

WELCOME TO ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

We're so glad you've joined us for worship today. Our mission is to share God's love and bring hope to the world. We hope you leave here inspired by a message of hope and ready to embrace life in the week ahead.



Christmas Eve Service of Carols and Candlelight Holy Communion December 24, 2022 Two Thirty P.M. (†Those who are able, please stand in honor of God.)

PRELUDE arr. David Hamilton

Worship Christ the Newborn King
St. Luke's Orchestra
Robert Fasol, *organist*
Hayden Coie, *piano*
Richard Beam, *conductor*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND GREETING Rev. Wendy Lambert

†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.*

*True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal, lo, He shuns not the Virgin's
womb; Son of the Father, begotten not created; 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.*

THE LESSON Ashleigh Robinson

Luke 1:26 - 33

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end."

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

Rev. David Poteet

Luke 2:8 - 16

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!' When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a 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. Wendy Lambert

- * 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

Dr. Robert E. Long

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

OFFERTORY

Lauren Daigle

Noel

Kelsey Paul, soloist

St. Luke's Orchestra

Robert Fasol, piano/conductor

Love incarnate, love divine. Star and angels gave the sign. Bow to babe on bended knee, the Savior of humanity, unto us a Child is born. He shall reign forevermore.

Noel, Noel. Come and see what God has done. Noel, Noel. The story of amazing love. The light of the world given for us. Noel.

Son of God and Son of man. There before the world began, born to suffer, born to save, born to raise us from the grave. Christ the everlasting Lord, He shall reign forevermore.

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MESSAGE OF HOPE

Dr. Robert E. Long

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC

arr. Dave Williamson

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Keely McGough, soloist

St. Luke's Orchestra

Robert Fasol, piano/conductor

I heard the bells on Christmas Day, their old familiar carols play; and mild and sweet their songs repeat of peace on earth, goodwill to men.

And the bells are ringing: "Peace on earth." Like a choir they're singing: "Peace on earth." In my heart I hear them; "Peace on Earth, goodwill to men."

And in despair I bowed my head, "There is no peace on earth." I said, "For hate is strong and mocks the song of peace on earth, goodwill to men."

But the bells are ringing: "Peace on earth." Like a choir they're singing: "Peace on earth." Does anybody hear them? "Peace on Earth, goodwill to men."

Then rang the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor doth He sleep; peace on earth, peace on earth, the wrong shall fail, the right prevail with peace on earth, goodwill to men." Goodwill to men.

Then ringing, singing on its way, the world revolved from night to day. A voice, a chime, a chant sublime of peace on earth, goodwill to men.

And the bells are ringing: "Peace on earth." Like a choir they're singing: "Peace on earth." With our hearts, we'll hear them: "Peace on Earth, goodwill to men."

Do you hear the bells? They're ringing: Peace on earth!" Like the angels singing: "Peace on earth!" Open up your heart and hear them: "Peace on earth, goodwill to men!" Peace on earth, peace on earth, peace on earth, goodwill to men.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Adolphe Adam

O Holy Night

Chrissy Mayer, soloist

St. Luke's Orchestra

Robert Fasol, organist Hayden Coie, piano

Richard Beam, conductor

†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!

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Dr. Robert E. Long

Senior Pastor

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Senior Executive Pastor

Rev. David Poteet

Pastor of Congregational Care

Ashleigh Robinson

Discipleship Associate

Musicians

Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster

St. Luke's Orchestra

Keely McGough, Soloist

Kelsey Paul, Soloist

Chrissy Mayer, Soloist

Hayden Coie, Piano

Richard Beam, Conductor

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 Worship
Sundays, 8:15 & 10:50 a.m. CST



LifeLight Contemporary Worship
Sundays, 9:30 a.m. CST

Christmas Offering



Scan the QR Code with
your smart phone or
Text "STL Christmas"
to 73256





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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. Prayer Cards can be found at the Welcome Center and completed cards can be returned there. You are also welcomed to email your prayer concerns to ccm@stlukesokc.org or you may also call 232-1371 with your prayers and concerns.

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 (8:15, 9:40 and 10:50 a.m.) at stlukesokc.org/live. Live services are also available on Roku and Apple TV apps. To install search - stlukesokc 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.

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 Tisha Tate Garcia at ttategarcia@stlukesokc.org.



Throughout the season of Advent we encounter the message of Christmas. In shopping venues, social media posts, and movies we hear the message of Good News. In the story, A Christmas Carol, Charles Dickens used the spirits to collectively share a message of how Ebenezer Scrooge could live a joy-filled meaningful life. In scripture, angelic messengers spoke to Zechariah, Joseph, Mary, the shepherds, and wise men of good news of a great joy that had come. Listen for the message of joy this Christmas and join us as we proclaim, "God bless us, every one!"

One Church with Multiple Campuses

Downtown Campus
222 NW 15th Street
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900 N. Sooner Road
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stlukesedmond.org

Online Campus
Watch service live, chat with clergy, request prayer, give online during every worship service
stlukesokc.org/online



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.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

- Register your attendance by texting guest or member to (405) 351-4001.
- Prayer requests can be submitted via text message or dropped in the offering box.
- Give today - text the letters STL to the number 73256 to give on a secure website.
- Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices are available in the Narthex.
- A live feed of the service is available for parents with active or tearful children.
- A Hospitality Team member is at the Welcome Center to help.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Christmas" to 73256 and follow the links to donate to the Christmas Offering. Donations can be made during service or by contacting the Finance Department at (405) 232-1371

NEW YEAR'S DAY WORSHIP

Start 2023 off right! We will return to the regular service times on January 1, 2023. Enjoy a meaningful time with your family of faith on this special day. All of our services will also be streamed live on our website.

AUDITIONS FOR GODSPELL

You can be a part of the musical "Godspell" at Poteet Theatre! Auditions are Saturday, January 7, from 2-7 p.m. (callback auditions are January 8 from 2-6 p.m.). In Godspell, a small group of people help Jesus Christ tell different parables by using a wide variety of games, storytelling techniques and hefty doses of comic timing. An eclectic blend of songs, ranging in style from pop to vaudeville, is employed as the story of Jesus' life dances across the stage. Dissolving hauntingly into the Last Supper and the Crucifixion, Jesus' messages of kindness, tolerance and love come vibrantly to life. To sign up for an audition time, visit stlukesokc.org/poteet/auditions. For details, email Logan Fish at lfish@stlukesokc.org or call (405) 285-2341.

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS

If you can drive a car, you can deliver hope! Meals On Wheels OKC is looking for volunteer drivers to deliver meals to our senior clients who are often homebound. You can volunteer - once a week, once a month, or whenever you have time to help. The deliveries are easy by using our Mobile Meals app on your phone. We promise a fun and fulfilling experience! Learn more about our Meals on Wheels and volunteer online at stlukesokc.org/meals.

DAILY DEVOTIONALS

St. Luke's staff writes devotionals that are distributed daily through the website, email, and Facebook. You can sign up for the Daily Devotional Email by visiting stlukesokc.org and scrolling to the bottom of the page, or read them at stlukesokc.org/devotional.

FIND YOUR PLACE TO GROW

GET PLUGGED IN

Stop in the gallery on Sunday, January 8 to find out about opportunities to grow in your faith in the new year! You can find info and talk to people about Sunday School classes, Wednesday Night Alive, and other adult bible studies and groups that meet throughout the week. Can't make it on January 8, contact Amy Givens for more info at agivens@stlukesokc.org or call (405) 609-1027

WOMEN OF FAITH BIBLE STUDY | STARTS JANUARY 12

Women of all ages and stages of life are invited to join a new Bible study to start the new year! The Women of Faith Bible Study will get together on Thursdays from 12 - 1 p.m. in the Mansion Library, beginning January 12. We will study *The Rewritten Life* by Jessica Lagrone. This book will journey through the stories of people in the Bible whose lives - and names - were changed forever by God. God gave them new identities and storylines that were in line with his purposes for their lives. God wants to be just as intimately involved in your story. Get ready to discover more of the transforming power as you come to know him as the author and editor of your life and faith. For details, email Amy Givens at agivens@stlukesokc.org.

MEN'S FAITH GROUP | STARTS JANUARY 12

All men are invited to be a part of St. Luke's Men's Faith Group, which meets weekly from 7 - 7:45 a.m. Thursday mornings in the Mansion Library, beginning January 12 with a delicious breakfast. It's a good group for learning, accountability, and fellowship with other men. This group does a variety of studies and will start off the new year with video studies by N.T. Wright. For details, email Amy Givens at agivens@stlukesokc.org.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE | STARTS JANUARY 25

This session of Wednesday Night Alive (WNA) offers classes for children, youth, and adults and starts January 25. This year we will have classes at 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. with dinner being served in between starting at 5:15 p.m. WNA is a great opportunity for the entire family to grow in their faith. Class descriptions will be available in January at the Welcome Center and online at stlukesokc.org/wna.

YOUTH MINISTRY

WINTER YOUTH WEEKEND

All 6th - 12th grade students are invited to enjoy Winter Youth Weekend on January 7 - 8. We'll have two days of service projects and fun activities! The cost is \$20/day. You can come to either day or both days! Register and pay online at stlukesokc.org.

YOUTH DISCOVERY WEEKEND

Get ready to have a blast at Youth Discovery Weekend on January 21 - 22! This is a middle-school focused, overnight event at the church where our high school students help with the planning and leadership of the activities. There will be worship, small groups, and lots of fun and games! The cost for both days is \$50 which includes three meals, a shirt, and lots of fun! Register and pay at stlukesokc.org by January 15.

YOUTH SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIPS

High School students will take a trip to Washington DC on March 11 - 17. A \$200 deposit is upon registration, with the remaining balance due in February. Middle School students are heading to Branson from March 12 - 15. A \$100 deposit is due by January 8 and the remaining balance due in March. Email Amy Givens for details at agivens@stlukesokc.org.

For more information about youth events, contact:

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