



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 are inspired by a message of hope and ready to embrace life in the week ahead.

Prelude

Let It Go

LifeLight Singers and Orchestra

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

Rev. Josh Attaway

†Advent Candle Lighting

The Shelton 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.

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!

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

I Saw Three Ships

Chancel Choir and Orchestra

Life at St. Luke's

Rev. Josh Attaway

* 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

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Madison Woods, soloist

Vocal Ensemble and Orchestra

Luke 2:8 - 14

And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths 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, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

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

Rev. Josh Attaway

Edmond Campus Pastor

Jocelyn MorganDirector of Children's
Ministry**Alice Montz**

St. Luke's Children's Class

Savannah White LewisCampus Director of
LifeLight Worship**Dr. Candace Fish**Campus Director of
Traditional Worship**Chancel Choir and
Orchestra****LifeLight Singers****Marji Shelton**

Piano/Organ

Rev. Laurie Purcell

Piano

Advent Candle Lighters

Brian, Marji Shelton and Brooklyn Shelton

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, Hospitality Coordinator, at ttategarcia@stlukesokc.org.



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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

LEARN MORE AT STLUKESOKC.ORG/EVENTS

MOST IMPORTANT THINGS

Wouldn't it be great to know the most important things in life; to somehow have that knowledge to guide us so that we could make the most of each moment? Jesus told us the most important information to know about the bible when He summarized it into the greatest commandment, "Love God and love your neighbor as yourself." In that statement, Jesus told us that we are called to love God, other people, and ourselves. Join us for a year of looking at the Most Important Things of life.

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

ENDING THE YEAR WELL

Help us end 2024 well at St. Luke's! Did you know that you can provide additional financial support to your family of faith without having to access your checking or savings account? It could also provide tax benefits to you. Did you know you can use your IRA to give up to \$105,000 this year if you are over age 70 ½ without paying any federal income taxes? And, if you are age 73 or older, you can make a qualified charitable distribution from your IRA to count toward your required minimum distribution. Also, you could make a gift of appreciated stock, avoid paying any capital gains taxes, receive an income tax deduction for the full market value of the stock, and the church would receive the full value of the stock as well since we do not pay taxes. Contact Rev. Josh Attaway, CFO, (jattaway@stlukesokc.org) for more information about strategies to meet your stewardship goals.

MISSION TREE

Visit the Mission Tree located in the Narthex to make a difference for those in need this Christmas. Simply choose an ornament from the Mission Tree; each tag lists items needed that you can donate to students at El Sistema Oklahoma, Coolidge Elementary, Will Rogers Elementary, and the Homeless Alliance. Place the gifts in the drop boxes located in the Narthex. We are also partnering with Maisha Project and you can sponsor a child in Kenya to help with food and education. Just complete the card with your information and drop it in the box and Maisha will contact you about sponsoring a child in need.

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

St. Luke's annual Christmas Ornaments were given away at the All Church Christmas Parties. If you were unable to attend, you can pick up your St. Luke's Year in the Bible Christmas Ornament at the Welcome Center today while supplies last.

DID YOU READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN 2024?

Throughout the year, we have encouraged everyone to read through the Bible in 2024. Whether you are on track to complete it this year, or looking to continue where you currently are, or start over, there are booklets available to help you with your journey. You can pick up a booklet at the Connection Point today and plan to read the Bible in 2025!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE | STARTS JANUARY 29

The next session of Wednesday Night Alive (WNA) which offers classes for children, youth, and adults and starts January 29. Dinner is served at 5:15 p.m. and 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.

LITTLE WOMEN AUDITIONS | JANUARY 4

All actors aged 11 and older are encouraged to audition for the upcoming Poteet Theatre production: "Little Women." Auditions are Saturday, January 4, with callback auditions the following day. Rehearsals begin on January 14. Performances will be held on March 7 - 9. Learn more at stlukesokc.org/poteet.

OPEN HEARTS COMMUNITY GROUP | JANUARY 5 DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

The St. Luke's Open Hearts Community Group is for members of the LGBTQ community to grow in their faith. They meet on the first Sunday of each month at 12:15 p.m. in the Mansion Library, and lunch is provided. Contact Rev. Wendy Lambert, wlambert@stlukesokc.org, for more details.

ACOLYTE TRAINING | JANUARY 12

All 4th and 5th graders are invited to serve in worship as an Acolyte in 2025. Training will be held on Sunday, January 12, from 12:15 - 1:30 p.m. in the Worship Center. Lunch is provided. We also need adult mentors to guide our newest Acolytes on Sunday mornings. Register online today at stlukesokc.org/events to secure your spot or volunteer as a mentor.

FAMILY SERVICE DAY | FEBRUARY 1

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 February 1 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY | GRADES 6 - 12

YOUTH DISCOVERY WEEKEND

Get ready to have a blast at Youth Discovery Weekend on January 18 - 19! 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 by January 8.

SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIPS | WEEK OF MARCH 16

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 16 - 19, costing \$350. High School Youth (grades 9 - 12) will be going to Perry, FL, March 16 - 22, to help with hurricane relief in this community. and the cost is \$1,250. 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. Adult volunteers are needed for both trips. If you are interested, please contact Schuyler Henderson - shenderson@stlukesokc.org.

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