



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

**Prelude**

arr. Christian Arnold

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

**Ringing of the Bells**

**Welcome**

Rev. Josh Attaway

†Advent Candle Lighting

The Paule Family

†The Carol

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

(Children are invited to come to the front on the last verse)

*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!*

*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!*

**Christmas Video**

**Children's Message**

Jocelyn Morgan

**The Carol**

*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.*

*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.*

**Special Music**

arr. Dan Forrest

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

**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**

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

**Offertory**

arr. Mervin Tay

*O Holy Night*  
George and Ashley Soter, *soloists*  
St. Luke's Chancel Choir and Orchestra

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Words of Reflection

Rev. Josh Attaway

### †The Carol

#### *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. Bob Long**

Senior Pastor

**Rev. Josh Attaway**

Edmond Campus  
Pastor

**Rev. Joe Hodges**

Edmond Campus  
Associate Pastor

**Jocelyn Morgan**

Children's Ministry  
Director

**Peyton Biddle**

St. Luke's Children's  
Class

**Savannah White**

Campus Director of LifeLight  
Worship

**Dr. Candace Fish**

Campus Director of Traditional  
Worship

**St. Luke's Chancel Choir and  
Orchestra**

**LifeLight Singers**

**Rev. Laurie Purcell**

Piano

**Advent Candle Lighters**

Gary and Kristin Paule  
Connor and Lyla



## One Church with Multiple Campuses

### Downtown Campus

222 NW 15th Street  
OKC, OK 73103  
(405) 232-1371  
stlukesokc.org

### Edmond Campus

900 N. Sooner Road  
Edmond, OK 73034  
(405) 285-2002  
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 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).