

# WELCOME TO ST. LUKE'S METHODIST CHURCH

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



## EDMOND CAMPUS SERVICE OF WORSHIP Baptism of the Lord January 19, 2025 11 A.M.

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

PRELUDE

arr. Duane Funderburk

*Let All Things Now Living*  
Yajing Zhang, violin  
Jose Palacios, cello  
Marji Shelton, piano

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND GREETING

Rev. Josh Attaway

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

NICAIA

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see, only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

We are told how we should love God: with all our heart - so that we more freely love all of humanity;

**with all our soul - so that we become the people we were created to be;**  
**with all our mind - so that we better understand the will of God;**  
**and with all our strength - so that we reflect God's love to the world.**

†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. Josh Attaway

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

## 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

### ANTHEM

Mark Hayes

*His Eye Is On the Sparrow*  
Madison Woods, soloist  
Dr. Candace Fish, piano

*Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come? Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home, when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is He: His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me. His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.*

*I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free, for His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.*

*Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise, when song gives place to sighing, when hope within me dies, I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free; His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me. His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.*

*I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free, for His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He's protecting, and I know that He's loving, and I know He watches me.*

## LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Josh Attaway

To register your attendance please text "guest" or "member" to (405) 351-4001.

Prayer requests can be submitted by texting your request to (405) 351-4001 or a prayer card can be dropped in the offering plate or in the offering box located outside of the Worship Center.

## DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\* Text the letters SLM to the number 73256 to give on a secure website.

\* Cash and checks can be placed in the offering plate or in the offering box located outside of the Worship Center.

*Shepherd Me, O God*  
 Chancel Choir  
 Yajing Zhang, *violin*  
 Jose Palacios, *cello*  
 Marji Shelton, *piano*  
 Dr. Candace Fish, *director*

*Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.*

*God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want. I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love.*

*I walk by the quiet waters of peace. Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.*

*Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul. You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth. My spirit shall sing the music of your name. Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.*

*Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side. Your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.*

*You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred, crowning me with love beyond my power to hold. Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.*

*Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life. I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life. Amen.*

## †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. Josh Attaway

And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that he is one, and there is no other but he; and to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And after that no one dared to ask him any question. (Mark 12:28 - 34)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

*We Have Begun to Understand It Better*  
 From the Sermon Series: The Most Important Things

## INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*They'll Know We Are Christians*

*We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord. We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord. And we pray that all unity may one day be restored. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand. We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand. And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come. And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son. And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

## †SENDING FORTH

Rev. Josh Attaway

We are going out into the world to follow God;  
**our words, actions, and thoughts reveal our love for Him.**  
 When we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength;  
**it is seen in how we treat ourselves and others.**  
 The most important thing  
**is to love God with all that we are.**

## RECESSIONAL

## POSTLUDE

Dr. Candace Fish, *organist*

## LEADING IN WORSHIP

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

**Rev. Josh Attaway**  
 Edmond Campus Pastor

**Dr. Candace Fish**, *Campus Director of Traditional Worship*  
**Savannah White-Lewis**, *Campus Director of LifeLight Worship*

**Madison Woods**, *soloist*  
**Marji Shelton**, *piano and organ*  
**Chancel Choir**  
**Yajing Zhang**, *violin*  
**Jose Palacios**, *cello*



Wouldn't it be great to know the most important things in life; to somehow have that knowledge to guide us so that we could make the most of each moment? Jesus told us the most important information to know about the Bible when He summarized it into the greatest commandment, "Love God and love your neighbor as yourself." In that statement, Jesus told us that we are called to love God, other people, and ourselves. Join us for a year of looking at the *Most Important Things of Life*.



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## MINISTERS

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### GROWING IN YOUR FAITH

We believe in the importance of growing in our faith throughout our lives. We have opportunities available for people of all ages – from nursery through adults. Visit online at [stlukesokc.org](http://stlukesokc.org) to learn more about how you can grow in your faith.

#### *Community Groups - Adults of all ages*

Community Groups are small groups of adults committed to growing closer to God and one another. A full list of current Community Groups is available online at [stlukesokc.org](http://stlukesokc.org).

#### *Thrive Youth Ministry – 6th – 12th graders*

St. Luke's Thrive Youth Ministry is an exciting place for 6-12th graders to grow spiritually through a meaningful combination of Christian education, mission work, and relationships with each other. For a calendar with all upcoming youth events, please email Schuyler Henderson - [shenderson@stlukesokc.org](mailto:shenderson@stlukesokc.org).

#### *Children's Ministry - 6 weeks through 5th grade*

St. Luke's Children's Ministry is designed to help every child learn about the love of God through biblically-based lessons. To learn more about our Children's Ministry contact Jocelyn Morgan - [jmorgan@stlukesokc.org](mailto:jmorgan@stlukesokc.org).

#### *Parents with Young Children*

The Family Room located at the back of the Worship Center offers a comfortable place for active or tearful children to be with their parents during the service.

### ADDITIONAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

#### **Online Worship Service**

If you are unable to attend worship on any Sunday, you can join us online for our live-stream of the Edmond Campus Services (LL at 9 a.m. and Traditional at 11 a.m.) and the Downtown Campus Traditional Service (8:15, 9:30 and 10:50 a.m.) at [stlukesokc.org/live](http://stlukesokc.org/live). Live services are also available on Roku and Apple TV apps. To install, please search - [stlukesokc](http://stlukesokc.org) or St. Luke's Methodist Church.

#### **TV Programming**

St. Luke's Traditional service can be seen as an hour long television program on KOCO channel 5 at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday morning. The program is a week delayed.

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## One Church with Multiple Campuses

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#### **Edmond Campus**

900 N. Sooner Road  
Edmond, OK 73034  
(405) 285-2002  
[stlukesedmond.org](http://stlukesedmond.org)

#### **Downtown Campus**

222 NW 15th Street  
OKC, OK 73103  
(405) 232-1371  
[stlukesokc.org](http://stlukesokc.org)

#### **Online Campus**

Watch service live, chat with clergy, request prayer, give online during every worship service  
[stlukesokc.org/online](http://stlukesokc.org/online)



## Sharing God's Love and Bringing Hope to the World

The mission of St. Luke's is to share God's love and bring hope to the world. We accomplish that by sharing the message of Christ, growing in our faith, and serving the community.

### HELPFUL INFORMATION

- Register your attendance by texting guest or member to (405) 351-4001.
- Prayer requests can be submitted via text message or dropped in the offering box.
- Give today - text the letters SLM to the number 73256 to give on a secure website.
- Hearing assistance devices are available at the Welcome Center.
- A live feed of the service is available for parents with active or tearful children
- A Hospitality Team member is at the Welcome Center to help.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEARN MORE AT [STLUKESOKC.ORG/EVENTS](http://STLUKESOKC.ORG/EVENTS)

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE | STARTS JANUARY 29

The next session of Wednesday Night Alive (WNA) which offers classes for children, youth, and adults and starts January 29. Dinner is served at 5:15 p.m. and there are classes that meet before dinner at around 4 and after dinner at 6:30 p.m. WNA is a great opportunity for the entire family to grow in their faith. Class descriptions, dinner menus, and registration forms are available at the Welcome Center and online at [stlukesokc.org/wna](http://stlukesokc.org/wna).

#### LADIES NIGHT OUT | JANUARY 21

The next Ladies Night Out is coming up soon! Ladies of all ages are invited to an evening out at Earl's Rib Palace (2121 S. Broadway Avenue, Edmond, OK 73013) on January 21 at 6 p.m. Please RSVP to Laura Manwell, call or text at (405) 593-5317 or email at [laura.manwell@gmail.com](mailto:laura.manwell@gmail.com).

#### MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY | JANUARY 26

Have you thought about becoming a member of St. Luke's? We would love to welcome you into membership on Sunday, December 26, when you can join in a more private setting. Stop by Threefold at the Edmond Campus, or the Mansion Chapel at the Downtown Campus, where a St. Luke's pastor or staff member will be available to answer any questions you have and welcome you into membership. If you are not able to attend in person, you can text the word "Join" to the number (405) 351-4001 to arrange a joining moment. For more details about membership, contact Logan Fish at [lfish@stlukesokc.org](mailto:lfish@stlukesokc.org) or call (405) 232-1371.

#### FAMILY SERVICE DAY | FEBRUARY 1

Your family can help bless the lives of others by attending St. Luke's Family Service Day at the Regional Food Bank on February 1 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Volunteers will sort, pack, and prepare food for a variety of Regional Food Bank Programs benefiting students, seniors on fixed incomes, and other Oklahomans. An adult must accompany volunteers from ages 8 to 15. Registration is almost full, register online at [stlukesokc.org/events](http://stlukesokc.org/events).

#### JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR

Are you looking for ways to deepen your connection to worship, serve God, and build friendships with an incredible community? Whether you're new to the Edmond Campus or ready to get more involved, your voice matters, and we can't wait to welcome you! Rehearsals are held every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Choir Room, and we sing during the 11 a.m. Traditional Service every Sunday. Come sing, laugh, worship, and grow with us. Contact Dr. Candace Fish at [cfish@stlukesokc.org](mailto:cfish@stlukesokc.org) with any questions.



## THE TABLE SMALL GROUP | STARTS JANUARY 25 | DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

The Table Small Group is starting back up on Saturday, January 25! This is a group for 20's and 30's focused on community and studying the Bible. The group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the Downtown Mansion Library. The first topic of the year, they will be studying the five characteristics of God as depicted in Exodus - compassionate, gracious, slow to anger, loyal love, and faithfulness. Join them on Saturday mornings for coffee and conversations as you grow closer together and closer to God.

## POTEET THEATRE MARY POPPINS AUDITIONS | FEBRUARY 1

Poteet Theatre is excited to announce auditions for their upcoming production of Mary Poppins! If you're ready to showcase your acting and singing talents, auditions will take place on February 1. Sign up online to reserve your audition time slot at [stlukesokc.org/events](http://stlukesokc.org/events). Callbacks are scheduled for February 2, with rehearsals beginning on March 4. Performances will run from May 2-11, featuring both evening and matinee shows. Please note, a current background check is required for all adults (18+). For more information, reach out to Logan Fish at [lfish@stlukesokc.org](mailto:lfish@stlukesokc.org).

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUMMER EVENTS

Get ready for an unforgettable summer filled with fun, friendships, and growth! Whether you're looking for exciting overnight camps like Dayspring Camp or Disciple Camp, mission opportunities during Youth Week and YF Tulsa, or the creative magic of Theatre Camps featuring Disney's most iconic stories, there's something for everyone. These camps are tailored to different ages and interests, offering adventure, creativity, and meaningful connections. Mark your calendars and don't miss out - this summer promises to be one to remember! Learn more online at [stlukesokc.org/events](http://stlukesokc.org/events)

- May 27 - 31: **Dayspring Camp** Grades 9 - 12
- June 2 - 5: **Edmond Campus Vacation Bible School** Grades K - 5
- June 8 - 22: **Disney's Lion King** Kids Ages 6 - 10
- June 15 - 20: **YF Tulsa** Grades 7 - 12
- June 23 - 26: **Downtown Campus Vacation Bible School** Grades K - 5
- July 7 - 19: **Disney's Frozen Kids** Ages 6-10
- July 6 - 27: **Disney's Descendants** (One-Act) Ages 11 - 18
- July 9 - 12: **Youth Week** Grades 6 - 12
- July 23 - 26: **Disciple Camp** Grade 6 - 9
- July 28 - 30: **Camp Credo** Grades 2 - 5

## YOUTH MINISTRY | GRADES 6 - 12

### YOUTH SERVICE NIGHT | JANUARY 22

Youth, 6th -12th grades, will be working at the Regional Food Bank on Wednesday, January 22, 5:30 - 9 p.m. Youth from both campuses will be leaving from both campuses and will be serving their community together.

### SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIPS | WEEK OF MARCH 16

Each year, the youth travel during their Spring Break to bring hope to another area of our world. The Middle School Youth (grades 6 – 8) will be going to Lakeview MCC in Texas on March 16 – 19, costing \$350. High School Youth (grades 9 – 12) will be going to Perry, FL, March 16 - 22, to help with hurricane relief in this community. and the cost is \$1,250. Please register online at [stlukesokc.org/events](http://stlukesokc.org/events) and pay a trip deposit. Adult volunteers are needed for both trips. If you are interested, please contact Schuyler Henderson - [shenderson@stlukesokc.org](mailto:shenderson@stlukesokc.org).

For more details about any of the Youth events, please email Schuyler Henderson - [shenderson@stlukesokc.org](mailto:shenderson@stlukesokc.org).