

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 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, 2024

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 Peters 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.

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal, lo, He shuns not the Virgin's womb; Son of the Father, begotten not created; 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 exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven 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. Randy Crowover

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

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

Savannah White Lewis

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. Randy Crowover

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

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.

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

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. John Frederick Hudson

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

Rev. Josh Attaway

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

OFFERTORY

Casting Crowns

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Madison Woods, soloist

Chancel Choir and Orchestra

MESSAGE OF HOPE

Dr. Robert E. Long

MUSICAL REFLECTION

arr. Mervin Tay

O Holy Night

Alex Mullings, soloist

Chancel Choir and Orchestra

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.

†THE CAROL

STILLE NACHT

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. Randy Crownover
Retired Clergy

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

Chancel Choir and Orchestra

Madison Woods, *soloist*

Alex Mullings, *soloist*

Marji Shelton, *piano/organ*

Rev. Laurie Purcell, *piano*

Lighting the Advent Candles

Keith and Elizabeth Peters

Will and Katie

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 Schuyler Henderson - shenderson@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. To learn more about our Children's Ministry contact Jocelyn Morgan - jmorgan@stlukesokc.org.

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

LEARN MORE AT [STLUKESOKC.ORG/EVENTS](https://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.