

LOVE

Your Neighbor

no exceptions

Third Sunday After the Epiphany
January 26, 2020
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 10:50 A.M.

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

PRELUDE

Dan Forrest

Covenant Prayer
St. Luke's String Ensemble
Robert Fasol, *piano*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN

HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays, stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are Thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began; love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife; joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Christ is the Lord and worthy to be praised!

He has given us new life and we recommit our lives to Him.

Jesus has shown us the way to a better life;

we will do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our Lord.

Christ is the One who changed our lives

and we will follow Him to be the people who are there for others.

†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 new,

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. Phil Greenwald

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

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

Lincoln Macbeth Jones, son of Taylor and Morgan Jones, born on April 22, 2019.

BAPTISM SONG

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

ANTHEM

arr. Bruce Greer

This Place

Chancel Choir and String Ensemble

Robert Fasol, piano/conductor

*I love these people, I love this place, sharing the blessing of Love's embrace.
So many memories time can't erase, loving these people, loving this place.*

*I love these people, I love this place. Lord, as we worship we seek Your face.
We are Your Body, we are Your Bride; teach us to love those for whom You died.*

*God so loved the world, He gave His only Son, and when we love the way God loves,
then His will is done. Lord Jesus, make us one.*

*We must love people beyond this place; from every nation, from every race. Exalting
Jesus, proclaiming grace, by loving people in every place. We are Your people,
come fill this place.*

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Wendy Lambert

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

Stephen Schwartz

Beautiful City
Elvie Ellis, *soloist*
String Ensemble
Robert Fasol, *piano*

Out of the ruin and rubble, out of the smoke, out of our night of struggle, can we see a ray of hope? One pale thin ray, reaching for the day... we can build a beautiful city, yes, we can, yes, we can. We can build a beautiful city, not a city of angels, but we can build a city of man.

We may not reach the ending, but we can start slowly but truly mending, brick by brick, heart by heart. Now, maybe now, we start learning how. We can build a beautiful city, yes, we can, yes, we can. We can build a beautiful city, not a city of angels, but we can build a city of man.

When your trust is all but shattered, when your faith is all but killed, you can give up, bitter and battered, or you can slowly start to build a beautiful city, yes, we can, yes, we can. We can build a beautiful city, not a city of angels, but finally, a city of man. A city of man.

†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

Brooks Lambert

But Barnabas took Saul, and brought him to the apostles, and declared to them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who spoke to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus. So he went in and out among them at Jerusalem, preaching boldly in the name of the Lord. (Acts 9:27 - 29a)

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

A Decision Made 228 Years Ago

From the Sermon Series - Love Your Neighbor: No Exceptions

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Chet Powers

Get Together
Elvie Ellis, *soloist*
String Ensemble
Robert Fasol, *piano*

Love is but the song we sing, and fear's the way we die. You can make the mountains ring, or make the angels cry. Though the bird is on the wing, and you may not know why. C'mon people now smile on your neighbor. Everybody get together, try to love one another, right now.

Some come and some may go, we will surely pass. When the one that left us here, returns for us at last. We are but a moment's sunlight fading in the grass. C'mon people now smile on your neighbor. Everybody get together, try to love one another, right now.

If you hear the song I sing, you will understand. You hold the key to love and fear all in your trembling hand. Just one key unlocks them both it's there at your command. C'mon people now smile on your neighbor. Everybody get together, try to love one another, right now. Right now! Right now!

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

†HYMN

SINE NOMINE

Go to the World!

Go to the world! Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth, baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go into every place. Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace. Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray; the nights of tears give way to joyous day. As servant church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for I am with you 'till the age shall end, when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen." Alleluia! Alleluia!

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

Follow Christ and show mercy to all people;

His life transformed ours.

Follow the example of Barnabas,

we will be people of encouragement!

We will love our neighbors without exceptions,

for we know that one person can make a difference.

POSTLUDE

Aaron David Miller

*Fantasy on **Lobe den Herren***

Robert Fasol, *organist*

LEADING IN WORSHIP

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Senior Pastor

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Senior Executive Pastor

Rev. Phil Greenwald

Executive Pastor of Administration

Brooks Lambert

St. Luke's Member

Musicians

Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster

Chancel Choir and String Ensemble

Elvie Ellis, Soloist



Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment was. He replied "Love the Lord Your God with all your heart, mind, should and strength. And love your neighbor as yourself." We are told that we are called to be a neighbor to anyone - we are called to care for one another and show mercy. Jesus never gave any exemptions to that. We are our neighbors, no exceptions.



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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 December:

Downtown: Dennis and Chris Box, Alex Kirkpatrick and Rachael Edwards, Lauren Lunday

Edmond: Paul and Lou Ann Bass, Cindy Cornmesser, Peyton Jones, Bob and Joyce Martin, Alan and Carey Freeman, Alan and Lynette Friedemann, Steve and Jana Barrett, Dylan Forcica and Cristina Arriens, Cameron and Lindsey Karner, Jeff and Amy Ingram, Chip and Haleigh Collins

One Church with Multiple Campuses

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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

Valentine's Day at Home Point

Stop by Home Point today and pick up a free copy of a Valentine's Day Guide that will help your family celebrate God's love. You will find ideas and resources to be intentional during this Valentine season with family and friends. Adjust the activities and ideas to fit what is best for you. Also, pick up scripture cards to read every day and memorize them to help you carry God's love in your heart throughout the year!

Honduras Mission Trips Informational Meeting Today

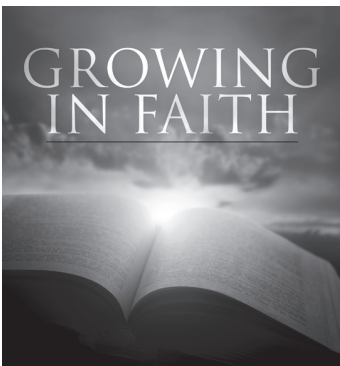
St. Luke's is returning to the island of Roatan the weeks of May 16-23 and May 23-30. There are still a few spots available for this life-changing mission trip to Honduras. If you are interested in going, but would like more information, there is an informational meeting today at 12:45 in the Mansion Library. The trip cost is \$1,650, which includes lodging, airfare, and meals (additional costs include checked bag fees and incidentals). A \$200 reservation deposit is due by January 30. Email Julie Robinson for details at jrobinson@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1009.

Love Your Neighbor Daily Calendar and Window Cling

Our theme this year is "Love Your Neighbor: No Exceptions" and to help us remember to love our neighbor, we have created an inspirational daily calendar and window cling. In the calendar, each day has a quote or scripture that is sure to help us remember to be kind. Be sure to stop by the Connection Point to pick up your calendar and cling today.

FIND YOUR PLACE TO GROW

At St. Luke's, we believe connecting with others allows us to grow in faith together. From Sunday School to Bible Studies and Community Groups, there are several ways to grow in faith with your peers. Find your perfect way to connect online at stlukesokc.org/grow.



Wednesday Night Alive

WNA is off to a great start and it's not too late to take advantage of this great opportunity to grow in your faith. WNA offers a variety of classes for adults, youth, and children. Dinner is served in the Worship Center at 5:15 p.m. (\$5 for adults - children 12 and under are free). This week's menu is: fried chicken, chicken fried steak, garlic mashed potatoes, broccoli and rolls. Classes begin at 6:30. More information about classes is available at the Welcome Center and online.

Monday Night Bible Study - The Epic of Eden: Understanding the Old Testament

Everyone is invited to a new 12-week Bible study that will help us explore the Old Testament so that we can have a fresh understanding of our Christian faith story. The study meets on Monday evenings at 6:30 in Room 207 at the Downtown Campus, beginning on February 3. Join us as we seek to deepen our faith for everyday life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Souper Bowl of Caring

Be a part of something big - the "Souper Bowl of Caring." Donations will be taken after each worship service on February 2 for People Helping People. Since 1990, youth have been inspiring others to collect dollars and food leading up to the Big Game. Teaming up with local partners, these groups give 100% of donations to local charities, making the nation's biggest weekend of football the largest weekend of caring.

St. Luke's Service Day

Did you know Oklahoma is the fifth hungriest state in the nation? Let's do something to change that. Your family will have a chance to feed the hungry in just a single morning. Join us for Family Service Day at the Regional Food Bank on Saturday, February 1, from 9:30 a.m.- noon. Anyone in our church family is welcome, and all volunteers must be at least 8 years old. Register to volunteer at stlukesokc.org and meet at the Regional Food Bank (3355 S. Purdue, OKC).

Parent's Night Out

Parents, take advantage of free childcare while you enjoy a Friday night to yourselves! The Downtown Campus is hosting Parent's Night Out on Friday, January 31, from 6 - 8:30 p.m. for children from infant to 5th grade. They'll enjoy pizza and playing games with friends. You **must** register online at stlukesokc.org by January 29 at 5 p.m.

Lunch With Bob

Get to know Dr. Bob and Marsha Long over lunch! They have been sharing God's love with the St. Luke's family of faith since 1991. You're invited to hear their inspiring story on Sunday, February 9, at 12:15 p.m. for "Lunch With Bob" in the Downtown Campus Mansion Library. A private joining ceremony will also be available. Childcare is provided. Please RSVP to Morgan Jones: mjones@stlukesokc.org, or call 609-1013.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Metro Worship Today

Youth - want to meet new friends and grow in your faith? Join us as we meet up with youth groups from local churches for worship. Youth Metro Worship is today from 5:15 - 8 p.m. at St. Andrews UMC. We will meet at the church and travel together to St. Andrews. All 6th-12th grade students are invited. There's no cost but dinner is not included.

Youth Spring Break Mission Trips

It may be winter, but we're already thinking about Spring Break! All Youth are invited to have a blast and serve the community on this year's Spring Break Mission Trips. Middle School students are heading to Dallas from March 15 - 18. High School students are going down to Baton Rouge, Louisiana from March 15 - 21. Register online at stlukesokc.org by February 2. The cost is \$250 for Middle School (\$100 deposit), and \$500 for High School (\$150 deposit). Mission Bucks can be earned to lower the cost! For details, email Amy Givens at agivens@stlukesokc.org.