

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.



EDMOND CAMPUS SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Service of Carols and Candlelight

December 24, 2023

11:00 p.m.

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

PRELUDE

St. Luke's Brass Quintet

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

Rev. Josh Attaway

†ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Sid and Lisa Sperry

†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 exaltation! Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n 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!

†CALL TO WORSHIP

For unto us a child is born;

unto us a son is given.

He shall be called Wonderful Counselor,

Mighty God,

Everlasting Father,

Prince of Peace.

He is Emmanuel,

God with us.

†THE CAROL

ADESTE FIDELES

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n! Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

THE LESSON

Rev. Laurie Purcell

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.

THE LESSON

Rev. Joe Hodges

Matthew 2:7 - 12

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

†THE CAROL

ANTIOCH

Joy to the World

Joy to the World, the Lord is 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 men their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

†THE LESSON

Rev. Laurie Purcell

Luke 2:8 - 14

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!'

†THE CAROL

ANTIOCH

Joy to the World

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.

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

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

OFFERTORY

Lauren Daigle

Noel

LifeLight Singers
St. Luke's Brass Quintet
Dr. Candace Fish, *piano*

Love incarnate, love divine. Stars and angels gave the sign. Bow to babe on bended knee, 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 to us. Noel.

The 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 to us. Noel.

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MESSAGE OF HOPE

Dr. Robert E. Long

INVITATION AND GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Josh Attaway

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.

RECEIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

The ushers will direct you to come forward to receive communion. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and a server will come to you. Please feel free to stay at the rail in prayer as long as you wish. Gluten-free bread is available at the serving station on the east side of the Worship Center

COMMUNION MUSIC

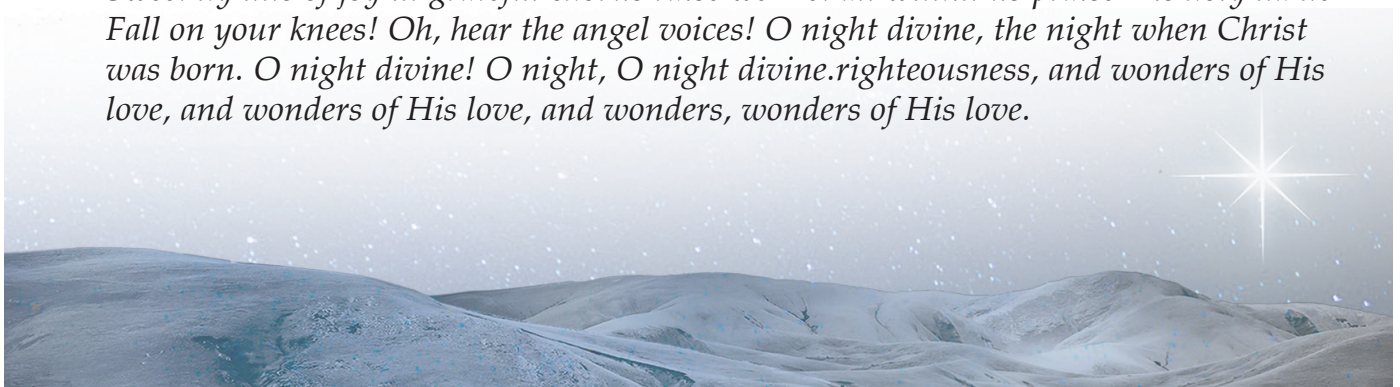
arr. Mervin Tay

O Holy Night

George and Ashley Soter, *soloists*
St. Luke's Brass Quintet
Dr. Candace Fish, *piano*

O Holy Night! The stars are brightly shining, it is the night of the dear Saviour's birth. Long lay the world in sin and error pining till He appeared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn. Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices! O night divine, the night when Christ was born; O night divine! O night, O night divine!

Truly He taught us to love one another. His law is love and His gospel is peace. Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother, and in His name all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we. Let all within us praise His holy name. Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices! O night divine, the night when Christ was born. O night divine! O night, O night divine. righteousness, and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.



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. Josh Attaway
Edmond Campus Pastor

Rev. Joe Hodges
Edmond Campus
Associate Pastor

Rev. Laurie Purcell
Retired Clergy

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

Savannah White, *Campus Director of LifeLight Worship*

Ashley Soter, *soloist*

George Soter, *soloist*

LifeLight Singers

Chancel Choir and Brass Quintet

Lighting the Advent Candle

Sid and Lisa Sperry

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.



LifeLight Contemporary Worship
Sundays, 9 a.m. CST



Traditional Worship
Sundays, 11 a.m. CST

Christmas
OFFERING

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



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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
(405) 285-2002
stlukesedmond.org

Downtown Campus
222 NW 15th Street
OKC, OK 73103
(405) 232-1371
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

NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP

Start 2024 off right! We will return to the regular service times on December 31. 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.

HAVE YOU EVER READ THROUGH THE ENTIRE BIBLE?

When you practice the discipline of daily Bible reading and pair that with a commitment to read it from cover to cover, it becomes a journey of discovery. It provides answers but also raises questions. It comforts and challenges. It inspires inward devotion and encourages outward action. You can pick up a January Reading list today in the Narthex or go online to stlukesokc.org/Bible. Join your family of faith on an exploration of our faith as we spend a year in the Bible in 2024.

START A HERITAGE BIBLE IN 2024

Can you imagine having a Bible that belonged to your grandmother and was full of her favorite scriptures and thoughts in her handwriting? Your loved ones would be just as blessed to have a Bible from you someday. In 2024, St. Luke's will be encouraging everyone to read through the Bible and it would be a great time to start creating a Heritage Bible for your loved ones. As you read your Bible, write your comments along the way to indicate your favorite scriptures, questions that you have, or comments on different passages. Your Heritage Bible can be passed down through the generations to give strength and comfort to the ones you love.

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 "SLM 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.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP ON TELEVISION

This evening you can hear *Silent Night* and Dr. Long's Christmas Eve message again by tuning into News Channel 4 at 10:30 p.m. Invite your friends and family to watch as well.

MISSION TREES

There is still an opportunity to bless the lives of those in need. You can take an ornament from the Mission Tree in the Narthex that lists hygiene items that will be combined in Comfort Kits during the month of January for our Community Market patrons, and to the homeless through our friends at NSO, Skyline, and Homeless Alliance. There is still time to can shop for these items or simply purchase them on our Amazon Wishlist. Donations can be dropped off at collection containers in the Narthex.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE | STARTS JANUARY 24

This session of Wednesday Night Alive (WNA) offers classes for children, youth, and adults and starts January 24. Dinner is served at 5:15 p.m. and cost is \$10 for adults and free for children 12 and under. Classes start at 6:30 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.

FAMILY SERVICE DAY | JANUARY 20

Start the new year with a family outing that will bless the lives of others. Join your St. Luke's family of faith for Family Service Day at the Regional Food Bank on January 20 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Volunteers will sort, pack, and prepare food for a variety of Regional Food Bank Programs benefiting students, seniors on fixed incomes, and other Oklahomans. An adult must accompany volunteers from ages 8 to 15. Register online at stlukesokc.org/events.

NIGHT OF PRAISE WITH MIKE DONEHEY OF THE BAND TENTH AVENUE NORTH

Start 2024 with a Night of Praise with a special guest appearance by Tenth Ave. North's Mike Donehey and band! It's going to be an unforgettable night of worship and celebration! The lyrics of this Dove winning artist invite you to meet and experience God's spirit. This concert will be at 7 p.m. on Friday, February 23 in the Christian Life Center at the Downtown Campus. Tickets are \$10 and required for the event, but you can purchase your tickets now before they are open to the public at stlukesokc.org/NightofPraise.

POTEET THEATRE PRESENTS - LEGALLY BLONDE, JR.

Harvard's beloved blonde takes the stage at Poteet Theatre! Get your tickets today for *Legally Blonde Jr.* with performances from January 26 - 28. This Poteet production is a fun and upbeat adaptation of the hit film and award-winning Broadway musical. Visit stlukesokc.org/tickets to secure a seat for Friday (Jan 26) at 7 p.m., Saturday (Jan 27) at 2 p.m. and 7, and Sunday (Jan 28) at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for children/students, \$15 for adults, \$12 for 55+.

AUDITIONS FOR POTEET THEATRE - FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

All actors age 10 and up are encouraged to audition for Poteet Theatre's presentation of *Fiddler on the Roof* on January 6 and 7! Auditions are Saturday between 2 - 7 p.m. with Callbacks on Sunday from 2 - 5 p.m. There will be dancing at the Audition Callbacks, so please wear shoes and clothing that you can move comfortably in. No open toes or heels please! Rehearsals will begin the week of January 15 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 - 9 p.m. and most Saturdays from 1 - 4 p.m. For more details and to sign up for an audition, visit stlukesokc.org/poteet/auditions.

YOUTH MINISTRY

SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIPS

Each year, the youth travel during their Spring Break to bring hope to another area of our world. The Middle School Youth (grades 6 - 8) will be going to Lakeview MCC in Texas on March 17 - 20, costing \$325. High School Youth (grades 9 - 12) will be going to Memphis, TN, March 16-22, and the cost is \$675. Each trip will be full of memories and service opportunities. Students can earn Mission Bucks to help with the cost of their trip in December and beyond. Please register online at stlukesokc.org/events and pay a trip deposit due on January 21. Adult volunteers are needed for both trips.

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