

THE
HOPES & FEARS
OF ALL THE YEARS



EDMOND CAMPUS
SERVICE OF CAROLS AND CANDLELIGHT
December 24, 2021
4:00 P.M.

PRELUDE

St. Luke's Brass Quintet

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†THE CAROL

ANTIOCH

Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord has 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.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrow grow, nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

WELCOME AND GREETING

Taylor Easttom

THE CAROL

ST. LOUIS

O Little Town of Bethlehem

As we sing *O Little Town of Bethlehem*,
at the beginning of each verse, an Advent Candle will be lit.

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth! And praises sing to Christ the King and peace to all on earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of the heav'ns. No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive Him still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray, cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today! We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell. O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

VIDEO LESSON

CREDIT: SADDLEBACK CHURCH

Luke 1:26 - 33 (New Living Translation)

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you! Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God! You will

conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!"

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; O 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.

UNISON PRAYER

Eternal God,

We have waited. Our eyes have strained to see through the darkness. The promise of Your steadfast love has kept us watching and waiting. Today, our hope is realized. Your arrival is our joy. In Your presence our burdens are lighter, our strength is rebuilt, and our hope is renewed. Be with us, we pray. Continue to shine Your light into the darkness and remind us that there is a reason to hope and to love.

This we pray in the name of the Child of Bethlehem. Amen.

THE LESSON

CREDIT: SADDLEBACK CHURCH

Luke 2:1 - 7 (New Living Translation)

At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child. And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.

THE CAROL

AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray; bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

THE LESSON

CREDIT: SADDLEBACK CHURCH

Luke 2:8 - 16 (New Living Translation)

That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior - yes, the Messiah, the Lord - has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger." Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others - the armies of heaven - praising God and saying, "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased." When the angels had returned to heaven,

the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger.

THE CAROL

MENDELSSOHN

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born 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 host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Josh Attaway

* To register your attendance please text "guest" or "member" to (405) 351-4001.

* Prayer requests can be submitted by texting your request to (405) 351-4001 or a prayer card can be dropped in the offering box.

MISSION MOMENT

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

* Give today - text the letters STL to the number 73256 to give on a secure website.

OFFERTORY

arr. John Frederick Hudson

I Saw Three Ships

Amy Coplen, soloist

Chancel Choir

St. Luke's Orchestra

Dr. Candace Fish and Marji Shelton, piano

Sydney Arrendell, conductor

I saw three ships come sailing in on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day; I saw three ships come sailing in on Christmas Day in the morning.

And what was in those ships all three, on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day? And what was in those ships all three, on Christmas Day in the morning?

Our Saviour Christ and his lady, on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day? Our Saviour Christ and his lady, on Christmas Day in the morning.

Pray, wither sailed those ships all three, on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day; pray, wither sailed those ships all three, on Christmas Day in the morning.

O they sailed into Bethlehem, on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day; O they sailed into Bethlehem, on Christmas Day in the morning.

And all the bells on earth shall ring, on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day; and all the bells on earth shall ring, on Christmas Day in the morning.

And all the Angels in Heav'n shall sing, on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day; and all the Angels in Heav'n shall sing, on Christmas Day in the morning.

And all the souls on earth shall sing, on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day; and all the souls on earth shall sing, on Christmas Day in the morning.

Then let us all rejoice again, on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day; then let us all rejoice again, on Christmas Day in the morning.

I saw three ships come sailing in, I saw three ships come sailing in, on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day!

WORDS OF REFLECTION

Rev. Josh Attaway

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 Worship Center during the second time through.)

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Josh Attaway

Edmond Campus Pastor

Taylor Eastom

Director of Children's Ministry

Dr. Candace Fish, *Campus Director of Traditional Worship*

Savannah White, *Campus Director of LifeLight Worship*

Sydney Arrendell, *conductor*

Amy Coplen, *soloist*

St. Luke's Chancel Choir and Orchestra

Marji Shelton, *piano*

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.





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GROWING IN YOUR FAITH

We believe in the importance of growing in our faith throughout our lives. We have opportunities available for people of all ages – from nursery through adults. Visit online at stlukesokc.org to learn more about how you can grow in your faith.

Community Groups - Adults of all ages

Community Groups are small groups of adults committed to growing closer to God and one another. A full list of current Community Groups is available online at stlukesokc.org.

Thrive Youth Ministry – 6th – 12th graders

St. Luke's Thrive Youth Ministry is an exciting place for 6-12th graders to grow spiritually through a meaningful combination of Christian education, mission work, and relationships with each other. For a calendar with all upcoming youth events, please email Sarah Cohea - scohea@stlukesokc.org.

Children's Ministry - 6 weeks through 5th grade

St. Luke's Children's Ministry is designed to help every child learn about the love of God through biblically-based lessons. Stop by Will's Welcome to learn more about our Children's Ministry.

Parents with Young Children

The Family Room located at the back of the Worship Center offers a comfortable place for active or tearful children to be with their parents during the service.

ADDITIONAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Online Worship Service

If you are unable to attend worship on any Sunday, you can join us online for our live-stream of the Edmond Campus Services (LL at 9 a.m. and Traditional at 11 a.m.) and the Downtown Campus Traditional Service (10:50 a.m.) at stlukesokc.org/live. Live services are also available on Roku and Apple TV apps. To install, please search - [stlukesokc](http://stlukesokc.org) or St. Luke's United Methodist Church

TV Programming

St. Luke's Traditional service can be seen as an hour long television program on KOCO channel 5 at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday morning. The program is a week delayed.

Welcome to Our Newest Members Joining in November:

Edmond Confirmands: Braden Burkett, Reese Deaton, Oliver Dudley, Ava Kelsner , Abbie Kleese, Braylon Logsdon, Coen Papin, Chloe Ramsey, Presley Richardson, Lillan Tribble, Robert (Jackson) Wright, RL Young

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