

At Saint Luke's we proclaim how much we love Jesus Christ and gratefully acknowledge Him as our Lord. We emphasise the importance of forging a personal relationship with Him.

We honour the Bible as the Word of God and tell everyone the Good News – proclaim the Gospel – of Jesus Christ.

We are grateful for the privilege of prayer – direct communication with God – and make it central to our community and personal life.

And we have a regular Healing Service where we pray for all who will come, to be set free from sickness and disease, from demonic oppression and for their salvation – their rescue and restoration in Jesus Christ.

So come in. Sit down. Listen and learn of God and His love for you. Pray and worship with us. And when you are ready, let us welcome you into His family and our community.

Welcome to Saint Luke's United Church
a Jesus-centred Christian congregation –
“the House of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

“...Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”
(Philippians 2:11, KJV)

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SAINT LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH

House of Friendship

March 24, 2019

Lent 3

10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Saint Luke's, the House of Friendship, where all are welcome regardless of age, gender, race, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, differing abilities, or economic circumstances.

Organ Prelude:

*♪ **Processional Hymn VU 651** **Guide me, O thou great Jehovah**
(Choir to process down the aisle on this Hymn)

Welcome

(Please remain standing)

Territorial Acknowledgement

*Call to Worship

Andrew Macpherson

(Please remain standing)

One: Our Lenten journey has seen several paths, Christian communities around the world have challenges that must confront. We shall overcome, we will do what is required of us to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

This is the House of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Christ brings us out of our comfort zone. Christ calls us to places we do not want to enter. The door has opened, let us embrace the unknown and walk with Christ

One: The Holy Spirit breathes life into our lungs. We are not alone in our adherence to Lent. What are we will to commit?

All: We commit our faith, our love and recognize Christ Jesus as the sources of our salvation. The embers of the fire Christ has lit still burn in this community of faith. The time has come for us to allow the fire to Roar.

*Opening Prayer

Andrew Macpherson

Profession of Faith (seated; in unison)

With the Church through the ages,
we speak of God as one and triune:

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We also speak of God as

Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer

God, Christ, and Spirit

Mother, Friend, and Comforter

Source of Life, Living Word, and Bond of Love,

and in other ways that speak faithfully of

the One on whom our hearts rely,

the fully shared life at the heart of the universe.

(A Song of Faith)

Minutes for Missions

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.

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Please sign the Guest Book in the Narthex and join the congregation for a time of fellowship after the service.

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* (The asterisk indicates to Please Stand if you are able)

Today

Pastoral Prayer of this week:

Those in need of your prayers:

Ruth Carbonell, Judy March and her Aunt who has passed, Josephine Agustin (Mother of Nestor Agustin) Carmen Justo, Lorna Agustin (Sister of Nestor and Edith Agustin), Miriam Bayot and the family of Emma Baquisa.

(The Pastoral Care Committee will put names for you to remember in your prayers. Please speak to Olga Semple, Rev. Andrew Macpherson or the church office)

Next Week

Scripture Lessons for March 31

Joshua 5:9-12	God takes away the shame of Egypt from the people.
Psalm 32	Blessed are those who are forgiven.
2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Anyone in Christ is a new creation.
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32	The prodigal son; the prodigal father.

If you wish to volunteer, please ask the minister or see the church office.

Date	Readers	Scripture Lessons
March 24	Andrew Macpherson	Isaiah 55:1-9 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
March 31	Dawnlove Agamao	Joshua 5:9-12 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
April 7	David Domingo	Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:4-14
April 14	Doug Mills	Isaiah 50:4-9 Philippians 2:5-11

*🎵 Hymn VU 460 All who hunger

LISTENING TO HOLY SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Isaiah 55:1-9

New Testament 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Anthem: My Soul Is thirsting for You
Hymn #MV 109

Gospel St. Luke 13:1-9

Sermon Returning from Damascus
Rev. Andrew Macpherson

Announcements
(Joys, Concerns, and Ministry Updates) Andrew Macpherson

SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH OTHERS Andrew Macpherson

Sharing of the Peace of Christ
Jesus said: "When you are offering your gift at the altar,
If you remember that your brother or sister
Has something against you,
Leave your gift and go;
First be reconciled to your brother or sister,
And then come and offer your gift."
The peace of Christ be with you all

Let us Share the Peace of Christ

Inviting Our Gifts & Offerings

Andrew Macpherson

We abide in God and offer our lives. God use even what is pruned for the growing. Let us bring the first fruits of our lives, the first fruits of our hearts to our neighbours following Christ's teachings.

Offertory Music

***Doxology: God Of All Good**

VU #539

♪ God of all good, our gifts we bring to you,
use them your holy purpose to fulfil,
tokens of love and pledges brought anew,
that our whole life is offered to your will. ♪

Prayer of Dedication

**Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Andrew Macpherson

***♪ Hymn VU 227**

For the fruit of all creation

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude:

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Service	March 24	March 31	April 7
Ushers	Nestor Agustin Leonida Agustin Olga Semple Henrietta Semple	Bob Keel Penny Keel Arnel Agustin Marissa Agustin	Peter Kopplin Vilma Garcia Windlove & Winda Agamao
Counters	Cesar Abrenica David Domingo	Cesar Abrenica David Domingo	Peter Kopplin Doug Mills
Presiders	Andrew Macpherson	Andrew Macpherson	David Agustin

March News

A board meeting will follow the worship service today.

Bible Study will continue in the minister's office at 1 pm.

Dr. Michelle Voss Roberts (Principal of Emmanuel College) will be our guest preacher on Sunday March 31st and she will be leading a presentation for the congregation following the worship service. The title will be Theologies of religious pluralism intersecting with the question posed by John 14:6.

Our guest organist today is Marianne Gast, we welcome you.