

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.



DOWNTOWN CAMPUS SERVICE OF WORSHIP

November 17, 2024

8:15 and 10:50 A.M

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

PRELUDE

Howard Helvey

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah
St. Luke's Orchestra
Robert Fasol, piano/conductor

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND GREETING

Ashleigh Robinson

†HYMN

HYFRYDOL

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him

Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore Him; praise Him, angels in the height; sun and moon, rejoice before Him; praise Him, all ye stars of light. Praise the Lord! for He hath spoken; worlds His mighty voice obeyed; law which shall never be broken for their guidance hath He made.

Praise the Lord! for He is glorious; never shall His promise fail; God hath made His saints victorious; sin and death shall not prevail. Praise the God of our salvation! Hosts on high, His power proclaim; heaven and earth and all creation laud and magnify His name.

Worship, honor, glory, blessing, Lord, we offer unto Thee; young and old, Thy praise expressing, in glad homage bend the knee. All the saints in heaven adore Thee. We would bow before Thy throne; as thine angels serve before Thee, so on earth Thy will be done.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

As we approach the holidays, let us seek to make them holy;
we gain nothing when we make them stressful.

Instead, let us be intentional about making the most of each moment:

finding joy in the preparations we are making,
being fully present with friends and family,
and giving thanks to God.

†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

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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. Linda Harker

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

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

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

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. David Poteet

- * 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 plates or in the offering boxes located in the Narthex.

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Wendy Lambert

- * Text the letters SLM to the number 73256 to give on a secure website.
- * Cash and checks can be placed in the offering plates or dropped in the offering boxes located in the Narthex.

OFFERTORY

David T. Clydesdale

Holy Is He

St. Luke's Choir, Orchestra and Congregation

Robert Fasol, piano/organ/conductor

Holy is He and great is His glory. Holy is He and worthy of our praise. I stand in His presence amazed, and crown Him with worship and praise! Holy is He, holy is He. Holy is He.

Who pardons my iniquities, who heals me from within? Who lifts my fallen life and sets me on my feet again? Who leads me like a shepherd when I've gone astray? My Lord, my God, my Jesus, the One I praise today!

Holy is He and great is His glory. Holy is He and worthy of our praise. I stand in His presence amazed, and crown Him with worship and praise! Holy is He, holy is He. Holy is He.

Who hears me in my loneliness, who finds me where I hide? Who knocks outside my broken heart, till I let Him inside? Whose life deserves the honor laid before His throne? My Lord, my God, my Jesus, my Savior and my own!

Holy is He and great is His glory. Holy is He and worthy of our praise. I stand in His presence amazed, and crown Him with worship and praise! Holy is He, holy is He. Holy is He.

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!

Holy is He. Amen! Amen!

†DOXOLOGY

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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. Linda Harker

Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by being anxious can add a cubit to his span of life? If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass which is alive in the field today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O men of little faith! And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be of anxious mind. For all the nations of the world seek these things; and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things shall be yours as well. "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

(Luke 12:24 - 32)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Wendy Lambert

It Is God's Good Pleasure

MUSICAL REFLECTION

arr. John Baptiste

What a Wonderful World

Keely McGough, soloist

St. Luke's Choir and Orchestra

Robert Fasol, piano/conductor

I see trees of green, and red roses too. I see them bloom for me and you. And I think to myself, "What a wonderful world."

I see skies of blue, and clouds of white; the bright blessed day, and the dark sacred night. And I think to myself, "What a wonderful world."

The colors of the rainbow so pretty in the sky; and also all the faces of people going by. I see friends shaking hands, saying, "How do you do?" They're really saying, "I love you."

I hear babies cry; I watch them grow. They'll know much more than I'll ever know. And I think to myself, "Self, what a wonderful world." What a wonderful world, what a wonderful world, what a wonderful world.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

†HYMN

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For the Fruit of All Creation

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For His gifts to every nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done. In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done. In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

†SENDING FORTH

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Christ has come to set us free from all that would hold us back in life,

He has set us free from worry and stress.

Let us find joy and contentment in our lives:

being present in the moment,

living each day as it comes,

and seeking to share God's love to bring hope to the world.

†POSTLUDE

Aaron David Miller

Fantasia: Lobe den Herren

Robert Fasol, *organist*

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Senior Executive Pastor

Rev. Linda Harker

Online Campus Pastor

Rev. David Poteet

Pastor of Congregational Care

Ashleigh Robinson

Director of Church and Community
Engagement

MUSICIANS

Robert Fasol, *Organist/Choirmaster*

Dr. Keely McGough, *Soloist*

St. Luke's Choir and Orchestra

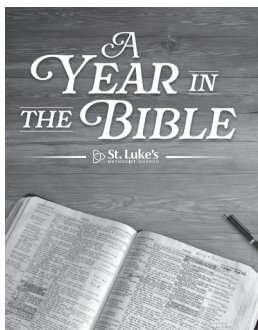
Want to Join St. Luke's?

Are you interested in joining the St. Luke's mission to share, grow and serve? You can join St. Luke's on Sunday morning during Worship. For more information about membership contact Tisha Tate Garcia at ttategarcia@

Welcome to Our Newest Members Joining in October:

Downtown: Jeanie Grass, Hope Ann Thomas, Claire and Tony Puckett, Kash Anthony Roby

Edmond: Jason "JT" and Lauren Albright, Heather Jones, Lisa Grissom, Dot Rhyne, Tom and Pam Munier



Have you ever read through the entire Bible? When you practice the discipline of daily Bible reading and pair that with a commitment to read it from cover to cover it becomes a journey of discovery. It provides answers but also raises questions. It comforts and challenges. It inspires inward devotion and encourages outward action. Join your family of faith on an exploration of our faith as we spend a year in the Bible.



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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. Prayer Cards can be found at the Welcome Center and completed cards can be returned there. You are also welcomed to email your prayer concerns to ccm@stlukesokc.org or you may also call 232-1371 with your prayers and concerns.

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, 9:40 and 10:50 a.m.) at stlukesokc.org/live. Live services are also available on Roku and Apple TV apps. To install search - stlukesokc 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

Downtown Campus
222 NW 15th Street
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stlukesokc.org

Edmond Campus
900 N. Sooner Road
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stlukesedmond.org

Online Campus
Watch service live, chat with clergy, request prayer, give online during every worship service
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

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- 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.
- Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices are available in the Narthex.
- 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

THE JESSE TREE

Bring the true spirit of Christmas into your home with The Jesse Tree. The tradition of the Jesse tree is based on the prophecy of Jesus from Isaiah 11:1, "A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots, a Branch will bear fruit." The Jesse Tree kit comes with a guide and 24 wooden ornaments that each symbolize a biblical story from creation to Jesus. The Jesse Tree is a tradition to begin this Advent to remember God's story of love and grace throughout the Bible as you prepare for the celebration of the birth of Christ. Pre-order your Jesse Tree kit online at stlukesokc.org/JesseTree for \$20.

BUILDING BETTER MOMS | TODAY

Calling all moms who are in need of some mom talk and a yummy lunch! If you are a mom who needs a break from being a mom, you are invited to the Building Better Moms meeting today from 12:30 - 2 p.m. in Room 207. We'll have lunch and help get the Jesse Tree Ornaments packaged and ready to go out to families at the upcoming Advent Festival! Childcare is available upon request.

THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK

There are still a few tickets available for Poteet Theatre production - *The Diary of Anne Frank*. In this powerful new adaptation, Anne Frank emerges from history a living, lyrical, intensely gifted young girl, who confronts her rapidly changing life and the increasing horror of her time with astonishing honesty, wit, and determination. The remaining dates are November 21 - 24 and tickets can be purchased online at stlukesokc.org/Poteet.

YOUNG ADULTS FRIENDSGIVING | NOVEMBER 21

All young adults are encouraged to participate in this year's Friendsgiving hosted by The Table and Willow Ministries. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish that reminds them of home. Don't worry if you're not much of a cook; there's no pressure to bring a homemade dish; store-bought items are also appreciated. Friendsgiving is Thursday, November 21 at 6:30 p.m., in the Mansion Library at the Downtown Campus. Don't forget to RSVP and to let us know what you are bringing at stlukesokc.org/events.

MOBILEPACK EVENT

Don't forget the Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) and Maisha Project MobilePack event on November 22 and November 23. There is still time to sign up. Volunteer help is needed for Saturday, November 23, during the 12 - 2 p.m. shift. On Saturday, childcare will be provided for children five and under, while kindergarteners and older can volunteer with their parents. For more information and to sign up, please visit stlukesokc.org/events.

UWFAITH BAKE SALE | NOVEMBER 24

The United Women in Faith (UWFaith) is holding their Annual Bake Sale on Sunday, November 24, beginning at 8 a.m. in the Gallery and continuing throughout the morning. UWFaith encourages you to participate by donating baked goods (St. Luke's bakers are known to be outstanding). Please securely wrap and label food as to the type of cookies, pies, cakes, etc., as well as any items containing nuts. Donated sacks are appreciated for baked goods that will be sold. Most importantly, stop in the Gallery and buy the delicious treats. All proceeds will support many local missions.

ADVENT FESTIVAL | DECEMBER 1

Bring your family and get the Advent season started! On Sunday, December 1, the Advent Festival will feature various holiday crafts, Christmas Bingo with prizes, and games and food. The fun starts at 11 a.m. with families and kids gathering in the Fellowship Hall. There will be lunch at noon followed by inflatable fun in the CLC. The Advent Festival ends with a short service at 1 p.m. in the chapel to sing carols and decorate the Chrismon Tree! Everything to help you and your family start off the Advent season on a joyful holiday note!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL PRACTICE

Children in K - 5th grade who would like to sing in this year's Children's Christmas program are welcome to come and learn the music on November 24 in Room 210 from 12:15 - 2 p.m. We will have a quick lunch before we begin learning the music. Children are encouraged to come to multiple days if they are able, but are only required to come to one practice to sing in the Christmas program on December 8 at 12:30 p.m.

COLLEGE AGE RETREAT - RENEW

St. Luke's College Age Ministry, Willow, will attend a retreat on January 9 - 11, 2025 at Camp Egan. This retreat is called RENEW and is designed for post-high school young adults ages 18 - 25. We will enjoy a weekend of worship, fellowship, small groups and food! The cost is \$85 Register and pay online at stlukesokc.org/willow.

#STANDUPTOJEWISHHATE

St. Luke's stands up to all hate and with the Jewish community and are honored to distribute Blue Pins from the Foundation to Combat Antisemitism (FCAS). Wearing a Blue Pin is a simple yet powerful way to show support and stand against antisemitism. You can pick up a Blue Square at any campus or request one by going online to stlukesokc.org to find a link to request one today.

YOUTH MINISTRY | GRADES 6 - 12

YOUTH LUNCH BUNCH | TODAY!

Today is Youth Lunch Bunch time! After church from 12:15 - 2:30 p.m., the Youth will head out for fun and food! Bring money for lunch, but if it's your first time with the Lunch Bunch, we'll pay for your meal!

For more details about any of the Youth events, please email Amy Givens - agivens@stlukesokc.org.



Live from St. Luke's; it's THE NOT SO LATE SHOW hosted by Bob Long! You're invited to the St. Luke's All Church Christmas Party at the Edmond Campus on December 8 and the Downtown Campus on December 15. Enjoy a delightful dinner alongside a live talk show that will spotlight the ministries of St. Luke's in 2024. Catch up with friends during The Gathering Hour in the Narthex starting at 4 p.m. A short business meeting and dinner will start at 5 p.m., followed by the taping of *The Not So Late Show* at 6 p.m. Tickets are required to participate in the dinner and live taping and are priced at \$10.

Nursery is available for children under age 5, and children up to age 12 are invited to their own children's party at 5 p.m., with tickets available for \$5.

If you are unable to attend in person you can stream *The Not So Late Show* live at 6 p.m. on either Sunday for free.

Tickets can be conveniently purchased at stlukesokc.org/events or at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings.



COMING SOON!
Advent Devotionals
will be available at the
Welcome Center, online,
and on Facebook soon.

ADVENT EVENTS

stlukesokc.org/Christmas

Advent Festivals

Downtown - Sunday, Dec. 1
Edmond - Sunday, Dec. 1

A Symphony of Christmas Concert

Downtown - Wednesday, Dec. 4

Worship Christmas Concert

Edmond - Sunday, Dec. 8

Children's Christmas Musical

Downtown - Sunday, Dec. 8

The Not So Late Show

St. Luke's Christmas Party

Edmond - Sunday, Dec. 8

LifeLight Christmas Concert

Downtown - Sunday, Dec. 15

Children's Christmas Musical

Edmond - Sunday, Dec. 15

The Not So Late Show

St. Luke's Christmas Party

Downtown - Sunday, Dec. 15

Angel of Hope Service

Worship Service

Downtown - Sunday, Dec. 22

Christmas Eve Candlelight

Worship Services

Sunday, Dec. 24

Downtown

Noon.- Traditional Service
2 p.m. - Traditional Service
4:30 p.m. - Family Service
6:30 p.m. - Traditional Service

Edmond

11 a.m. - Family Service
4 p.m. - Family Service
6:30 p.m. - Traditional Service
11 p.m. - Traditional Service

Local Television Services

10:35 p.m. on KFOR News
Channel 4



A SYMPHONY OF CHRISTMAS | DOWNTOWN CAMPUS Wednesday, December 4 at 7 p.m.

Get into the Christmas spirit by attending this year's Christmas Concert – A Symphony of Christmas in the Downtown Campus Sanctuary. This incredible night will feature the St. Luke's Choir and Orchestra, with special guests, and the St. Luke's Children's Choir. It's going to be a wonderful Christmas time! A Holiday Reception hosted by the Hospitality Team will follow in the Narthex.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DOWNTOWN CAMPUS Sunday, December 8 at 12:30 p.m.

Our children are ready to kick off the Christmas season! The Children's and Youth choirs will be celebrating the Advent season with songs and videos. You're invited to enjoy a light lunch while listening to the wonderful medley of Christmas songs. You won't want to miss this Christmas fun!



CHRISTMAS WORSHIP CONCERT - EDMOND CAMPUS Sunday, December 8 at 9 and 11 a.m.

The St. Luke's Edmond music ministries will present a Christmas Worship Concert during both worship services. Each service will feature the LifeLight Band and Singers, Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, and Orchestra. We will also welcome guest singer Isaiah Bailey, and Dr. Long will preach the Advent message during this service. Come early for a great seat.



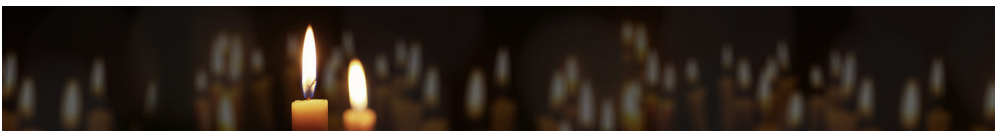
LIFELIGHT CHRISTMAS WORSHIP CONCERT - DOWNTOWN CAMPUS Sunday, December 15 at 9:30

The LifeLight Band will have a Christmas Concert during the LifeLight Service that begins at 9:30 a.m.! Opening with the ever favorite, *Carol of the Bells* performed by our talented LifeLight Band, the concert will feature contemporary Christmas favorites. Dr. Long will be preaching during this service as well. Come early for a great seat.



POINSETTIA SALE

There is a special way to honor and remember loved ones and special people in your life this Advent season. Donate a Christmas poinsettia for \$20 each. These beautiful flowers are a symbol of the holidays and are a part of our beautifully decorated campuses throughout the holiday season. Order forms are available at the Welcome Center or you can easily place your order online by December 15 at stlukesokc.org/Christmas.



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES

Join us on December 24 for any of the following services (Nursery available):

Downtown Campus

- Noon - Traditional Service sermon by Dr. Bob Long
- 2 p.m. - Traditional Service sermon by Dr. Bob Long
- 4:30 p.m. - Family Service sermon by Dr. Bob Long
- 6:30 p.m. - Traditional Service sermon by Dr. Bob Long

Edmond Campus

- 11 a.m. - Traditional Service sermon by Rev. Josh Attaway
- 4 p.m. - Family Service sermon by Rev. Josh Attaway
- 6:30 p.m. - Traditional Service video sermon by Dr. Bob Long
- 11 p.m. - Traditional Service video sermon by Dr. Bob Long

Online Campus (stlukesokc.org)

All Services are available online