



**Second Sunday After Epiphany  
January 14, 2018  
at Ten Fifty A.M.**



**St. Luke's**  
United Methodist Church

## WELCOME TO ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

We're so glad you've joined us for worship this morning. Our mission is to share God's love and bring hope to the world. We hope you leave here today inspired by a message of hope and ready to embrace life in the week ahead.

Hymnals, Bibles, large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices are available in the Narthex.

Children's Ministry is available during the worship service for infants - 5th grade.

Parents with active or tearful children can watch a live feed of the service in the Watchorn Chapel. A children's activity bag is also available in the Narthex.

A Hospitality Team member is at the Welcome Center to help.

## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

*(†Those who are able, please stand in honor of God.)*

PRELUDE

arr. Jay Rouse

*In the Bleak Midwinter*  
Robert Fasol, organist

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 577

CWM RHONDDA

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

*God of grace and God of glory, on Your people pour Your power; crown Your ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us; free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.*

*Cure Thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to Thy control, shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss Your kingdom's goal, lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.*

*Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving Thee whom we adore, serving Thee whom we adore.*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Wendy Lambert

There is an ever-present reality in our lives:

**the faithful love of God.**

There is no place that we can go or find ourselves

**where God's presence will not be.**

So that in times of light or in moments of darkness,

**whether we are near or far,**

walking away or running back,

**in the midst of joy or sorrow,**

finding success or feeling failure,

**God's love is there.**

If we listen,

**we can hear the voice of God calling us.**

Listen for God;

**it's time to go home.**

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

As a family of faith, let us affirm our faith together.

**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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;**

The third day He rose from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at 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 Spirit;  
the holy catholic\* church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*universal

†GLORIA PATRI

MEINEKE

*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.*

CALL TO PRAYER

Rev. Phil Greenwald

The peace of the Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

*Hear our prayer, O Lord; incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.  
And grant us Thy peace.*

PASTORAL 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

†HYMN 348

THOMPSON

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

*Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me; see, on the portals He's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me. Come home, come home; ye who are weary come home; earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!*

*Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me? Why should we linger and heed not His mercies, mercies for you and for me? Come home, come home; ye who are weary come home; earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!*

*O for the wonderful love He has promised, promised for you and for me! Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. Come home, come home; ye who are weary come home; earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!*

ANTHEM

arr. Andre Thomas

*Keep Your Lamps*  
Chancel Choir, Violin and Percussion  
Robert Fasol, piano/conductor

*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh. Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.*

*Children don't get weary, children don't get weary, children don't get weary 'til your work is done. Children don't get weary, children don't get weary, children don't get weary 'til your work is done.*

*Christian journey soon be over, Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh. Christian journey soon be over, Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.*

*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh. Keep your lamps trimmed*

*and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.*

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Phil Greenwald

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

D. Crowder / E. Cash / S. Philpott

*Lift Your Head, Weary Sinner*

Cantate Chamber Choir, Violin and Percussion

Robert Fasol, *piano/conducto*

*Lift your head, weary sinner, the river's just ahead down the path of forgiveness; salvation's waiting there. You built a mighty fortress ten thousand burdens high, love is here to lift you up, here to lift you high.*

*If you're lost and wandering, come stumbling in like a prodigal child. See the walls start crumbling; let the gates of glory open wide.*

*All who strayed and walked away, unspeakable things you've done, fix your eyes on the mountain; let the past be dead and gone. Whatever you've done can't overcome the power of the blood.*

*If you're lost and wandering, come stumbling in like a prodigal child. See the walls start crumbling; let the gates of glory open wide. If you're lost and wrecked again, come stumbling in like a prodigal child. See the wall start crumbling; let the gates of glory open wide.*

*Let the chains fall!*

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†DOXOLOGY

OLD 100th

*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.*

†THE GOSPEL

Rev. David Poteet

And he said, "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.'

And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. (Luke 15:11-24)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

*You Can Go Home Again*

From the Sermon Series: Telling the Story

*Coming Home*  
 Laura Cunningham, *violin*  
 Robert Fasol, *piano*

## INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

If you desire to become a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, please refer to the announcement insert for additional information.

## †HYMN

SWEET HOUR

*Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown*

*Come, O thou Traveler unknown, whom still I hold, but cannot see! My company before is gone, and I am left alone with Thee. With Thee all night I mean to stay, and wrestle till the break of day; with Thee all night I mean to stay, and wrestle till the break of day.*

*I need not tell Thee who I am, my misery and sin declare; Thyself hast called me by my name, look on Thy hands and read it there. But who, I ask Thee, who art thou? Tell me Thy name, and tell me now. But who, I ask Thee, who art Thou? Tell me Thy name, and tell me now.*

*'Tis Love! 'tis Love! Thou diedst for me, I hear Thy whisper in my heart. The morning breaks, the shadows flee, pure, Universal Love Thou art. To me, to all, Thy mercies move; Thy nature and Thy name is Love. To me, to all, Thy mercies move; Thy nature and Thy name is Love.*

## †SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

Throughout our lives:

**God's forgiveness finds us;**

God's mercy envelops us;

**God's redemption restores us;**

God's love calls us.

**We can go home again.**

## POSTLUDE

Antonio Vivaldi

*The Seasons (Winter)*  
 Robert Fasol, *organist*

## LEADING IN WORSHIP

**Dr. Robert E. Long**  
 Senior Pastor

**Rev. Wendy Lambert**  
 Senior Executive Pastor

**Rev. Phil Greenwald**  
 Executive Pastor of Administration

**Rev. David Poteet**  
 Pastor of Congregational Care

*Musicians*  
**Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster**

**Chancel Choir**

**Cantate Chamber Choir**

**Laura Cunningham, Violin**

**Jeremy Parr, Percussion**

Holy Communion is offered this morning in Watchorn Chapel at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. It is served by the Congregational Care Ministry Team.



The Bible was written long ago by many different people on the other side of the world, we still recognize our own lives throughout scripture in the successes, failures, relationship struggles, and our need to be accepted. The more we know about the Bible, the more we learn about ourselves and those around us. In 2018, we seek to learn more about how the stories in scripture tell us about God, because God's story is our story.



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### **Congregational Care Ministry**

The St. Luke's family of faith desires to extend care to you in the times of concern and joy and all that is in-between. Please write your prayer concerns on an attendance card during Sunday services or email to [ccm@stlukesokc.org](mailto:ccm@stlukesokc.org). You may also call 232-1371 with your prayers concerns.

### **Faith Partners**

Faith Partners seeks to educate, refer and walk with people along their journey towards recovery from addiction. If you or someone you love struggles with addiction and would like help, please go online to [faithpartners.stlukesokc.org](http://faithpartners.stlukesokc.org) or email to [ccm@stlukesokc.org](mailto:ccm@stlukesokc.org).

### **Radio Programming**

Listen to "Something to Think About" with Dr. Bob Long between 7:30 a.m. and 8 a.m. on following radio stations: 98.1 The Sports Animal and Magic 104.1. The sermon can be heard on KREF AM 1400 at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday morning.

### **TV Programming**

St. Luke's Traditional service can be seen as a half-hour television program on KOCO channel 5 at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday morning. CDs are available in Threefold or contact Bev Barnes at 232-1371. We will be glad to mail a copy of the service to you. Cost is \$5 for a CD or \$10 for a DVD.

### **Online Worship Service**

If you are unable to attend worship on any Sunday, you can join us online for the 10:50 a.m. Traditional Worship Service broadcast live from the Downtown Campus. You can watch on your computer, smartphone, or tablet. Simply look for the "Online Worship" link on the [stlukesokc.org](http://stlukesokc.org) website. A link is also available on the St. Luke's App.

### **Welcome to Our Newest Members Joining in December:**

*Downtown:* Nathan and Meagan Barker, Karen Gentry, Michael Gentry, Cindy Rogers, Christopher Young and Jiayin Wang, Kenneth and Michelle Thompson, Tyler and Lindsey Clinton, Julia Lollar, Douglas Lollar, Karen Donaldson, Dana Soulen

*Edmond:* Carol and John Morris, Linda and Todd Walters, Nicole and Ron Witherspoon, Nelda Brown, Patricia Edwards, James, Marci, Sam and Hannah Hoffman, Aaron and Karey Landers

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

Worship Service:  8:30  9:40  10:50

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

- 1st Time Guest
- 2nd Time Guest
- Regular Guest
- St. Luke's Member

Names and Birth Dates of Children With You

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# Announcements

Call (405) 232-1371 for more info or visit [stlukesokc.org](http://stlukesokc.org).



## Tonight! Our Stories Start at Home: An Evening of Inspiration with Bob and Marsha Long

Start the new year by sharing a delicious dinner with your family of faith and hearing stories from Bob and Marsha Long about their children, grandkids, and some of the Long's family faith traditions. Faith has been the guiding principle in their home, and they hope to inspire you and your family during Our Stories Start at Home - tonight at 5 p.m. in the Christian Life Center (CLC) at the Downtown Campus. Adult tickets are \$8 and are still available for purchase in Threefold. If you have already RSVP'd, you can pick your tickets at the Will Call Desk tonight. Children's activities will take place during the presentation for all children, infant to 5th grade.



## Wednesday Night Alive

Make a New Year's resolution to have more fun! Join us for the Spring Session of Wednesday Night Alive! WNA offers a variety of classes for adults, youth, and children - all starting Wednesday, January 17, and running through March 21. Dinner is served in the CLC at 5:15 p.m. (\$5 for adults - children 12 and under are free). Classes begin at 6:30. WNA is a great opportunity for the entire family to grow in their faith. Class descriptions are available at the Welcome Center and online at [stlukesokc.org/WNA](http://stlukesokc.org/WNA).

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## Lunch with Bob

Get to know Dr. Bob and Marsha Long over lunch! They have been sharing God's love with the St. Luke's family of faith since 1991. You're invited to hear the inspiring story of their faith journey on Sunday, January 28, at 12:15 p.m. for Lunch With Bob in the Mansion Library. A private joining ceremony will also be available. Childcare is provided. Please RSVP to Morgan Jones: [mjones@stlukesokc.org](mailto:mjones@stlukesokc.org), or call 609-1028.

## Make a Difference - Volunteer at Rancho Village

Volunteers are needed to help *Share God's Love* at Rancho Village Elementary. St. Luke's is truly making a difference in the lives of the students, teachers, and staff of Rancho Village Elementary. Our volunteer efforts are helping students improve in reading, math, and many other areas. For just a few minutes a week, you can impact a child's life. If you would like to help by serving as a Reading Buddy, Math Buddy, or Mentor; look for our volunteers at the desk in the Gallery today. You can also contact Rev. Keith King at 609-1026, or go online to sign up at [stlukesokc.org/rancho](http://stlukesokc.org/rancho).

## Pet Ministry Meeting

2018 is going to be a great year for our furry friends! You're invited to help St. Luke's kick off the Pet Ministry with a New Year Party and Planning meeting on January 16 at 6 p.m. in the Mansion Library at the Downtown Campus. This is a great time to jump into the Pet Ministry to discuss goals and activities for the year. For details, email Beth Armstrong at [barmstrong@stlukesokc.org](mailto:barmstrong@stlukesokc.org), or call 609-1045.

Prayer Requests or Questions: \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you first hear about St. Luke's?**

- TV  Radio  Web  Other  
 I'm a guest of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Age Group**

- 6th-12th Grade  College  18-30  
 31-40  41-50  51-59  60+

**I would like more info about:**

- Children's Programs  
 Youth (6th to 12th grade) Programs  
 Classes for Adults  
 Volunteer Opportunities  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Joining

- I wish to join St. Luke's  
*If you wish to join St. Luke's this morning, please bring this card to the front during the last song instead of placing it in the offering basket.*
- I would like to know more about membership.
- I'm interested in joining but don't want to come to the front.
- Contact me about other ways to join.

# Announcements

Call (405) 232-1371 for more info or visit [stlukesokc.org](http://stlukesokc.org).

### Women of Faith Bible Study

The Women of Faith Bible Study will begin a new book study, *Embrace Grace* by Liz Curtis Higgs on January 18. The group meets at noon on Thursdays in the Mansion Library at the Downtown Campus. Lunch is available for \$5 each week. Books will be available at the first study for \$12.

### Senior Bible Study

Attention senior adults! It's a new year and a new chance to learn the story of the Bible and grow with friends. You're invited to Senior Bible Study, every Monday morning at 9:30 a.m. in Room 200. A new study begins on January 22 – "God's Story, Your Story." Max Lucado gives a fresh perspective on how your daily life relates to God's grand, epic story. Your journey of faith will come alive as you explore the divine story in the scriptures and how these stories reveal God's plans for you today. There's no cost and no RSVP is needed.

### Parent's Night Out

Parents, it's time for a relaxing night out on the town. St. Luke's Downtown Campus is hosting Parent's Night Out on Friday, January 26, from 6 - 8:30 p.m. Families with children (ages infant - 5th grade) are invited to bring their kids here for free childcare, which includes a movie, delicious food, and fun with friends! Register online by January 24 at [stlukesokc.org](http://stlukesokc.org).

### Youth Lunch Bunch Today

Youth Lunch Bunch is ready to have fun today! All 6th - 12th grade youth come together after church and head out for lunch! It's a great time to get connected in the church and make new friends. If it's your first time with the Youth Lunch Bunch, we'll buy your meal! Meet up with other youth and youth staff after worship from noon to 2:30 p.m. Don't forget to bring money for lunch.

### Winter Youth Week {end}

Calling all Youth! It may be cold outside, but you can warm some hearts with service projects during Winter Youth Week{end}! On Saturday, January 20 (10 a.m.-7 p.m.) and Sunday, January 21 (noon - 5 p.m.), 6th - 12th grade students will help serve our community and share fun activities together at various places. It's \$20/day. For details, email Amy Givens at [agivens@stlukesokc.org](mailto:agivens@stlukesokc.org), or call 609-1027.

### Youth Spring Break Mission Trips

Youth, it's already time to start thinking about Spring Break mission trips! We will serve communities, explore new areas, and have a blast on these life-changing trips! Middle School students will go to Kansas City on March 18-21 (total cost is \$250), and High School students will go to the Navajo Reservation in New Mexico on March 18-24 (total cost is \$600). Parents and other adults are encouraged to join the group as leaders. Sign up by the deposit deadline (January 28) at [stlukesokc.org](http://stlukesokc.org) (\$75 deposit due for Middle School trip, \$150 deposit due for HS trip). Students can earn "Mission Bucks" to offset the cost! For details, email Amy Givens at [agivens@stlukesokc.org](mailto:agivens@stlukesokc.org), or call 609-1027.