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Finding the Way

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Christ the King Sunday
November 24, 2019
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

Philip W.J. Stopford

How Glorious Is the Kingdom

St. Luke's Brass Ensemble

Robert Fasol, *organist*

Eric Bradford, *conductor*

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

Beth Armstrong

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

His mercy endures forever!

For the beauty of the earth and the resources within;

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

His mercy endures forever!

For the gift of love we've experienced from family and friends;

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

His mercy endures forever!

For the everlasting presence of God;

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

His mercy endures forever!

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare.

We believe in God the Father,

infinite in wisdom, power and love,

whose mercy is over all His works,
and whose will is ever directed to His children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love,
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. 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.

HYMN 131 (seated)

KREMSER

We Gather Together

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; He chastens and hastens His will to make known. The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing. Sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine; so from the beginning the fight we were winning; Thou Lord, wast at our side, all glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant, and pray that Thou still our defender wilt be. Let Thy congregation escape tribulation; Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

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

Charlotte Louise Hand, daughter of Bonnie and Richard Hand,
born on May 22, 2019.

BAPTISM SONG

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

Psalm 100

Chancel Choir and Brass Ensemble

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.

O go your way into His gate with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise, His courts with praise!

Be thankful unto Him, 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. Keith King

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Wendy Lambert

OFFERTORY

arr. David Angerman

Give Thanks

Cantate Chamber Choir

Robert Fasol, *conductor*

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One. Give thanks, because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One. Give thanks, because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now, let the weak say, "I am strong." Let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us, done for us. Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One. Give thanks, because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.

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†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. David Potteet

In those days, when again a great crowd had gathered, and they had nothing to eat, he called his disciples to him, and said to them, "I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days, and have nothing to eat; and if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way; and some of them have come a long way." And his disciples answered him, "How can one feed these men with bread here in the desert?" And he asked them, "How many loaves have you?" They said, "Seven." And he commanded the crowd to sit down on the ground; and he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and they set them before the crowd. And they had a few small fish; and having blessed them, he commanded that these also should be set before them. And they ate, and were satisfied; and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. And there were about four thousand people. (Mark 8:1 - 9)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Saying Grace Before a Meal

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

†HYMN

AR HYD Y NOS

For the Fruit of All Creation

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For His gifts to every nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safe keeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done. In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done. In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God, For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

†SENDING FORTH

Rev. Wendy Lambert

We've been given life

and life more abundant.

We've known the beauty of the earth

and the love of ones close to us.

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

His mercy endures forever!

POSTLUDE

Bruce A. Stevenson

Festive Postlude (Old 100th)

St. Luke's Brass Ensemble

Robert Fasol, *organist*

Eric Bradford, *conductor*

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Senior Executive Pastor

Rev. David Poteet

Pastor of Congregational Care

Rev. Keith King

Pastor of Worship

Beth Armstrong

Director of Marketing

Musicians

Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster

Eric Bradford, Conductor

Chancel Choir and Brass Ensemble

Cantate Chamber Choir



Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life..." How do we know the Way? What does it look like to follow Christ? Finding the Way means growing in our knowledge of who Christ is, deepening our faith, and committing our time and effort that we might make a difference. A life lived in Jesus is a better life and so we are committed to following Him. We are committed to *Finding the Way*.



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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 the prayer request cards found in the Registration Pads and place them in the offering plates or email to ccm@stlukesokc.org. You may also call 232-1371 with your prayers and 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.

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 at stlukesokc.org/live.

Want to Join St. Luke's?

Are you interested in joining the St. Luke's mission to share, grow and serve? You can join St. Luke's on Sunday morning during Worship. For more information about membership contact Morgan Jones, Hospitality Coordinator at 609-1028 or mjones@stlukesokc.org.

Welcome to Our Newest Members Joining in October:

Downtown: Donette Johnson, Ken and Page Beatty, Nancie Buick-Renia

Edmond: Mike and Kim Callis, James Savage and Jennifer Lowder, Kinsey Fling, Pat Coulson, Jim, Joan and Stephen Gass

One Church with Multiple Campuses

Downtown Campus
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Sharing God's Love and Bringing Hope to the World

The mission of St. Luke's is to share God's love and bring hope to the world. We accomplish that by sharing the message of Christ, growing in our faith, and serving the community. Listed below are new and exciting ways for your entire family to be involved. For information about growing in your faith every week, stop by the Welcome Center today, call 232-1371, or visit stlukesokc.org.

HAPPENING TODAY

UMW Bake Sale Today

Support missions by purchasing some of the appetizing baked goods from the United Methodist Women's Bake Sale, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the Gallery. Proceeds from the bake sale will support missions. Be sure to stop by early to purchase goodies for the Thanksgiving holiday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blizzard Bag Donations Needed

Help our homebound seniors weather the upcoming winter storms. Beginning today, St. Luke's is partnering with Subaru's "Share the Love" event to provide Blizzard Bags to seniors. You can help by donating non-perishable items, or providing financial support. Drop off donations at the Mission Bin in the Downtown Campus Gallery. Items needed include peanut butter, corn, green beans, baked beans, shelf-stable microwave pastas, instant oatmeal, mac and cheese, and various soups. To make a monetary donation, go to endinghungerokc.org. For details, email Chris Lambert at clambert@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1012.

Ending Hunger OKC - CommUNITY Christmas Dinner

St. Luke's is serving the community around the Asbury Campus this holiday season. On December 3, Ending Hunger OKC/CommUNITY Table are hosting a Christmas Dinner at the Asbury Campus. This free meal is open to families of Emerson South High School, Lee Elementary, Academia OKC, and neighbors around the Asbury Campus. If you know of anyone who lives in the Asbury neighborhood, please invite them to come to the Christmas Dinner. For more information about the CommUNITY Table and Food Ministry contact Candice Hillenbrand at chillenbrand@stlukesokc.org or 609-1016.

Honduras Mission Trips

Experience a life-changing mission trip to Honduras in 2020. St. Luke's is returning to the island of Roatan to share God's love with our friends. Meet incredible residents who will work alongside us in construction projects, VBS, and more. All skills are needed; there's a job for everyone! Choose the week of May 16-23, or May 23-30. The cost is \$1,650 which includes lodging, airfare, and meals (additional costs include checked bag fees and incidentals). A \$100 reservation deposit is due by December 15. There's a limited number of spots, filling fast! Email Julie Robinson for details at jrobinson@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1009.

Esther Women - Guest Speaker Wintley Phipps

The Esther Women are inviting everyone to hear a special guest speaker on December 4 at 11:30 a.m. in the Downtown Campus Sanctuary. Wintley Phipps is a pastor, world-renowned vocalist, motivational speaker, and education activist. He is the founder of the US Dream Academy, a national after-school program that aims to break the cycle of intergenerational incarceration. This is a free event and reservations are not needed. Hope to see you then!

EXPERIENCE CHRISTMAS

Advent Season at St. Luke's is always a busy and exciting time. There are activities, programs, and concerts scheduled throughout December. For details on all the events, you can check your Advent Insert, Announcement Insert, or online at stlukesokc.org/Christmas.



Experience Christmas at St. Luke's

The season of Advent is a special time in our family of faith. Throughout December, join your St. Luke's family of faith as we prepare our hearts and minds for the birth of Christ. Every Sunday in Advent is filled with Christmas music, inspirational messages, and holiday joy! You will want to be here every Sunday - it's the perfect way to experience Christmas.

New Sermon Series Begins Next Sunday

Dr. Bob Long returns to begin the Advent Sermon Series, *Prepare Him Room*. We have an opportunity to prepare for the Christ child, to be filled with His joy and love. Yet it seems that we're more likely to fill our lives with busyness, stress, overdrawn accounts, and overdrawn lives. Jesus came into the world to bring joy and meaning into life. This year marks the 300th anniversary of the carol, *Joy to the World* and more than 2,000 years of Joy in the world.

Membership Worship Service

Celebrate the beginning of the Advent season by making a commitment to join St. Luke's in our mission of Sharing God's Love and Bringing Hope to the World. On Wednesday, December 4, at 6 p.m. (right before the Christmas Choir concert), a Membership Worship Service will be held in the Mansion Chapel. This service offers an opportunity to become a member of the family of faith in a private, worshipful setting. The service features music, communion, and a special message from Rev. Dave Poteet. There will also be an opportunity for baptism of anyone who has never been baptized. Childcare is provided. No RSVP required. Invite your family and friends! For details, email Brittany Attaway at battaway@stlukesokc.org.

A Gift of Song - A Christmas Opera

Poteet Theatre is proud to bring to the stage *A Gift of Song* presented by the Cimarron Opera. This Christmas opera premiered in 1961 with a story featuring Silent Night. There will be laughter and tears in this amazing presentation. Tickets are \$20-\$25 reserved seating. The opera runs December 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m. and December 15 at 2 p.m. You can purchase tickets online at stlukesokc.org/tickets.

Advent Devotionals

The staff has written devotionals for the Advent Season. You can pick up a copy of these devotional booklets in the Narthex next Sunday, December 1. If you would rather have a digital version: follow [Facebook.com/stlukesokc](https://www.facebook.com/stlukesokc) or sign up for the Devotional Email at stlukesokc.org.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Christmas Decorating

All 6th-12th grade students are invited to decorate the Youth Room next Sunday, December 1, from 9:40 a.m. to noon. Christmas music will definitely be playing as we get into the spirit and make a beautiful, festive space. Simply show up, there's no cost, and brunch is provided!

PREPARE HIM ROOM

ADVENT SERMON SERIES

DECEMBER 1 - 24

ADVENT EVENTS

Repeat the Sounding Joy Christmas Concerts

Downtown - Wednesday, Dec. 4
Edmond - Wednesday, Dec. 11

Children's Christmas Musicals

Downtown - Sunday, Dec. 8
Edmond - Sunday, Dec. 15

National Treasure of St. Luke's St. Luke's Christmas Party

Edmond - Sunday, Dec. 8
Downtown - Sunday, Dec. 15
Holiday Open House at 4 p.m.
Dinner and Movie at 5 p.m.

LifeLight Christmas Concert

Downtown - Sunday, Dec. 15

A Christmas Just for You Worship Service

Edmond - Sunday, Dec. 22

Angel of Hope Service Worship Service

Downtown - Sunday, Dec. 22

Dinner with Love

Downtown - Monday, Dec. 23

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Services

Tuesday, Dec. 24

Downtown

2:30 p.m. - Traditional Service*
4:30 p.m. - Family Service
6:30 p.m. - Traditional Service

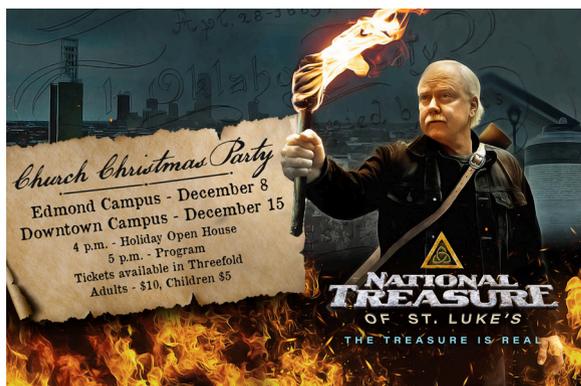
Edmond

2 p.m. - Family Service
4 p.m. - Family Service
6:30 p.m. - Traditional Service
11 p.m. - Traditional Service*

Asbury

4 p.m. - Traditional Service*

*Holy Communion during Service



There's treasure at St. Luke's? Where? Find out at this year's All Church Christmas Party! Join your family of faith as we recap and celebrate all the accomplishments of 2019 with this year's feature film, National Treasure of St. Luke's. See Dr. Bob Long like you've never seen him before!

Bring your family to the St. Luke's Christmas Party at the Edmond Campus, December 8, or at the Downtown Campus, on December 15. The Holiday Open House starts at 4 p.m. and a delicious dinner and program begins at 5 p.m.

Both campuses will enjoy the same presentation with the Downtown Campus conducting the Annual Business Meeting before the presentation.

Tickets are \$10 for those attending the program. Children will enjoy their own Christmas Party starting at 5 p.m. with games and activities for \$5.

Tickets for all events can be purchased at Threefold.



Advent Devotionals are available at the Welcome Center, online, and on Facebook beginning December 1.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

In honor of In memory of

Name: _____

Given By: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Number of Plants: _____ @ \$20 each Check for \$ _____ attached

Downtown Campus Edmond Campus

Orders must be turned in by December 15.

If you purchase a poinsettia, they will be used to decorate during Advent.

You may take the poinsettia home after the Christmas Eve Service.

POINSETTIA SALE

There is a special way to honor and remember loved ones and special people in your life this Advent season. Donate a Christmas poinsettia for \$20 each. These poinsettias are a part of our beautifully decorated facilities and displayed throughout the season to be enjoyed by many. Tear off the order form above and return by December 15.



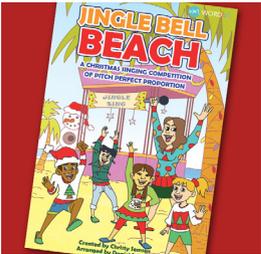
REPEAT THE SOUNDING JOY - CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Downtown Campus - December 4: Concert at 7 p.m.

Edmond Campus - December 11:

Pre-Concert at 6 p.m., Concert at 6:30 p.m.

This year's Downtown concert will feature the St. Luke's Orchestra, Chancel Choir, Cantate Chamber Choir, and the Bells of St. Luke's. Special guest artist J. Warren Mitchell will be also be singing and releasing a special Christmas album. A Holiday Reception will follow each event.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

December 8 at 3 p.m. in the Christian Life Center

Get ready for the most adorable musical of the Christmas season! You're invited to the Children's Christmas Musical - Jingle Bell Beach. A Christmas party will follow! It will be a wonderful afternoon of fellowship and Christmas joy!



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. 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.



MISSION TREES

Share God's love this Christmas season by picking up an ornament from the Mission Tree in the Gallery to see items you can purchase to help those in need. Studio 222, Emerson South Kiddie Korner, and El Sistema will all benefit from this year's Mission Tree donations. Drop off donations in the Gallery.