



Year of Gratitude

ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



First Sunday After Epiphany
January 8, 2017
at Ten Fifty A.M.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

Piet Post

Gratitude Suite
Robert Fasol, organist

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN

LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning; bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in His keeping maintaining. God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds. Hast thou not known His sustaining?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with His love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him. Let the amen sound from His people again, gladly forever adore Him.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Phil Greenwald

When we come before the Lord we are reminded of how we are called to live:

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him and bless his name! (Psalm 100:4)

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all thy wonderful deeds. (Psalm 9:1)

O give thanks to the Lord for he is good;

for his steadfast love endures forever! (Psalm 107:1)

I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness,

and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High. (Psalm 7:17)

And now we thank thee, our God,

and praise thy glorious name. (1 Chronicles 29:13)

It is with praise and thanksgiving that we approach the Lord

and it is with gratitude and joy that we will live our lives.

†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

Robert Edward Petersen, son of Tyler and Allison Petersen, born on July 4, 2016.

BAPTISM SONG

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

ANTHEM

arr. Mark Hayes

To God Be the Glory
Chancel Choir
Robert Fasol, piano/conductor

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!

To God be the glory, great things He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son. Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, and opened the life gate that all may go in. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our victory, when Jesus we see! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

O praise the Lord, O praise the Lord, O praise the Lord, O praise the Lord, lift up your praise to God!

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Wendy Lambert

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

Katie Torwalt

Holy Spirit

Renee Anderson and Brandt Sterling, *vocalists*

Robert Fasol, *piano*

There's nothing worth more that could ever come close, nothing can compare. You're our Living Hope; Your presence, Lord. I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves, when my heart becomes free and my shame is undone; Your presence, Lord.

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here. Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere. Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for, to be overcome by Your presence, Lord; Your presence, Lord.

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Let us become more aware of Your presence. Let us experience the glory of Your goodness, Lord.

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here, Come, flood this place and fill the atmosphere. Your glory, is what our hearts long for, to be overcome by Your presence, Lord.

†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 EPISTLE

Rev. Jeremy Sanders

I say this in order that no one may delude you with beguiling speech. For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ. As therefore you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so live in him. (Colossians 2:4 - 6)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

Choosing to Live with a Grateful Spirit
From the Sermon Series: Year of Gratitude

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

We Gather Here in Grateful Praise

We gather here in grateful praise, in prayer and song our voices raise, for all our blessings, large and small, we thank You, God, who gives us all.

For loved ones, family, treasured friends, eternal life that never ends, for daily bread, sins washed away, we thank You, God, a-fresh each day.

We thank You for the sacred word, and for the call Your church has heard to live as You would lead each day, we thank You God, Your will obey.

Praise God, the source of everything, praise God, the Son, our Lord and King, praise God, the Holy Spirit near, we thank You, God, for You are here.

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

It is the start of a new year,
a new start in our lives.
We can make this our best year
by committing ourselves to prayer and thanksgiving.
We give thanks to the Lord,
for God's love endures forever!

POSTLUDE

Aaron David Miller

Fantasy (Lobe Den Herren)
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. David Poteet
Pastor of Congregational Care

Rev. Jeremy Sanders
Pastor of Program Ministries

Musicians

Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster

Chancel Choir

Renee Anderson, Vocalist

Brandt Sterling, Vocalist

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God:
In memory and in honor of their grandparents given by Bevan and Marshall Stockdell
and
In memory of Pauline Wengier by the Wesley Sunday School Class

Sermon Notes



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, who is in our lives and we help make others aware of their value. In 2017 we are going to set a goal of one thank you note per day. Living a life of gratitude happens by the choices we make each day. 365 thank you's, a Year of Gratitude, can bring about joy and meaning. We invite you to be a part of our 2017 Year of Gratitude at St. Luke's.



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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.

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.

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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 barmstrong@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.