



ROADMAP TO BETHLEHEM

First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2016
at Ten Fifty A.M.



St. Luke's
United Methodist Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

arr. David Wise

Emmanuel
Laura Cunningham, *violin*
Raylin Coutts, *cello*
Robert Fasol, *piano*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 213

TRURO

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits; the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come, with us abide; our hearts to Thee we open wide; let us Thy inner presence feel; Thy grace and love in us reveal.

Thy Holy Spirit lead us on until our glorious goal is won; eternal praise, eternal fame be offered, Savior, to Thy name!

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Jeremy Sanders

Advent is a season where we prepare our hearts and lives for the coming of the Christ Child.

We find times for celebration;

we gather together for fellowship.

We make memories with loved ones;

we spend time in worship.

Today, on this first Sunday of Advent we begin a journey;

a trip that will take us to the manger.

God will show us the Way;

the roadmap to Bethlehem.

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make anew,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God,

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope,

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us,

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

†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. David Poteet

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

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

Along the little road to Bethlehem, the road to Bethlehem.

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Thomas Nicholas Howald, son of David and Liz Howald, born on January 24, 2016.

BAPTISM SONG

Thomas, Thomas God claims you. God helps you, protects you and loves you too. We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be. Thomas, Thomas God claims you. God helps you, protects you and loves you too.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Thomas surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

ANTHEM

G.F. Handel

And the Glory of the Lord
Chancel Choir
Laura Cunningham, *violin*
Raylin Coutts, *cello*
Robert Fasol, *piano/conductor*

And the glory, the glory of the Lord, and the glory, the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, shall be revealed, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

And all flesh shall see it together, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it, and all flesh shall see it together.

And the glory, the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Phil Greenwald

MISSION MOMENT

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

arr. Harry Simeone

Do You Hear What I Hear?
Rachel Barnard and Chris Jenkins, *vocalists*
Robert Fasol, *piano*

Said the night wind to the little lamb, "Do you see what I see? Way up in the sky, little lamb. Do you see what I see? A star, a star, dancing in the night, with a tail as big as a kite, with a tail as big as a kite."

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy, "Do you hear what I hear? Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy, do you hear what I hear? A song, a song, high above the tree, with a voice as big as the sea, with a voice as big as the sea."

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king, "Do you know what I know, in your palace warm, mighty king, do you know what I know? A Child, a Child, shivers in the cold, let us bring Him silver and gold, let us bring Him silver and gold."

Said the king to the people everywhere, "Listen to what I say: Pray for peace, people everywhere! Listen to what I say: the Child, the Child, sleeping in the night, He will bring us goodness and light. He will bring us goodness and light. Bring us light."

†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.

†GOSPEL LESSON

Amy Givens

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel.'" Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way. (Matthew 2:1 - 12)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

The Journey That Leads to Joy
From the Sermon Series: Roadmap to Bethlehem

MUSICAL REFLECTION

arr. Larry Dalton

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Laura Cunningham, *violin*
Raylin Coutts, *cello*
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 254

KINGS OF ORIENT

We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star. O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.
(continued on reverse side)

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown Him again; King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice: Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies. O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

We begin our journey of Advent,
one that takes us to the Christ Child.
The road to Bethlehem
leads us to a life of joy.

POSTLUDE

Colin Hand

All the Bells on Earth
Robert Fasol, organist

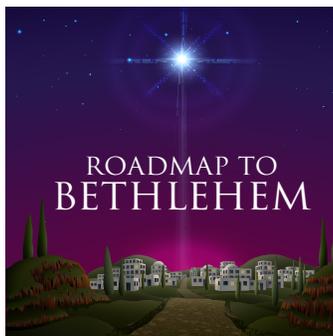
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Rev. Jeremy Sanders
Pastor of Program Ministries

Rev. David Poteet
Pastor of Congregational Care
Amy Givens
Director of Youth Ministry

Musicians
Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster
Chancel Choir
Laura Cunningham, Violin
Raylin Coutts, Cello



An angel announced to Joseph and to Mary that she would give birth to a Son. A heavenly choir of angels appeared in the night sky to the shepherds proclaiming the birth of the Christ Child. Wise men found the message about the birth of the King of the Jews in the ancient texts.

More than 2000 years later God still speaks to people in a variety of ways. We can hear God's love in times of joy and feel God's comforting presence in times of loss. God invites us to draw near. God shows us the Way, a roadmap to Bethlehem.



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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. 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 or email to 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 website. A link is also available on the St. Luke's App.

Welcome to Our Newest Members Joining in October:

Downtown: Randy, Kelli, Jordan, Joseph, & Jennings Moss, Amanda & Kevin Digney, Carson & Kurtis Dement, Bill Parry, Stan Holden, Robert Thompson, Robert Thompson II, Katie & Greg Shepherd, and Diane & Alex Hamilton

Edmond: Donna Curry, Jeanie & Paul Walker, Christin Luttrell, Cody Cornelius, Carol & Maurice Muirhead, Michele Eagleston, Brian Eagleston, Karen & Jeff Eagleston, Sarah Cohea, Trevor Courouleau, Shari Rigney, Krista Lange, Bob Guthery, Stephanie Skiles, Mandi Moon, Yara & Joe Ford, Karen Morgan, Toni & Dan Weinmeister, Terry & Sid Kramer, Kyle McKnight, Kristi & Greg Lawson, Lauren Riley, Carson Park, Eileen & Tim Ogilvie, Joyce & John Neely, Lesley & Rob Noller, Robert Flores, Bruce Cook, Stephanie & Matthew Giordano, Glenda & Gerald Bortle, Christina & Jeff Lovern, Pam & Bill Nichols, Michael Lindsey, Beth & Pete Holcomb, Jana & Cliff Dolton, Jana & Tony Leddy, and Diane Capps

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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.

Helpful Information

Hymnals and Bibles are located in the arm rest of the seat.

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.

Announcements

Call (405) 232-1371 for more info or visit stlukesokc.org.

#GivingTuesday to #studio222okc

If there is Black Friday and Cyber Monday, why not a Giving Tuesday? #GivingTuesday is a one-day annual movement focused on charitable giving on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. Studio 222 is participating this year and we hope you will help us make a difference in the life of a youth this holiday season. To make a donation simply text #GivingTuesday to 252-9393, online at stlukesokc.org or use the offering envelope and designate Studio 222. Additional information about Studio 222 is available at the Welcome Center. Every donation makes a difference.

Still Thinking About the Mission Trip?

There is still room on the March 11-18 mission trip to Honduras. Natalie Roller will be leading this life-changing mission. The cost is \$1,650 per person, which includes airfare, lodging, and meals in Roatan. The registration deadline is November 30 and a \$100 deposit is due by that date. Checks can be mailed to Natalie at 222 NW 15th Street, OKC, OK 73103. For more information on the trip, contact Natalie at nroller@stlukesokc.org, or call 609-1010.

Historic Church Tour

St. Luke's is participating in the Good Shepherd Historic Church Tour on December 4 from 2 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. We are one of seven downtown churches participating in the tour this year. Guests purchase a \$20 wristband to see all the churches and the proceeds will benefit the Good Shepherd Ministries Free Health Clinic. More info and a link to purchase tickets can be found at stlukesokc.org.

Acts of Wellness

Join us for the November meeting of the St. Luke's Health & Wellness Ministry - "Acts of Wellness." You will benefit from stillness, deep breathing, and meditation with our own Tisha Tate on Tuesday, November 29, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Downtown Campus Mansion Library. You will learn how mindfulness can bring wellness to your life and experience a short "chair yoga" class that you can repeat in your office, car - anywhere! Childcare will be provided. It's free, but please register online to attend (stlukesokc.org), email Mark Mitchell at mark.mitchell@outlook.com, or call 819-8322.

Reformation and Wesley Heritage Tour

Dr. Bob and Marsha Long and Rev. Wendy Lambert will be leading a tour of Wesley and Reformation Heritage sites in Germany and England, September 1 -13, 2017. You will tour some of the sites that are important in the lives of Martin Luther, Charles Wesley and John Wesley. You will also take time to tour sites that are related to WWII in Germany and have some free time to tour London. A trip brochure is available at the Welcome Center or more information can be found online at stlukesokc.org.

Poinsettia Sale

There is a special way to honor and remember loved ones and special people in your life this Advent season. Take advantage of the opportunity to donate Christmas poinsettias for \$20 each. These poinsettias are a part of our beautifully decorated facilities and displayed throughout the season to be enjoyed by many. Order forms are found at the Welcome Centers and on the Announcement Insert. Orders will be taken until December 12 at noon.

Joining St. Luke's

If you wish to place your membership with St. Luke's this morning, please complete this card and bring it to the front during the final hymn.

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Date of Birth? _____

Are you transferring from another church? Yes No

If yes, where? _____

If you would like more information about other ways to join or upcoming membership events, please contact Beth Armstrong, Director of Welcoming Ministry, at (405) 609-1045 or barmstrong@stlukesokc.org.

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Celebrate Advent at St. Luke's

Christmas Offering

Each year, the St. Luke's family of faith joins together in a special, second-mile offering. 100% of the funds raised will be used to bless the lives of others through ministries and missions supported by St. Luke's. You can make a donation to this special offering by using the Christmas Offering envelope, calling the church office, or online at stlukesokc.org/give.

Mission Trees

Mission Trees are a way for you to make a difference this Christmas season. Look for the Mission Trees in the Gallery. Near the trees will be a lists of items that are needed to help support El Sistema, Mobile Meals, Rancho Village and Studio 222. There will be directions regarding where to drop off your item on the list. Monetary donations can be made in Threefold.

Advent Music Gift from UCO

On Sunday, December 4, St. Luke's will welcome the UCO Clarinet Choir to the Narthex for a special presentation from 10:30 to 10:45 am. Come enjoy a special Advent gift of music!

Mommy & Me Christmas Party

Celebrate Christmas with a Mommy & Me Christmas Party on December 5, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Room 131 at the Edmond Campus. We will be eating yummy food, singing Christmas carols, decorating Christmas cookies, and building gingerbread trees. We will be having a toy drive to donate toys to Toys for Tots. If you would like to help, please bring a new, small toy or stuffed animal. Please register online at stlukesedmond.com. \$5 for lunch for adults and kids eat free. You can pay the day of the event. (cash or check)

Angel of Hope Worship Service

If you have lost a loved one, you are invited to come to a very special service at St. Luke's. The Angel of Hope Worship Service is held annually in honor of those families who may find comfort and strength in sharing faith and hope together. The Angel of Hope Worship Service is Sunday, December 18, at 5 p.m. in the Downtown Campus Mansion Library and Garden. Invite others who are grieving as well. There is a special time in the service where family members are able to place a flower at the base of the angel sculpture in memory of their loved ones.

Celebrate Christmas Eve at St. Luke's

Downtown Campus

1 p.m. Family Service
3 p.m. Communion Service
5 p.m. Traditional Service
7 p.m. Traditional Service

Edmond Campus

4 p.m. Family Service
6 p.m. Communion Service
8 p.m. Traditional Service

Online Campus - stlukesokc.org

5 p.m. Traditional Service from Downtown Campus
7 p.m. Traditional Service from Downtown Campus

Asbury Campus

4:30 p.m. Communion Service

Fuente de Vida Campus

6:30 p.m. Spanish Service

Don't forget about Christmas Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m. -
Downtown and Edmond Campuses