

St. Luke's

United Methodist Church



Epiphany Sunday
Holy Communion
January 1, 2017
at Ten Thirty A.M.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

Aaron Copland

A New Year Fanfare
Robert Fasol, organist

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 698

NATIONAL HYMN

God of the Ages

God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past; in this free land with Thee our lot is cast; be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay, Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense; Thy true religion in our hearts increase; Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way; lead us from night to never-ending day; fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Today is a new beginning,

a new start for our lives.

By coming together for worship,

we acknowledge our need for God and for one another.

We have an opportunity to choose how we live this year

and we will not waste a moment.

This day is a reminder that Christ makes all things new again.

We once again commit our lives to mercy, gratitude, and joy.

†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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Jameson Rothrock Meyer, son of Bracken Meyer and Erin Rothrock, born on November 5, 2014.

BAPTISM SONG

Jameson, Jameson 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. Jameson, Jameson 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 Jameson surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

ANTHEM

Antonio Vivaldi

Gloria
Chancel Choir and Strings
Robert Fasol, *piano/director*

Gloria, Gloria, Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Phil Greenwald

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

David Foster

The Prayer
Rachel Barnard and Chris Jenkins, *soloists*
Robert Fasol, *piano*

I pray you'll be our eyes, and watch us where we go, and help us to be wise in times when we don't know. Let this be our prayer, as we go our way. Lead us to a place, guide us with your grace to a place where we'll be safe.

I pray we'll find your light, and hold it in our hearts when stars go out at night. Let this be our prayer when shadows fill our day. Lead us to a place, guide us with your grace. Give us faith so we'll be safe.

We ask that life be kind, and watch us from above. We hope each soul will find another soul to love. Let this be our prayer, just like every child needs to find a place, guide us with your grace to a place where we'll be safe.

†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. Jeremy Sanders

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.

A Different Way

INVITATION AND GREAT THANKSGIVING

Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Merciful God,

We confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not always done Your will. There have been times that we have not loved our neighbors or heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

(People to leader) In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

(All) Glory to God, Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Creator of heaven and earth. You bring forth a new year, a new day, a new life. We know that even when our love failed, Your love remained steadfast. Christ came into the world to be the ultimate example of Your love. His light shines forth in the darkest moments and gives us new life. And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are You, and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of His suffering, death, and resurrection, You gave birth to Your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, He promised to be with us now and always, in the power of Your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which He gave Himself up for us, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to You, broke the bread, gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to You, gave it to the disciples and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood.

By Your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes again and we feast at His heavenly banquet.

Through Your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in Your holy Church, all honor and glory is Yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen.

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.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

The ushers will direct you to come forward to receive communion. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and a server will come to you. Please feel free to stay at the rail in prayer as long as you wish. Gluten-free bread is available at the serving station on the south side of the Sanctuary.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 383

BEGINNINGS

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on, time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.

For by the life and death of Jesus, God's mighty Spirit, now as then, can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.

Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do. This is a day of new beginning; our God is making all things new

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

Christ has proclaimed, "Behold! I make all things new!"

You've been given the gift of a new start,

and in this moment, we recommit our lives to Christ.

He brings you new life,

and we will live it with joy and gratitude!

POSTLUDE

Rossini

New Year Change
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. Jeremy Sanders

Pastor of Program Ministries

Musicians

Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster

Chancel Choir and Strings

Rachel Barnard, Soloist

Chris Jenkins, Soloist

Communion Servers

Debbie Beckner, Nancy Bell, David Duke, Mindy Duke, Sue Gibbons, Rev. Phil Greenwald, Stephanie Greenwald, Brooks Lambert, Rev. Wendy Lambert, Dr. Bob Long, Marsha Long, Jeanne Morgan, Diane Parker, Glenda Payne, Sherry Pemberton, Rev. Dave Poteet, Rev. Jeremy Sanders



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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 prayer 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 December:

Downtown: Alison Parker, Elaine & Chris Jackson, Emily & Kyle Nelson, Car Parker, Becky Switzer, Haydn Stulder & Lacie Corbin, and Jason Shepherd

Edmond: Marilyn Van Meter, Donna & Larry Miles, Diane & Gary Beatty, Ging & Greg Kelliher, Elizabeth & Keith Peters, Judy & Jim Farley, Stephanie & Dav Hopkins, and Cathy & Troy Reavis

Asbury: Kyle Scott

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.

Wednesday Night Alive

Good news! Wednesday Night Alive will be here before you know it! The Spring Session of WNA happens January 18 - March 29. There will be a number of fun and meaningful classes for children, youth, and adults.

Some of the adult classes offered during this session include:

- **"Re-forming Our Faith Through the Reformation"** being taught by Dr. Bob Long and Rev. Wendy Lambert;
- **"Paul Through Mediterranean Eyes - a Cultural Study I Corinthians"** taught by Rev. David Severe;
- **"Praying in the Wesleyan Spirit"** being taught by Rev. Chris Tiger.
- **"Faith Journey 101"** taught by Beth Armstrong.

Descriptions of these classes and more are available online and at the Welcome Center. Check out what WNA can offer you and your family at stlukesokc.org.

Year of Gratitude

Gratitude opens our hearts and minds to seeing God's work in our lives and in the world. A life of gratitude is a better way to live. Telling someone "thank you" makes a difference in their lives and our own. When we intentionally express our gratitude, we become more aware of what we have and who is in our lives - and we help make others aware of their value. Next Sunday, Dr. Long will bring a new sermon series explaining the theme for this year. Invite your friends and family to be a part of the 2017 Year of Gratitude at St. Luke's.

Lunch With Bob

Dr. Bob Long has been sharing God's love with the St. Luke's family of faith since 1991. You're invited to hear his inspiring story over lunch. It's "Lunch With Bob" - January 22 at 12:15 p.m. in the Mansion Library. A private joining ceremony will also be available. Childcare is provided. Please RSVP to Beth Armstrong: barmstrong@stlukesokc.org or 609-1045. You can also visit stlukesokc.org.

Women of Faith Bible Study

Ladies, do you feel "stuck" in life? Then you should join the Women of Faith Bible Study, which is about to begin a new eight-week study called *Stuck* by Jennie Allen. *Stuck* is a journey that takes an honest look at the fight going on inside us. As we realize that our "stuck places" are the very places that make us ache for God, we find Him waiting there for us with hope and freedom. We meet on Thursdays, starting January 19, from 12 - 1 p.m. in the Mansion Library. Lunch is only \$5 and childcare is provided. The book we will study is \$10. This is for women of all ages and stages in life. For more information, email Amy Givens at agivens@stlukesokc.org, or call 609-1027.

Volunteer to Change a Life

A new semester is about to begin for our local schools and now is a great time to become a volunteer at Rancho Village Elementary. Our Reading Buddies, Math Buddies and mentors are helping to change lives and positively shape the futures of the students at Rancho Village. If you would like to sign up to serve in one of these areas or would like more information about Mission Rancho Village, please contact Rev. Keith King at 600-3417 or go to Community Mission at stlukesokc.org.

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 barnstrong@stlukesokc.org.

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Join the Men's Faith Group

Men of all ages, start the new year with new friends and a renewed commitment to growing in your faith. Add depth to your study of the Bible, grow in your walk with Christ, and tackle issues that are close to you. This is a great group of men who want to become better equipped to share God's love and hope with the world. The Men's Faith Group is self-taught by various group members, and they meet weekly on Thursdays from 7 - 7:45 a.m. in the Mansion Library. Also, once per month, the group is served a great breakfast from Chef Scott. For more information, email Morgan Jones at mjones@stlukesokc.org, or call 600-3415.

Bedlam Learning Series

Wear your "crimson & cream" or "orange & black" - because Bedlam at St. Luke's is back! The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute from both OU and OSU continues its Bedlam Learning Series at St. Luke's on Friday, January 13. The topic will be something we're all familiar with... *Earthquakes and Geology*. Registration and Coffee begins at 8:30 a.m. The first speaker begins at 9 a.m. and the second starts at 10:30 a.m. Representing OU will be Ken Johnson, a Geologist Emeritus. Representing OSU will be members of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. Lunch will be available at noon.

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.

Confirmation Parent Meeting Today

Confirmation is an important part of a student's journey as they develop their Christian faith. To answer any questions parents may have about the class, there will be a meeting for all parents of students who are interested in the Confirmation class of 2017 today at 10:50 a.m. or noon in Room 214. Confirmation students are usually 6th graders, but parents of older youth who have yet to participate in Confirmation are also welcome.

Youth Lunch Bunch Today

Youth Lunch Bunch is getting together today! We'll have lunch from noon to 2 p.m. Bring money for food and meet in the Youth room. Youth leaders will be at the Narthex fountain to meet guests or new people. If you're a guest, we'll buy your lunch! Plan ahead for fun get-togethers after worship this year. 6th-12th grade youth, mark your calendars for February 19, March 19, and April 9. For more information, email Amy Givens at agivens@stlukesokc.org, or call 609-1027.

Winter Youth Week

It may be cold, but the efforts of our Youth to serve the community are heating up in 2017! All 6th-12th grade students are invited to be a part of Winter Youth Week. This unforgettable experience will happen January 13-16. There will be meaningful service projects and fun events for Youth every day -from watching movies and making blankets to volunteering at Skyline Urban Ministry, going to Main Event, making care visits and having an overnight indoor campout. The cost is \$20 for each day, or \$50 for the entire week. Bring your friends! For more information, email Amy Givens at agivens@stlukesokc.org, or call 609-1027.