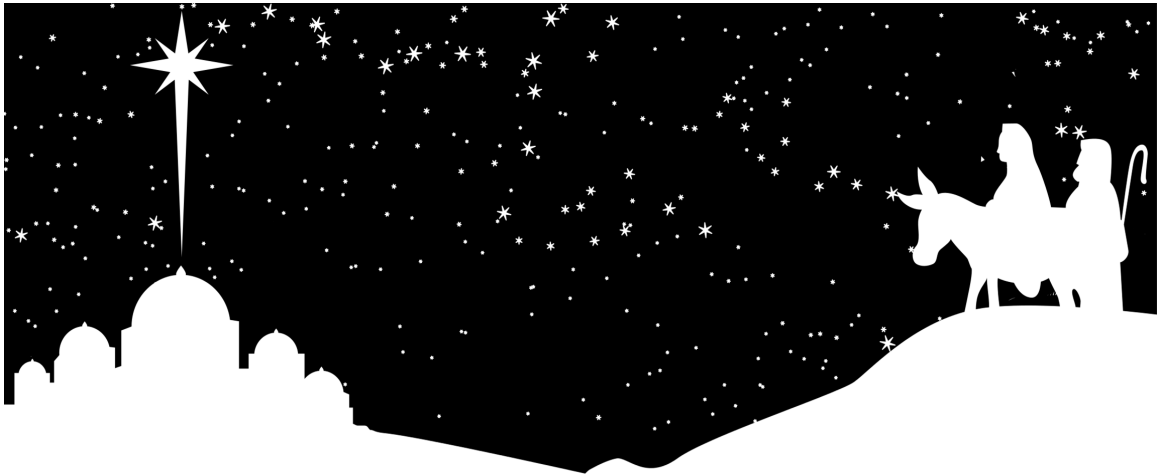


Coming and Going



11 a.m. ~ November 27, 2011

First Sunday of Advent
Liturgical Color: Purple

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 Shepherd of Israel, You open our lips; our mouths give You praise. You shepherd Your flock, gathering us from our wanderings, assembling us in Christ's name to learn of Your will. Your covenant names us, Your law guides us. The prophets attest to Your promise that we shall not be forsaken. With great expectations we watch for Your unfolding plan of salvation. Be present with us and guide us toward the truth in Christ's name. Amen.

Gathering Prayer of Adoration

Jason Whitener

Prelude

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Flor Peeters

Advent Wreath

Meg, David, Alex and Emily Wallace

†*Processional Hymn #9

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

Celebration of Community

Shannon Dill

*Invitation to Confession

Psalm 80



The Sacrament of Baptism Owen Roy Hamlin and Lillian Kathleen Hamlin 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 may be seated.)

Response Hymn #498 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* KINGDOM

Following the elder's statement, the congregation shall respond:

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Owen and Lilly into Christ's church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support them, to share the good news of the gospel with them, and to help them know and follow Christ.

We Hear God's Word Proclaimed

Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

Children are always welcome to stay in worship.

However, if you prefer, parents of children through age 3 may take them to the nursery.

Pre-K and Kindergarten children will remain in worship today, as there is no Faithful Friends class.

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Shannon Dill

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

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz

Chancel Choir

Peace be to you and grace from Him Who freed us from our sin, Who loved us all, and shed His blood that we might saved be. Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord Almighty God Who was and is, and is to come. Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein; rejoice on earth, ye saints below for Christ is coming, is coming soon. E'en so Lord Jesus quickly come and night shall be no more. They need no light, no lamp, nor sun for Christ will be their All!

(Revelation 22)

(Parents may return to their seats during the Anthem.)

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Stacey Kruse

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Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

For Your Personal Reflections

Serving Today

Acolytes: Crucifer - Chris Wolfe; Candle Lighter - Kristin Wadsworth;
Bible Bearer - Bonnie Ruggiero; Bell Ringer - Hayley Wolfe
Chancel Guild: Marcy & Keith Williams **Continental Breakfast:** Paula & Bill Barbin
Greeters: Diane Beidl, Becky & Tom Loftis, Tom McKinney
Open/Close: Jim Cox **Sound Crew:** Bob Burroughs
Ushers: Faye Cashwell, Gretchen Keyser - captain, Joel Knight, Janine & John McKenney

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## KNOW

### FEAST for ALL

**This Wednesday ~ STOP HUNGER NOW!** On **November 30**, all ages will participate in an Advent Service Project where we will package food for STOP HUNGER NOW. Then, on **December 7**, all ages will enjoy an evening of Christmas fun and fellowship. Dinner for these events is part of the of 10-week fee, or you can pay separately for each by filling out a blue card found in the pews and placing it in the offering plate or calling Sally Hawkins by noon on the Monday before the Wednesday dinner, 770-393-1424.

**Winter FEAST for ALL** begins **January 18!** After the rush of the holidays and the excitement of a new year begin to subside, you will want to pull up a chair and FEAST again! Great plans are being made for another season of Faith Exploration at St. Luke's - so sign up again or sign up for the first time. Registration forms will be available in the main lobby or on the website, [www.slpres.org](http://www.slpres.org). Registration opens mid-December and closes Sunday, January 15. Questions? Contact Liz Catlett, [lizcatlett@slpres.org](mailto:lizcatlett@slpres.org).

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

**FINCH (Families in Christ), Room 203:** 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. We are currently studying Adam Hamilton's *"The Journey,"* a five-week study of advent. Please note that FINCH will not meet on December 4, so that we can enjoy the "Happy Birthday, Jesus!" party with our families and church family.

**Faith Foundations, Room 232:** This class explores Scripture, Christian belief, and our faith with the goal of growing as Christian disciples. We are currently studying *Beginnings: A Study of the Call of God in Genesis*.

**The New Testament, Room 145, Parlor:** This class is for all levels of biblical knowledge as a traditional Bible study.

**Seasons of the Spirit, Room 231-233:** A biblically-based discussion class following revised common Lectionary. God challenges us to identify and take comfort in ways in which He is working in the world and in us. (Isaiah 40:1-11)

**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: No choir rehearsal today.**

Sundays, December 4 and 11, **12:15-1 p.m. ~ food provided**  
Sunday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the Choir Room

**Youth Connection: No Youth Connect today.**

Sunday, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

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

This week is STOP HUNGER NOW

Electronic calendar and more info at [www.slpres.org/youth.asp](http://www.slpres.org/youth.asp)

**Children's Ministries**

**Happy Birthday, Jesus! Party:** Children of all ages and their parents are invited to the party on Sunday, December 4, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Great Hall. See the Christmas insert for more information.

**Be Part of the Story!** We have several unique opportunities for children and their families to help spread the good news of Christ's birth!

Our **Live Nativity** is scheduled for Monday, December 19 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Our favorite furry friends from the Little Red Barn can't wait to come back, so now all we need are several families to help with our re-enactment of that first Christmas in Bethlehem. We provide the costumes for angels, shepherds, wise men, Mary, and Joseph...all we need are the people to wear them! Please contact Mary Kent, [gkent4@aol.com](mailto:gkent4@aol.com) if your family might enjoy this very "hands-on" way of sharing your faith.

On **Christmas Eve**, we will gather for our annual 5:30 p.m. family-oriented worship service. We never tire of hearing the greatest story ever told, but there's something special about seeing it unfold before our eyes on Christmas Eve. † We need an adult "stage manager" as well as both adult and children participants to play the various roles. We even need a couple of sheep-keepers! † Please email [cathomas@slpres.org](mailto:cathomas@slpres.org) if you can help with this very important part of our ministry to our members and many visitors on that holy night. Only one rehearsal is required on December 18 after 11 a.m. worship.

**Men's Bible Study**

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

**Presbyterian Women**

**Coordinating Team Meeting:** Tuesday, November 29, at 7 p.m. in the Parlor (Room 145)

**Name Tag Sunday**

Next Sunday, December 4, is 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 31 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.

**Officer Recommendations:** The Officer Recommendation Forms are available in the lobby and narthex. If you would like to recommend someone to be a deacon or elder, please complete a form and place it in the boxes provided in the lobby or narthex. Let us hear from you by Sunday, December 11. The following members were elected by the congregation to serve on this year's nominating committee: Paula Barbin, John Bradley, Susan Crawford, Brad Einarson, Julie Pile (chair), J.J. Singley, Ginger Williams, and Ellen Womack.

**Ready to Share?...Yes, we are!** St. Luke's is seeing a wonderful response to the "Ready to Share" 2012 Pledge Campaign! The preliminary information available indicates that we are well on our way toward living our Vision statement, "every member an active disciple in Christ's ministry": 170 pledges have been turned in through Sunday, November 20 - this represents nearly 50% of the potential pledging population...Over \$863,000 has been pledged through Sunday! As a placeholder, the 2011 church budget is \$1,518,000, with \$1,200,000 of that amount in Pledges...In two weeks we have achieved 72% of last year's amount pledged, with only 47% of the congregation responding so far!...We have 25 youth pledges so far, which represents an increase over the same period last year. The Commitment Committee wishes to express its gratitude to this wonderfully engaged and caring congregation for its support of St. Luke's and to encourage those in our congregation who plan to pledge to please return your form soon!

**Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors (OWLS):** The OWLS will have their Christmas party on Sunday, December 18, 3-5 p.m., at the home of Melba and J. C. Gay. See the insert for more information.

**St. Luke's Men's Breakfast:** Join us on **December 10th, 8 a.m. in the Session Room (#109)** for a morning of warm fellowship and fantastic food, as Brid Igleheart cooks his specialty. The program will feature **USMC Gunnery Sergeant Steve Cahn**, key player of Toys for Tots, who will give us the inside story on the annual Toys for Tots Drive. Those attending are invited to bring a toy for the Drive in lieu of contributing toward the cost of the breakfast. Plus - the Boy Scouts will be with us to help with the breakfast and to pick up the toys for delivery to the Marine Corps. The setting will put you in your comfort zone with your St. Luke's friends right there with you to enjoy the warm fellowship. For questions and/or to be added to the email list, contact Daryl Moore 678-441-6203, [ddmoore@yahoo.com](mailto:ddmoore@yahoo.com).

**Faith & Film, Friday, December 16:** December's film is "Joyeux Noel." Dinner at 7 p.m., and the movie starts at 7:45 p.m., Room 207. RSVP to Josh & Cindy Nunez at [cd\\_nunex@bellsouth.net](mailto:cd_nunex@bellsouth.net) and contact them to help with food.

### **Marriage Enrichment Group:**

Our next meeting is Sunday, **January 22**, 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 you may 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](mailto:kimeyreed@gmail.com).

**Love is Friendship Set to Music, February 10-12, 2012, Callaway Gardens ~ a Getaway Weekend for Your Marriage:** Come join other St. Luke's couples at the beautiful Callaway Gardens. You and your spouse deserve some time together. Additionally, your marriage requires the very best relationship skills you can acquire. This Getaway Weekend is for your marriage and will provide both time together and relationship skills training. It is sponsored by Better Marriages of Georgia. St. Luke's couples serving in leadership roles for the Getaway Weekend are the Stewarts, Reeds, Iglehearts, Bridges, Whiteners, and Owens. We expect 10 to 15 St. Luke's couples to attend. The registration fee is \$179, and rooms at the Callaway Gardens Mountain Creek Inn are \$119/night plus tax and fees. For more information and to register, go to: <http://www.bettermarriagesga.org/2012GW/GWindex.htm>. If you have questions, please contact Amy and George Stewart at 770-668-9257 or [stewartga@comcast.net](mailto:stewartga@comcast.net).

## **MUSIC:**

**Chancel Choir:** Wednesday night rehearsals, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Choir Room.

**Youth Choir:** No rehearsal tonight.

Sundays, December 4 and 11, 12:15-1 p.m. ~ food provided

Sunday night, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

**Cherub Choir:** Children four years through the first grade, Wednesday night, 5:15 to 5:45 p.m. in Room 203, directed by Kristy Whitener.

**Westminster Choir:** Children in second through fifth grade, Wednesday night, 5 to 5:45 p.m. in the Choir Room.

**Festival Ringers:** For youth and adults, Wednesday night, 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. in the Bell Room.

**New books continue to be donated to the library!** Your little one may enjoy hearing about or reading *The Littlest Angel* by Charles Tazewell. Adults will find this book by Bruce Feiler (author of *Walking the Bible*) very interesting ~ *Abraham, A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths*.

**Flower Ministry ~ 2012 Flowers:** To give flowers in memory or in honor of someone, or for a special event, reserve your date now! Cost is \$80. You may sign up on the calendar on the main lobby bulletin board or call Faye Cashwell, 770-409-1960.

**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.

**Jobs & Java - St. Luke's Job Seekers Support Group:** Next meeting, **Tuesday, December 6**, noon at Starbucks in Dunwoody Village for networking and support. For information, contact Louise Lewis at [LewisLouise@bellsouth.net](mailto:LewisLouise@bellsouth.net) or Jared Elliot at [jared.elliott@att.net](mailto: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](mailto:dibeidl@bellsouth.net) / 770-448-5785

**Jared Elliot**, Manager/Director of Operations, [Jared.Elliot@att.net](mailto:Jared.Elliot@att.net)

**Jim Garrison**, Advertising and Marketing, [jimgarrison@mindspring.com](mailto:jimgarrison@mindspring.com) / 404-408-5550

**Earl Owens**, Financial & Management Analyst, Management Accounting & Activity Based Costing, [unc\\_tarheel@bellsouth.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:kris.e.turnbull@gmail.com)

**Stephen Ministry is hosting our annual Service of Comfort of Rest:** Sunday, December 11, at 5 p.m. in the Chapel. See the insert for more information.

## SERVE

**It's Not a Sandwich, It's a Meal!** Actually, it's 12,000 meals. Meals for our Metro Atlanta neighbors, who are hungry. St. Luke's Presbyterian Women hope you can join us in the Great Hall on Sunday, January 22 for our annual Sandwich Project from 10:30 - 2:30. Together we will assemble 12,000 bologna and cheese sandwiches which will be distributed by the Atlanta Community Food Bank to those in need. We would also greatly appreciate donations to help with the cost. Questions? Contact Gena Spears at 770-734-9264 or [genaspears@comcast.net](mailto:genaspears@comcast.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.

**Looking to serve your church?** There is a need for those willing to serve in a friendly and welcoming way as ushers. Duties include greeting everyone passing out bulletins, taking up the offering, directing congregants during communion, and tidying up after worship. Questions? Contact John Tienken, 770-394-1104, tienkenj@gmail.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 one of the carts in the main lobby (just inside the doors at the Manhasset entrance) - Buy Some; Share One! Please consider adding protein - some examples are canned meats and peanut butter (no soup please). Please help fill the pantry for neighbors seeking assistance. We are now collecting for Interfaith Outreach Home.

### Elders

**Class of 2012:** Bona Allen (Clerk of Session), John Bradley, Ted Guarrant, 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

# TOYS FOR TOTS

## Christmas Concert

December 4<sup>TH</sup> | 5 P.M.

Bring a new, unwrapped toy when you attend our annual benefit for the Atlanta chapter of Toys for Tots.

Our own Chancel Choir and Festival Ringers join The Premiere Brass Quintet in joyous music of the season.

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## 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 Ben King, 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](mailto: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 &<br>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. - 75; 11 a.m. - 334  
Last Sunday's Tithes & Offerings: \$20,207 Financial reports available online.