



Year of Gratitude

ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
Commitment Sunday
January 29, 2017
at Ten Fifty A.M.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

Robert Hebble

Variations (Come Thou Fount)

Robert Fasol, *organist*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN

HYFRYDOL

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus, risen now to reign in love. Alleluia! Praise the Savior; with the multitudes above. There the songs of saints and martyrs thunder like a mighty flood, "Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans we are left in sorrow now. Alleluia! Christ is near us, faith believes, nor questions how. Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget the promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, be on earth our food and stay. Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to you from day to day. Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, plead for me, where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Jeremy Sanders

As we gather for worship, let us remember our blessings.

We give thanks for our families and friends

for memories of times past

and promises of the future ahead.

We give thanks for the women and men who helped to build our church

and left a legacy that continues to bless lives.

We commit ourselves to making a difference

by sharing God's love and bringing hope to the world.

†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

*Walk in the light, beautiful light; come where His love and His mercy are bright.
Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the Light of the World.*

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

Kinley Tatum Bowlin, daughter of Barrett and Kaci Bowlin, born on June 18, 2016.

BAPTISM SONG

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

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Wendy Lambert

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

arr. Joshua Spacht

Oh, How Good It Is
Chancel Choir and Orchestra
Robert Fasol, piano
Eric Bradford, conductor

Oh, how good it is when the family of God dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity. Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love, are the fruit of His presence here among us. So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord. And with one heart we'll live out His Word till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come, for he dwells in the presence of His people.

Oh how good it is, on this journey we share, to rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn. For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace when we offer the blessing of belonging.

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord. And with one heart we'll live out His Word till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come, for He dwells in the presence of His people.

Oh, how good it is to embrace His command, to prefer one another, forgive as He forgives. When we live as one, we all share in the love of the Son with the Father and the Spirit.

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord. And with one heart we'll live out His Word till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come, for He dwells in the presence of His people!

†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.

†NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Rev. Brian Bakeman

Setting sail therefore from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is the leading city of the district of Macedonia, and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days; and on the sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to give heed to what was said by Paul. And when she was baptized, with her household, she besought us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us. (Acts 16:11 -15)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

Will the World Cry When You Die?
From the Sermon Series: Year of Gratitude

TIME OF COMMITMENT

Michael W. Smith

The Giving
Robert Fasol, *piano*
St. Luke's Orchestra
Eric Bradford, *conductor*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dr. Robert E. Long

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

DUKE STREET

All Things Are Yours

All things are Yours: we make that true when we return our gifts to You; and so we give, and so we share, in Christ's strong name expressing care.

"Give out of love" Your Word commands; we are Your head, Your heart, Your hands. Your Word you underscore with deeds by using us to answer needs.

O what a joy to give, and then out of compassion give again. You have no needs – though that be true, the gifts we share are given to You.

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

We are grateful to God for all of the wonderful blessings
we have known throughout our lives.

We give thanks for our church
and what it means to us.

We will look to the interests of others
and share God's love and bring hope to the world.

POSTLUDE

Bradley Knight

Glory to God
Robert Fasol, *organist*



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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 December:

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

Edmond: Marilyn Van Meter, Donna & Larry Miles, Diane & Gary Beatty, Ginger & Greg Kelliher, Elizabeth & Keith Peters, Judy & Jim Farley, Stephanie & David 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.



Reformation Trip Meeting Today

There is an informational meeting to learn more about this year's "Reformation and Wesley Heritage Tour" through Germany and England with Dr. Bob and Marsha Long and Rev. Wendy Lambert. The meeting is today at 12:15 p.m. in the Mansion Library. A light lunch will be available. The trip will last from September 1 through September 13 and there is still time to sign up to go.

Covenant Bible Study

Powerful spiritual growth is what you will experience in a class called "Trusting the Covenant" - the third in the Covenant Bible Study series looking at the gospel of John. This includes the letters of John, Revelation in the New Testament, and several of the Old Testament books. The class is being led by Brian Bakeman and meets in Vaught Chapel, Room 106, on Fridays, from noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunch is available for \$5. The eight lessons will conclude on March 17. Sign up at stlukesokc.org. Books are available in Threefold.

Wednesday Night Alive

Good news! Wednesday Night Alive is off to a great start. There is still time to join a class. Dinner is served starting at 5:15 p.m. in the Christian Life Center (CLC). It's \$5 for adults - children 12 and under are free. Classes start at 6:30 p.m. If you happen to miss the Reformation class being taught by Dr. Long and Rev. Lambert, you can watch the class online at stlukesokc.org/WNA.

The Cuba Experience - Informational Meeting Today

Interested in sharing God's love 90 miles south of Florida? Then you will not want to miss The Cuba Experience hosted by BOLD (Bridges of Latin Dance). This cultural trip will go to Santiago de Cuba, November 18 - 26 (Thanksgiving Week). An informational meeting will be held at the Downtown Campus today from 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. in the Parlor, Room 120. For more information about this trip please email stlukesbold@gmail.com.

Bedlam Learning Series

The Bedlam Learning Series continues on Friday, February 10, with speakers from each university discussing "Early Religion in Oklahoma." Representing OU will be Jacob Lackner, who will focus on the types of relationships that have developed between Jews and Christians since the Middle Ages. Representing OSU will be Neal McCaleb, the former Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs under President George W. Bush. He will examine religions of the tribes from the time of removal in 1830 until after the Civil War. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the first speaker starting at 9 a.m. in the Christian Life Center (CLC). Lunch is available for \$7. Sign up online at stlukesokc.org or call Jeremy Sanders at 600-3411.

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.

Announcements

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

Faith Partners Meeting

If you would like to know more about St. Luke's ministry to those facing addiction, Faith Partners, an informational meeting is on Sunday, February 5 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 133 at the Edmond Campus. A light lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Jeremy Sanders at jsanders@stlukesokc.org or by calling 600-3411.

New Sunday School Class

Looking for a small group to be growing in your faith? A new class is starting on February 5 and will be taught by different ministers throughout the year. This class will meet at 9:40 a.m. in Room 206. The first class will be taught by Rev. Keith King, Online Campus Pastor. No need to RSVP, but if you have questions please email kking@stlukesokc.org.

Parent's Night Out

Parents, how about a night out on the town? St. Luke's Downtown Campus will take care of your little ones while you enjoy your evening on Friday, February 17, from 6 - 8:30 p.m. Parents Night Out Downtown will offer movies for kids, a delicious meal, and childcare for ages birth - 5th grade. There's no charge. Register online at stlukesokc.org. It will be a fun night for everyone! For more information, email Susan Easttom at seasttom@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1036.

Mommy & Me Playdate

Making their debut at the St. Luke's Edmond Campus is Spaghetti Eddie! He will be entertaining kids at the Mommy & Me playdate on Monday, February 6, from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Bring your little ones and prepare to have a blast while singing and dancing along to Spaghetti Eddie's fun energetic, educational, and silly songs such as "Kitty Cat Town" and "Together Like You and Me." This is for moms and kids, ages 0 - 4. Lunch will be served in the Worship Center for \$5 (kids eat free), and you can pay at the door. Please RSVP online at stlukesokc.org.

Youth Thunder Game

It's time to Thunder Up! St. Luke's Youth will be heading to "The Peake" on Sunday, February 26 to watch the OKC Thunder take on the New Orleans Pelicans. We will meet at 5 p.m. to travel to the game, which starts at 6 p.m. This is for all 6th - 12th grade youth and their parents. Tickets are \$31 and sign-up is needed because there are a limited number of tickets. Sign up with Amy at agivens@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1027.

Youth Super Bowl Party

Youth - let's get together and watch what 110+ million people will be watching next Sunday, February 5... the Super Bowl! Cheer on your team with friends at the Youth Super Bowl Party at St. Luke's. We will have lots of food, games, and fun. On Super Bowl Sunday, all 6th - 12th graders are invited to meet in the youth room from 5 - 9 p.m. Bring sweets or drinks to share. We'll even have a service project during the game as well. For more information, email Amy Givens at agivens@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1027.