

WELCOME TO ST. LUKE'S 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.



THREE QUESTIONS

EDMOND CAMPUS SERVICE OF WORSHIP

September 17, 2023

11:00 a.m.

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

PRELUDE

Charles Wesley

"Andante and Allegro" from String Quartet, no. 5
St. Luke's String Quartet

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND GREETING

Rev. Josh Attaway

†HYMN

SLANE

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Josh Attaway

We are brought together through the love of God
for the sake of fellowship.

We work to create community
by showing mercy and kindness.

Christ has shown us how to live
by putting the lives of others before our own.

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

As a family of faith, let us affirm our faith together.

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:**

**Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;**

The third day He rose from the dead;

He ascended into heaven,

**and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic* church;
the communion of saints;**

**the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(* universal)

†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. Joe Hodges

The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

ANTHEM

arr. Craig Courtney

Let There Be Peace on Earth
Chancel Choir

Chelsea Thiessen and Connor Halley, soloists
String Quartet

Marji Shelton, piano

Dr. Candace Fish, director

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Joe Hodges

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.

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Josh Attaway

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

OFFERTORY

Benj Pasek/Justin Paul

You Will Be Found

LifeLight Vocal Ensemble

Chancel Choir

String Quartet

Marji Shelton, piano

Dr. Candace Fish, director

Have you ever felt like nobody was there? Have you ever felt forgotten in the middle of nowhere? Have you ever felt like you could disappear? Like you could fall, and no one would hear?

Well, let that lonely feeling wash away. Maybe there's a reason to believe you'll be okay. 'Cause when you don't feel strong enough to stand, you can reach, reach out your hand.

And oh, someone will come running and I know, they'll take you home.

Even when the dark comes crashing through. When you need a friend to carry you and when you're broken on the ground. You will be found.

So let the sun come streaming in. 'Cause you'll reach up and you'll rise again. Lift your head and look around. You will be found.

There's a place where we don't have to feel unknown and every time that you call out, you're a little less alone. If you only say the word from across the silence your voice is heard.

Someone will come running, someone will come running to take you home, to take you home, to take you home. Someone will come running to take you home, to take you home.

Even when the dark comes crashing through, when you need a friend to carry you, when you're broken on the ground, you will be found.

So let the sun come streaming in 'cause you'll reach up and you'll rise again. If you only look around. You will be found. You will be found. You will be found.

Out of the shadows, the morning is breaking and all is new, all is new. It's filling up the empty and suddenly I see that all is new, all is new.

Even when the dark comes crashin' through, when you need someone to carry you, when you're broken on the ground.

You will be found! So when the sun comes streaming in 'cause you'll reach up and you'll rise again. If you only look around, you will be found. Even when the dark comes crashin' through you will be found! You will be found! You will be found.

†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 EPISTLE

Rev. Joe Hodges

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption; but he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. (Galatians 6:7 - 10)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

Where Do I Fit In?

From the Sermon Series: Three Questions

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Josh Attaway

†HYMN

NETTLETON

Christian Hearts, in Love United

Christian hearts, in love united, seek alone in Jesus rest; has He not your love excited? Then let love inspire each breast. Members on our Head depending, lights reflecting Him, our Sun, Christians, His commands attending, we in Him, our Lord, are one.

Grant, Lord, that with Thy direction, "Love each other," we comply, aiming with unfeigned affection Thy love to exemplify; let our mutual love be glowing, so that all will plainly see that we, as on one stem growing, living branches are in Thee.

O that such may be our union as Thine with the Father is, and not one of our communion e'er forsake the path of bliss; may our light shine forth with brightness, from Thy light reflected, shine; thus the world will bear us witness, that we, Lord, are truly Thine.

†SENDING FORTH

Rev. Josh Attaway

We leave this time of worship with a renewed sense of community.

All of us were created with a need for fellowship.

But it takes intentionality and commitment;

we will sow seeds of kindness, mercy, and respect.

POSTLUDE

Alessandro Scarlatti

Folies d'Espagne

Dr. Candace Fish, *organ*

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Dr. Robert E. Long

Senior Pastor

Rev. Josh Attaway

Edmond Campus Pastor

Rev. Joe Hodges

Edmond Campus Associate Pastor

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

Savannah White, *Campus Director of LifeLight Worship*

Chancel Choir

LifeLight Vocal Ensemble

Marji Shelton, *piano/organ*

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 Logan Fish, Campus Director of Hospitality at (405) 285-2002 or lfish@stlukesokc.org

Welcome to Our Newest Members Joining in August

Edmond: Ellie Najm, Philip "Mitch" Hays, Patti Hartis, Pamela Terekova and Peter Terekoff, Schuyler Henderson

Downtown: Preston Barber, Valonda (Val) Brasel, Jane Harlow, Claret Lewis, Chris, Cindy, and Nicole (Vandumm) Mullins

TV/Online: J.T. Weedman



It is important for each of us to wrestle with the deeper issues of life from time to time. Typically, our search for meaning tends to revolve around three questions. Who am I? Where do I fit in? What difference do I make? Join us as we search for God's response to these important questions.



MINISTERS

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Rev. Keith King
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Rev. Joe Hodges
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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 Madison Eckerson - meckerson@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 (8:15, 9:30 and 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 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.

One Church with Multiple Campuses

Edmond Campus
900 N. Sooner Road
Edmond, OK 73034
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stlukesedmond.org

Downtown Campus
222 NW 15th Street
OKC, OK 73103
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stlukesokc.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 SLM to the number 73256 to give on a secure website.
- Hearing assistance devices are available at the Welcome Center.
- 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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE HAS STARTED!

It's not too late to join a WNA class! There are classes for children, youth, and adults both in person, online, and On Demand. Classes are offered before and after dinner. Dinner is served each Wednesday from 5:15 – 6:15 p.m. The dinner menu for next Wednesday is: Meatballs with Marinara and Pasta, Chicken Alfredo, Asparagus, House Salad, Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread Sticks, Cookies, and Fruit. Meals are \$10 for adults and free for children 18 and under. For class information, please visit stlukesokc.org/WNA.

LUNCH WITH BOB | TODAY | DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

St. Luke's Methodist Church has been sharing God's love and bringing hope to the world since 1889. Join Dr. Bob Long as he shares some of the history of St. Luke's, a little about his family and their journey to this church, and most importantly - the future direction of St. Luke's. It will be a time of inspiration and fellowship, and laughter. There will also be an opportunity to join the family of faith for anyone who desires to do so. Join us for "Lunch with Bob" today at 12:30 p.m. in the St. Luke's Downtown Campus Christian Life Center. If you are unable to attend in person you can watch live at stlukesokc.org/LunchwithBob.

3RD GRADE BIBLES SIGN UP ENDS TODAY

On Sunday, September 24, all 3rd grade students in the congregation can receive their very own Bible from their church family! These personalized Bibles are also available to 4th and 5th graders who did not receive one during their 3rd grade year. Today is the last day to fill out the request form if you would like your child to receive a Bible during worship. Please visit stlukesokc.org and fill out the form.

BIBLE BOOT CAMP

Help your children develop their faith journey by taking them to Bible Boot Camp. On Sunday, October 1, all children in 3rd - 5th grades are invited to learn how to navigate their Bible and learn about its history. Lunch is provided! Bible Boot Camp takes place in Rooms 131 and 132 from 12:20 - 2:20 p.m. Register your child today at stlukesokc.org/events. For details, email Jocelyn Morgan at jmorgan@stlukesokc.org or call (405) 285-2313.

VOLUNTEER YOUR TRUNK FOR FALL FESTIVAL

Volunteer to be a part of "Trunk Or Treat" on Wednesday, October 25, from 6 - 7:30 p.m. in the south parking lot. This year's trunk theme is TV shows! Decorate your trunk to reflect your favorite TV show, and fill it full of candy for the costumed kiddos. Please register at stlukesokc.org as a Trunk volunteer (provide your trunk theme and how many parking spots you will need). For details, email Jocelyn Morgan at jmorgan@stlukesokc.org or call (405) 285-2313.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Women of all ages are invited to join the fun at the next "Ladies Night Out!" Come to enjoy great food and fellowship on Tuesday, September 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the newly renovated golf club restaurant at The Lookout at Kickingbird Golf Club (1600 E. Danforth Rd, Edmond, 73034). Please RSVP to Laura Manwell at laura.manwell@gmail.com or call (405) 593-5317.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

All children ages K - 5th grade are invited to join the Edmond Children's Choir! This fun and creative choir meets after school on Wednesdays from 4 - 5:30 p.m. at the St. Luke's Edmond Campus through December 6. Snacks and games will be provided before having choir rehearsal. They will sing in worship throughout the year and end the fall semester with a Christmas Musical! The children will be split into separate choirs by grade level. Come join us for music, fellowship and fun! Sign up online at stlukesokc.org or email cfish@stlukesokc.org.

NEW WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

- Disciple I Bible Study | Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. | Room 131 | Rev. Joe Hodges
- Disciple IV Bible Study | Tuesdays at Noon and 6:30 p.m. | Room 131 | Troy Reavis

Disciple Bible Studies are in depth studies of the Bible that takes a deeper look into the scriptures. They will require daily Bible readings and a study guide. The study guides are available in Threefold.

- A Deeper Dive | Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. | Youth Room | Rev. Joe Hodges

Dive into the stories, scripture, and message shared during the previous Sunday's sermon. Bring your questions, thoughts, and reflections, and thinking cap as we grow in our faith together.

To register for these studies, please RSVP online at stlukesokc.org/events.

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY | DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

Few books have had the impact on the Christian faith like the book of Romans. The Apostle Paul wrote this challenging and inspiring work for the early church, and it is still shaping our understanding today. This study will look at this powerful book and explore what the scriptures have to say to us today. Join us Mondays at 6:30 p.m., as Rev. Keith King and Rev. Dave Poteet walk with us on our faith journey.

BUILDING BETTER MOMS TODAY | DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

Building Better Moms is starting their new season! The next monthly meeting is today from 12:30 - 2 p.m. in the Youth Room. Our guest speaker for September is Maggi Gilbert, a Registered Dietitian and owner of Simple Healthy Living, LLC. She has a passion for helping moms live a simple, healthy life while juggling their many responsibilities as moms. Her experience as a dietitian and mom have led her to develop strategies to help set you up for success in taking care of yourself and your family well. Lunch and childcare are provided.

COMMUNITY MARKET VOLUNTEERS

Here's a great way to Share God's Love with your family of faith at St. Luke's: volunteer with Community Market! Every Friday, we pack our truck with food and fresh produce, then drive to two locations and hand it out to our neighbors in need. If you can give just a few hours of your time, you will play an important part of bringing hope to our community. Call Lori Hall at (405) 609-1018, or email her at lhall@stlukesokc.org to volunteer.

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH CHOIR

Youth, do you love to sing? Are you looking for a place to make friends and serve God together? Come join us for Youth Choir on Wednesdays from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. through December 9. All Youth (ages 6th - 12th grade) are invited to sing, no experience necessary. All you need to bring is a heart for God, and a love for music!

For more details about any of the Youth events, please email Schuyler Henderson at shenderson@stlukesokc.org.