

# THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

CHRISTMAS EVE  
SERVICE OF CAROLS AND CANDLELIGHT  
DECEMBER 24, 2018  
6:30 P.M.



**St. Luke's**  
United Methodist Church

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

Marc Cheban

*Grand Fantasia on Joy to the World*  
Robert Fasol, organist

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†THE CAROL

ADESTE FIDELES

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

*O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem. Come, and behold Him, born the King of Angels; O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; Sing all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest; O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Wendy Lambert

For to us a child is born;

**unto us a son is given.**

He shall be called Wonderful Counselor,

**Mighty God,**

Everlasting Father,

**Prince of Peace.**

He is Emmanuel,

**God with us.**

(All sing) *Yea, Lord we greet Thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to Thee be all glory given. Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing. O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

THE LESSON

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Matthew 1:18 - 25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

THE CAROL (seated)

ANTIOCH

*Joy to the World*

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.*

THE LESSON

Rev. Keith King

Matthew 2:1- 6

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

“NOW THE BIRTH OF

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.'"

THE CAROL (seated)

CAROL

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

*It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, goodwill to men, from heavn's all gracious king." The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.*

THE LESSON

Rev. Phil Greenwald

Luke 2:1 - 7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

THE CAROL

MENDELSSOHN

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

*Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King; peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies; with th'angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"*

†THE LESSON

Rev. David Poteet

Luke 2:8 - 14

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!'

†THE CAROL

GLORIA

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

*Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains. Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

ANTHEM

arr. Harry Simeone

*Do You Hear What I Hear?*

Christmas Eve Choir and Orchestra

*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."*

JESUS CHRIST TOOK PLACE IN THIS V

*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!"*

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Phil Greenwald

MISSION MOMENT

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

arr. Robert Shaw

*Adeste Fideles*  
Christmas Eve Orchestra

MESSAGE

Dr. Robert E. Long

MUSICAL REFLECTION

arr. Bradley Knight

*O Holy Night*  
Keely McGough, soloist  
Christmas Eve Orchestra

*O holy night! The stars are brightly shining. It is the night of our dear Savior's birth. Long lay the world in sin and error pining, 'til He appeared and the soul felt it's worth. A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn! Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices! O night divine, O night when Christ was born. O night divine, O night, O night divine!*

*Truly He taught us to love one another. His law is love, and His gospel is peace. Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother and in His name all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we. Let all within us praise His holy name. Christ is the Lord! O praise His Name forever. His pow'r and glory forever, evermore proclaim. O night divine! Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices! O night divine, O night when Christ was born! O night divine, O night, O night divine! O night divine!*

†THE CAROL

STILLE NACHT

*Silent Night*

*Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and Child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia! Christ, the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!*

*Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light; radiant beams from Thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.*

*Silent night, holy night, wond'rous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!*

(We will sing *Silent Night* three times. Ushers will begin leading the congregation out of the Sanctuary during the second time through.)

JAY... " MATTHEW 1:18

# LEADING IN WORSHIP

**Dr. Robert E. Long**

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Online Campus Pastor

**Rev. Phil Greenwald**

Executive Pastor of Administration

**Rev. David Poteet**

Pastor of Congregational Care

## *Musicians*

**Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster**  
**Christmas Eve Choir and Orchestra**

**Eric Bradford, Conductor**

**Keely McGough, Soloist**

Childcare is available in the nursery for children and infants. There is a live video feed in the Watchorn Chapel located next to the Sanctuary. The chapel is available for use if your children need a break and you wish to keep participating in the service.

## **Join Us for Worship**

*If this is your first time at St. Luke's, we would like to invite you to join us for Sunday Morning Worship.*



### **Traditional**

Traditional Services are at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary



### **LifeLight**

LifeLight Contemporary Service is at 9:40 in the Christian Life Center

# 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. This Advent season, our offering will be used to help support Circle of Care, ReMerge, the Russia Ministries, and Fields and Futures.

Simply text "STL Give" to 73256 and follow the links to donate to the Christmas Offering. Donations can be made during service or by contacting the Finance Department.



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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](mailto: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](http://faithpartners.stlukesokc.org) or email to [ccm@stlukesokc.org](mailto: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](http://stlukesokc.org) website.

### **Welcome to Our Newest Members Joining in November:**

*Downtown:* Caroline Nyalala, Andrew and Mallory Negley, Devin Lockard, Martha Mikolajczyk, Ramiro Beltran, Lloyd and Leigh Ann Hardin, Dallas Walton, Carrie Stevenson

*Edmond:* Emiliano Tarin, Ashley Stephens, Tim and Sheri Galloway