

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.



DOWNTOWN CAMPUS SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2029

8:15 and 10:50 A.M

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

PRELUDE

arr. Dan Forrest

See, amid the winter's snow
St. Luke's Orchestra
Robert Fasol, piano/conductor

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND GREETING

Ashleigh Robinson

†HYMN

DUKE STREET

Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run; His kingdom spread from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Jesus endless prayer be made, and endless praises crown his head; His name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song; and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns; all prisoners leap and loose their chains; the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King; angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Draw near to God

as God draws near to us.

In God's presence, we find grace and forgiveness

comfort and rest

mercy and hope

joy and peace.

Let us draw near to God

to find the most important things.

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

As a family of faith, let us affirm our faith together.

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
The third day He rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic* church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

(* universal)

†GLORIA PATRI

MEINEKE

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER

Rev. Linda Harker

The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. David Poteet

- * 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 plates or in the offering boxes located in the Narthex.

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Josh Attaway

- * Text the letters SLM to the number 73256 to give on a secure website.
- * Cash and checks can be placed in the offering plates or dropped in the offering boxes located in the Narthex.

OFFERTORY

Antonio Vivaldi

Gloria

St. Luke's Choir and Orchestra

Robert Fasol, *organist*

Richard Beam, *conductor*

Glory be to God on high. Amen.

†DOXOLOGY

OLD 100th

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people; but Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." And he laid his hands on them and went away. And behold, one came up to him, saying, "Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

(Matthew 19:13-26)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Josh Attaway

"What good deed must I do?"

From the Sermon Series: The Most Important Things

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Sara Bareilles

You Matter to Me

MaKayla Baxter and Andrew Barker, *volcalists*

Violin, Cello, Bass

Robert Fasol, *piano/conductor*

I could find the whole meaning of life in those sad eyes. They've seen things that you never quite say, but I hear. Come out of hiding, I'm right here beside you. And I'll stay there as long as you let me.

Because you matter to me. Simple and plain and not much to ask from somebody. You matter to me. I promise you do, you, you matter too. I promise you do, you'll see? You matter to me

It's addictive the minute you let yourself think the things that I say just might matter to someone. All of this time I've been keeping my mind on the running away. And for the first time I think I'd consider the stay.

Because you matter to me. Simple and plain and not much to ask from somebody. You matter to me. I promise you do, you, you matter too. I promise you do, you see? You matter to me.

And you matter to me. Simple and plain and not much to ask from somebody. You matter to me. I promise you do, you. Out of hiding I'm right here beside you. You matter too. As long as you have me. I promise you do, you, you matter too. Out of hiding I'm right here beside you. I promise you do, you, you matter too. I do, I promise you do, you matter to me. I promise you do, you see. You matter to me.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

Lord whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross forsaken offered mercy's perfect deed: we your servants bring the worship not of voice alone but heart, consecrating to Your purpose every gift that You impart.

Still Your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; till in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till Your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quicken sight, making known the needs and burdens Your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to tireless striving Your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service, forth in Your dear name we go to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health good will and comfort, counsel aid and peace we give, that you servants, Lord, in freedom may Your mercy know and live.

†SENDING FORTH

Rev. Josh Attaway

Let us draw near to God
as God draws near to us.
 In God's presence,
we learn to love just as God has loved us.

†POSTLUDE

Antonio Vivaldi

Winter (The Seasons)
 Robert Fasol, *organist*

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Josh Attaway
 Edmond Campus Pastor

Rev. Linda Harker
 Online Campus Pastor

Rev. David Poteet
 Pastor of Congregational Care

Ashleigh Robinson
 Director of Church and Community
 Engagement

MUSICIANS

Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster
St. Luke's Choir and Orchestra
MaKayla Baxter, Soloist
Andrew Barker, Soloist



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*.



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Congregational Care Ministry

The St. Luke's family of faith desires to extend care to you in the times of concern and joy and all that is in-between. Prayer Cards can be found at the Welcome Center and completed cards can be returned there. You are also welcomed to email your prayer concerns to ccm@stlukesokc.org or you may also call 232-1371 with your prayers and concerns.

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, 9:40 and 10:50 a.m.) at stlukesokc.org/live. Live services are also available on Roku and Apple TV apps. To install search - stlukesokc 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.

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 at ttategarcia@stlukesokc.org.

One Church with Multiple Campuses

Downtown Campus
222 NW 15th Street
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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.
- Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices are available in the Narthex.
- 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

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GOSPEL OF JOHN BIBLE STUDY | JANUARY 13

The great invitation to "Come and See" is found the Gospel of John and is an invitation to encounter Jesus. The people who meet Jesus in this foundational book of faith find their lives changed for good. You are invited to a new Bible study of the Gospel of John and encounter this life-changing story. The class is lead by Rev. Keith King and Rev. Dave Poteet on Mondays starting January 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the Downtown Campus in Room 106. Please sign up for the class online.

WOMEN OF FAITH STARTS A NEW STUDY IN JANUARY | JANUARY 16

Women of all ages and stages, are invited to the Women of Faith Bible Study. The group meets on Thursdays from 12 - 1 p.m. in the Mansion Library. They are starting a new study based on the book - *None Like Him*, by Jen Wilkin on Thursday, January 16. Through this study, we will look at ten ways God is different from us and embrace our limits as a means of glorifying God's limitless power and celebrate the freedom that comes when we rest in letting God be God. Lunch is available for \$5.

SUNDAY SESSIONS – THE GARDEN

All adults are invited to participate in Sunday Sessions – a series of short-term Bible studies that will take place throughout the year following the LifeLight worship service at the Downtown Campus. The first session will be a profound exploration of the Garden of Eden. Looking for the answers to questions like: What is paradise? Why was it lost? What does it mean for humanity? During this three-week you will dive into scripture and reflect on the origins of God's relationship with creation. This class will meet on Sundays, January 27 – February 9, in the Parlor (Room 120) from 11 – 11:45 a.m. at the Downtown Campus. For more information contact Ashley Carr Soter at acarr@stlukesokc.org.

THE TABLE SMALL GROUP | JANUARY 25

The Table Small Group is starting back up on Saturday, January 25! This is a group for 20's and 30's focused on community and studying the Bible. The group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the Downtown Mansion Library. The first topic of the year, they will be studying the five characteristics of God as depicted in Exodus - compassionate, gracious, slow to anger, loyal love, and faithfulness. Join them on Saturday mornings for coffee and conversations as you grow closer together and closer to God.

SENIOR ADULT BIBLE STUDY | JANUARY 27

Seniors, get your week off to a great start with a Monday Morning Bible Study. The Senior Bible Study is comprised of mostly retired adults and meets throughout the year (with breaks over the holidays). We go through various video-based studies. A new study is starting January 27. This is a good and faithful small group for discussion, care, and prayer. We are open to others joining us anytime on Monday mornings from 9:30 – 10:30. We meet in the Parlor and also have a Zoom option.

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 next week.

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.

COMMUNITY MARKET VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

You can be a blessing every week to those who are less fortunate in our community. Join the volunteer team with Community Market, a mobile resource center on wheels where volunteers provide free food and fresh produce to people at different metro locations every Friday. Volunteers arrive at 9:30 a.m., and distribution starts at 10 a.m. Learn more and volunteer online at stlukesokc.org/food.

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Meals on Wheels OKC provides homebound seniors nutritious meals to help them remain in their homes and maintain independence. We deliver daily, Monday - Saturday, and always need additional volunteers to help drive the MOW routes. Help is also needed each day to package meals for delivery. Learn more and volunteer at mealsonwheelsokc.org

COMMUNION VOLUNTEERS

The Congregational Care Ministry is seeking volunteers to help serve Communion in the Watchorn Chapel on Sunday mornings. All that is required is 15 minutes on one or two Sundays every three months. The elements for the sacrament will already be set up in the chapel and blessed by a pastor that morning. You will receive training in how to serve the elements and what to say. If you would like to know more please contact Rev. Dave Poteet at dpoteet@stlukesokc.org or call (405) 232-1371.

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!

YOUTH SERVICE NIGHT | JANUARY 22

Youth, 6th -12th grades, will be working at the Regional Food Bank on Wednesday, January 22, 5:30 - 9 p.m. Youth from both campuses will be leaving from both campuses and will be serving their community together.

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. 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 Amy Givens at agivens@stlukesokc.org.