry is receiving an all-time high average of 950 visits per month. Please help a local family in need by donating a bag of groceries. The list of most needed food items is on the bulletin board in the lobby and can also be found on the CAC website www.ourcac.org.

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 items for 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 - some examples are canned meats and peanut butter. Please help fill the pantry for neighbors seeking assistance. This month we are collecting for Community Action Center (CAC).



Celebrate the Arts presents
Chamber Music
Concert

Saturday, September 24 at 7 pm

Carmen Fantasy by Pablo Sarasate
Piano Quintet in F minor by Johannes Brahms

Featuring
William Pu and Amy Chang, violin
Yiyin Li, viola
Jennifer Humphreys, cello
Wooyoung Choi, piano

Free will offering. Child care provided.

See Page 8 for details

St. Luke's Has Gone Mad for Plaid

Pledge your support now!
Goal ~ 130 sponsors...50 more needed by October 1!
6th Annual Tartan Trot 5K/10K

January 28, 2012



See Page 7 for details.

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 Kris Turnbull, Elder Annie Hardy,** 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 see the announcement for our Inquirers' and New Members' Class on page 6. If you have any questions, 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, Brittany Harrold
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. - 72; 11 a.m. - 348
Last Sunday's Tithes & Offerings: \$16,504 Financial reports available online.