

## 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

6:30 p.m.

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

PRELUDE

arr. Christian Arnold

*A Christmas Festival*  
St. Luke's Brass Quintet

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

Rev. Josh Attaway

†ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

The Weinmeister Family

†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. Joe Hodges

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, 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

MENDELSSOHN

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

*Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn 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 newborn King!"*

THE LESSON

Rev. Josh Attaway

Luke 2:1 - 7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

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 2:1 - 12

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel.'" 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. Josh Attaway

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.

MISSION MOMENT

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Josh Attaway

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

OFFERTORY

arr. Dan Forrest

*Angels From the Realms of Glory*  
Chancel Choir and Orchestra  
Dr. Candace Fish, *director*

MESSAGE OF HOPE

Dr. Robert E. Long

MUSICAL REFLECTION

arr. Mervin Tay

*O Holy Night*  
George and Ashley Soter, *soloists*  
Chancel Choir and Orchestra  
Rev. Laurie Purcell, *piano*  
Dr. Candace Fish, *director*

*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.*

*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

**Dr. Candace Fish**, *Campus Director of Traditional Worship*  
**Savannah White**, *Campus Director of LifeLight Worship*

**Chancel Choir and Orchestra**

**Rev. Laurie Purcell**, *piano*

**Ashley Soter**, *soloist*

**George Soter**, *soloist*

Lighting the Advent Candle

**Dan and Toni Weinmeister**

**Nate, Sully, and Rinney**

**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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## MINISTERS

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**Dr. Robert E. Long**  
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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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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.

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### One Church with Multiple Campuses

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**Edmond Campus**  
900 N. Sooner Road  
Edmond, OK 73034  
(405) 285-2002  
[stlukesedmond.org](http://stlukesedmond.org)

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