

## 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 December 24, 2022 Four 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

†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.*

WELCOME AND GREETING

Rev. Wendy Lambert

THE CAROL

ST. LOUIS

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

*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.*

CHILDREN'S GREETING

Taylor Easttom

## 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

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.*

*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.*

## UNISON PRAYER

Rev. David Poteet

Eternal God,

**We have looked to You with great anticipation. We have waited with great hope. The time has arrived. You have come to be with us, our Emmanuel. Open our hearts to once again receive the message of hope and love that comes alive in the lowly manger. Like the shepherds so long ago, let us come to you and experience the arrival of good news and great joy for all the world. As we come to You, we pray that Your hope and love would be renewed in our lives. As the arrival of a newborn in Bethlehem brings new life for the world, let it restore us, as well.**

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

## VIDEO LESSON

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## 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 SOLO

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.*

## VIDEO 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. 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.*

*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.*

MESSAGE OF HOPE

Dr. Robert E. Long

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

**Rev. Linda Harker**

Online Campus Pastor

**Taylor Easttom**

Director of Children's Ministry

*Musicians*

**Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster**

**St. Luke's Christmas Orchestra**

**Keely McGough, Soloist**

**Kelsey Paul, Soloist**

**Chrissy Mayer, Soloist**

**Hayden Coie, Piano**

**Richard Beam, Conductor**

**Christmas  
Offering**



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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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:ttategarcia@stlukesokc.org).

## **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

## **One Church with Multiple Campuses**

**Downtown Campus**  
222 NW 15th Street  
OKC, OK 73103  
(405) 232-1371  
[stlukesokc.org](http://stlukesokc.org)

**Edmond Campus**  
900 N. Sooner Road  
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(405) 285-2002  
[stlukesedmond.org](http://stlukesedmond.org)

**Online Campus**  
Watch service live, chat with clergy, request prayer, give online during every worship service  
[stlukesokc.org/online](http://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](http://stlukesokc.org/poteet/auditions). For details, email Logan Fish at [lfish@stlukesokc.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://stlukesokc.org) and scrolling to the bottom of the page, or read them at [stlukesokc.org/devotional](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:agivens@stlukesokc.org).

### For more information about youth events, contact:

Amy Givens (Downtown Campus) at [agivens@stlukesokc.org](mailto:agivens@stlukesokc.org) or call (405) 609-1027