



Year of Gratitude

ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**Twenty-fourth Sunday
After Pentecost
Service of Holy Communion
November 19, 2017
at Ten Fifty A.M.**



St. Luke's
United Methodist Church

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.

Hymnals, Bibles, 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.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

arr. Robert Fasol

Give Thanks

Robert Fasol, *organist*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 694

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Come, ye thankful people come, raise the song of harvest home; all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin. God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied; come to God's own temple, come raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield; wheat and tares together sown are to joy or sorrow grown; first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear; Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home; from the field shall in that day all offenses purge away, giving angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast; but the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring Thy final harvest home; gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin, there, forever purified, in Thy presence to abide; come, with all Thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. David Poteet

Silent gratitude isn't much use to anyone. (G.B. Stein)

If these were silent, the very stones would cry out. (Luke 19:40)

Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer. (Maya Angelou)

I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. (Psalm 9:1)

The unthankful heart discovers no mercies; but the thankful heart will find, in every hour, some heavenly blessings. (Henry Ward Beecher)

Let us give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds for He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. (Psalm 107:8-9)

Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues but the parent of all others. (Cicero)

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise! (Psalm 100:4)

†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

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

Helen Rose Worthington, daughter of Rod and JoAnn Worthington, born on May 13, 2017.

BAPTISM SONG

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

ANTHEM

Gilbert M. Martin

Psalm 100

Chancel Choir and Brass

Robert Fasol, *organist*

Eric Bradford, *conductor*

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands, serve the Lord with gladness, and come before His presence with a song, with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord, He is God. It is He that has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Go your way into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise, His courts with praise.

Be thankful unto Him, and speak good of His name. For the Lord is gracious, His mercy, His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, glory be to the Son, glory be to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Phil Greenwald

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Wendy Lambert

OFFERTORY

J. Merritt/J.L. Riddle/T. Smith

People of the Cross

Morgan Jones and Michael Andreas, *vocalists*

St. Luke's Strings

Robert Fasol, *piano*

Eric Bradford, *conductor*

Home, we're heading home. We journey on to see our Savior face to face. Close, we're getting close. Our joy is rising higher with each step we take.

Forward on to Jesus. We are the people of the cross. We choose Christ and count all else as loss. We won't be shaken, hope won't be taken. We are the people of the cross.

Grace, if not for grace, we would be lost without the promise that You gave. Praise, be ever praised. Your Spirit burns within us brighter every day.

Forward on to Jesus. We are the people of the cross. We choose Christ and count all else as loss. We won't be shaken, hope won't be taken. We are the people of the cross.

We are the people of the cross. We choose Christ and count all else as loss. We won't be shaken, hope won't be taken. We won't be shaken, hope won't be taken. We are the people of the cross. We are the people of the cross.

†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.

†OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Rev. Phil Greenwald

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come before him! Worship the Lord in holy array; tremble before him, all the earth; yea, the world stands firm, never to be moved. Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!" Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall the trees of the wood sing for joy before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever! (1 Chronicles 16:29 - 34)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Making Sure to Give Thanks

INVITATION AND GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 the Lord our 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, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in Your image and breathed into us the breath of life. You sustained us with bread from heaven and water from the ground. You protected us and provided for us with Your love. When we turned away, and our love failed, Your love remained steadfast. 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. Your Spirit anointed Him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when You would save Your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

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 Jesus ascended, He promised to be with us always, in the power of Your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which He gave Himself up for us, Jesus took the 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 Word Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in Your holy Church, all honor and glory is Yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

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 102

NUN DANKET

Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, Who wondrous things has done, in Whom this world rejoices; Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed; and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given; the Son, and Him Who reigns with them in highest heaven; the one eternal God, Whom earth and heaven adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

†SENDING FORTH

Rev. Wendy Lambert

God has blessed us in many ways;

we give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing kindness!

Silent gratitude isn't much use to anyone,

and so we will give thanks!

POSTLUDE

J.S. Bach

Sinfonia (We Thank Thee, God)

Robert Fasol, organist

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Senior Executive Pastor

Rev. Phil Greenwald

Executive Pastor of Administration

Rev. David Poteet

Pastor of Congregational Care

Musicians

Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster

Chancel Choir and Orchestra

Eric Bradford, Conductor

Morgan Jones and Michael Andreaus, Vocalists

Communion Servers

Rev. Brian Bakeman, Debbie Beckner, Nancy Bell, Paula Buchanan, Eric Buchanan, Randy Cassimus, Amy Curran, Dillon Curran, David Duke, Mindy Duke, Barbara Frazier, Rev. Phil Greenwald, Patti High, Rev. Wendy Lambert, Jeanne Morgan, Diane Parker, David Patterson, Glenda Payne, Rev. Dave Poteet, Nanci Sackman, Gary Sackman, Jenny Wood, Rev. Dale Wood



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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.



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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: Krista Stepp, Pepper Pena and Craig Thompson, Mary Ellen and Joe Caesar, Marsha Austin, Theresa and David Stejskal

Edmond: Corinna Powell, Jennifer and Alex Wright, Kathy and Bill Nelson, Kelle Byrd, Tawna Mitchell, John, Deborah, Korbin and Kennedy Cardoza, Carolyn and Bill Hines, Cyndi and Bobby Gaither, Matt Griffin, Jenny and Seth Collier, Gayla and Chuck Harling, Mary "Suzanne" Stickle



Communication Card

Date _____

Worship Service: 8:30 9:40 10:50

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

- 1st Time Guest
- 2nd Time Guest
- Regular Guest
- St. Luke's Member

Names and Birth Dates of Children With You

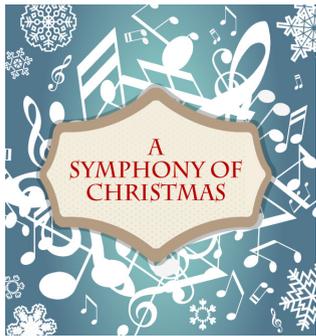
Announcements

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



St. Luke's Mansion Open House

We're celebrating an anniversary! The St. Luke's Mansion was built in 1917 as a family home for the Mulkey family. But, for most of its 100-year history, the Hefner family lived in the Mansion. St. Luke's purchased the Mansion in 2007 and it has become known as the St. Luke's Mansion. We are celebrating the Mansion's Centennial Anniversary with an Open House on Sunday, November 26 from 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Come tour the Mansion that has been beautifully decorated for Christmas and learn about the 100 year history of the property! There will be special music, holiday hors d'oeuvres and an opportunity to have a family portrait taken. As a special holiday treat, there will be carriage rides from 12:30 - 2 p.m.



Symphony of Christmas

You will be in the Christmas spirit during St. Luke's most incredible musical performance of the year! You're invited to the annual Symphony of Christmas Concert featuring the St. Luke's Orchestra, Chancel Choir, Cantate Chamber Choir, and the Bells of St. Luke's. This magical night takes place on Wednesday, November 29, at 7 p.m. in the Downtown Campus Sanctuary. A Holiday Reception hosted by the Hospitality Team will follow the concert in the Narthex. The Bells of St. Luke's will provide a pre-concert beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Narthex. What better way to begin the Advent season than with amazing music and your family of faith!

Membership Worship Service Today

If you're looking to join the St. Luke's family of faith in a private worship setting, we'd love to invite you to attend to a special Membership Worship Service today, at 5 p.m. in the Watchorn Chapel. The service will feature music, Communion, and a special message from Rev. Dave Poteet. There will also be an opportunity for baptism of individuals who have not yet been baptized. Childcare will be provided. Family members of those who will be joining are also invited to attend. No RSVP is required.

Church Christmas Party - It's a Wonderful Life

Bring your family to the St. Luke's Church Christmas Party at the Edmond Campus, December 3 or the Downtown Campus, December 10. The Gathering Hour starts at 4 p.m. and a delicious dinner and program begins at 5 p.m. You may have seen the classic 1946 film "It's a Wonderful Life" starring Jimmy Stewart, but you've never seen "It's a Wonderful Life" starring Bob Long and the St. Luke's Staff. This movie recaps what happened at St. Luke's in 2017 by realizing what life would be like if we didn't live in a spirit of gratitude and dare greatly! Tickets are available for purchase in Threefold, \$8 for adults and \$4 for the children's party.

Prayer Requests or Questions: _____

How did you first hear about St. Luke's?

- TV Radio Web Other
 I'm a guest of _____.

Age Group

- 6th-12th Grade College 18-30
 31-40 41-50 51-59 60+

I would like more info about:

- Children's Programs
 Youth (6th to 12th grade) Programs
 Classes for Adults
 Volunteer Opportunities
 Other _____

Joining

- I wish to join St. Luke's
If you wish to join St. Luke's this morning, please bring this card to the front during the last song instead of placing it in the offering basket.
- I would like to know more about membership.
- I'm interested in joining but don't want to come to the front.
- Contact me about other ways to join.

Announcements

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



UMW Bake Sale Today!

Support missions by purchasing some of the appetizing baked goods from the United Methodist Women's Bake Sale today, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Gallery. Be sure to stop by early to purchase goodies for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Sermon Series - It's a Wonderful Life

Sometimes we can lose sight of the impact we have in the world. Our lives make a difference to countless individuals. God works through our lives to make the world a better place. Christ came into the world to be the greatest revelation of God's love - and we are called to reveal the life of Christ to all people. Join us for a brand new sermon series on November 26 as we discover... it really is a wonderful life!

El Sistema Oklahoma Winter Concert

What a year it's been at El Sistema Oklahoma (ESO) - transforming lives through music! You're invited to a free concert that will showcase all the hard work these young students have put in during 2017. The El Sistema Oklahoma "Winter Concert" will be Wednesday, December 6, at 6:30 p.m. at the Hudiburg Chevrolet Center, located on the Rose State College campus (6000 S. Prosper Rd, Midwest City). ESO has a Facebook event page created, and you are welcomed to share the event!

"Wrapping All the Way" Children's Christmas Musical

Get ready for the most adorable musical of the Christmas season! You're invited to the Children's Christmas Musical - "Wrapping All the Way" - on Sunday, December 3, at 3 p.m. in the Christian Life Center (CLC). A Christmas party will follow! Childcare will be provided for ages 4 and under (no charge). It will be a wonderful afternoon of fellowship and Christmas joy!

Trip to the Holy Land and Jordan!

You're invited to join Rev. Wendy Lambert on a trip to the Holy Land and Jordan, May 30 - June 9, 2018. It will be a journey that can truly deepen your faith, enhance your connection to your family of faith, and make the Bible come alive! There are brochures at the Welcome Centers or online at stlukesokc.org. For more information, contact Wendy at wlambert@stlukesokc.org.

BOLD Community Group

BOLD (Bridges Of Latin Dance) is resuming on Wednesdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m. in the Parlor. They are looking to welcome new people into the group! They are offering Latin Dance classes during the Wednesday evening meetings. The classes are free of charge and no partner is necessary! Come and be a part of a great Community Group and learn to dance too! For details, email stlukesbold@gmail.com.