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

November 1, 2026

10:50 A.M.

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

Prelude — Philip Stopford

The Glorious Kingdom
St. Luke's Orchestra
Robert Fasol, *organist*
Mason Smith, *conductor*

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome and Greeting — Rev. David Poteet

†Hymn — HYFRYDOL

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song! Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong. All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time shall cease; in God's likeness we, awaking, know the everlasting peace.

O what glory, far exceeding all that eye has yet perceived! Holiest hearts, for ages pleading, never that full joy conceived. God has promised, Christ prepares it, there on high our welcome waits. Every humble spirit shares it; Christ has passed th'eternal gates.

Life eternal! O what wonders crowd on faith; what joy unknown, when, amidst earth's closing thunders, saints shall stand before the throne! O to enter that bright portal, see that glowing firmament; know, with Thee, O God Immortal, "Jesus Christ whom thou has sent!"

†Call to Worship

We have received the gift of life
to make the most of each moment.
We are stewards over our time and resources;
we will use them to bless life.
We are committed to sharing God's love
and bringing hope to the world.

†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

Anthem — Mark Burrows

Exsultate
Children's Choir
St. Luke's Orchestra
Robert Fasol, *piano*
Ashley Soter, *Children's Choir Director*

Exsultate justi in Domino. Rectos decet collaudatio. Confitemini Domino in cithara! Cantate ei canticum novum. Exsultate Cantate Domino!

Translation: Let the just rejoice in the Lord. It is right for the honest to praise Him. Give praise to the Lord on the harp. Sing to him a new song. Rejoice and sing to the Lord!

Life at St. Luke's — Rev. Wendy Lambert

* 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.

Stewardship Moment

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings — Dr. Robert E. Long

* Give today - text the letters SLM to the number 73256 to give on a secure website.
* Cash and checks can be placed in the offering plate or in the offering box located outside of the Sanctuary.

Offertory — Andy Beck

Carry the Light
St. Luke's Choir and Orchestra
Children's Choir
Samantha Danford, *soloists*
Michelle Sharp, *Children's Choir Director*
Robert Fasol, *piano*
Mason Smith, *conductor*

I will carry the light, like a candle that shines in the night, I'll be a beacon that's burning bright, I will carry the light.

Luxaeterna, luxaeterna, the light inside of me. Luxaeterna, luxaeterna will shine eternally.

There's a light that's inside that I'm not gonna hide, 'cause that light will make the embers ignite. And the light that's in me will forever be, I will carry the light.

I will carry the light. I'll be a beacon that's burning bright, I will carry the light. Luxeterna.

†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.

†The Gospel — Ashleigh Robinson

And he sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the multitude putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came, and put in two copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him, and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living." Mark 12:41 - 44

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon — Dr. Robert E. Long

My Two Cents Worth
From the Sermon Series: Sharing God's Love

Time of Commitment

At this time, everyone is invited to bring forward their completed Commitment Card or their Stewardship Card and lift up their commitment to God.

Musical Reflection — Phillip Landgrave

Because I Have Been Given Much
Isabella Smith, *soloist*
St. Luke's Orchestra
Robert Fasol, *piano/conductor*

Because I have been given much, I, too, must give; because of thy great bounty, Lord, each day I live, I shall divide my gifts from Thee with every brother that I see who has the need of help from me.

Because I have been sheltered, fed, by Thy good care, I cannot see another's lack, and I not share my glowing fire, my loaf of bread, my roof's safe shelter overhead, that he too may be comforted.

Because love has been lavished so upon me, Lord, a wealth I know that was not meant for me to hoard, I shall give love to those in need, shall show that love by word and deed: Thus shall my thanks be thanks indeed.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP — Dr. Robert E. Long

†HYMN — AR HYD Y NOS

For the Fruit of All Creation

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For His gifts to every nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done. In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done. In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvest we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

†SENDING FORTH — Dr. Robert E. Long

When you give what you can,
the world can be changed.
When you give what you can,
lives can be saved.
When you give what you can,
God's love will be shared.

†POSTLUDE — Mark Hayes

Swingin' with the Saints
St. Luke's Orchestra
Robert Fasol, *piano*
Mason Smith, *conductor*

SERMON NOTES

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St. Luke's
METHODIST CHURCH

Sharing God's Love and Bringing Hope to the World

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- 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

GIVING TO ST. LUKE'S - COMMITMENT SUNDAY TODAY

At St. Luke's, we believe generosity and gratitude helps us to grow in our walk with God and make a positive impact in our community and the world. Everyone will have the opportunity to bring forward their completed Commitment Card. If you have already made your commitment, you are welcome to bring forward a special card, or you can pick one up at the Welcome Center. When you make your commitment, you are helping to support St. Luke's programming, missions, administration, ministry staff, and facility. We ask each family to prayerfully consider what you can commit to give to St. Luke's in 2027. You can turn in your commitment in person, by mail, or online at stlukesokc.org/commitment.

Making your commitment is simple:
Commitment Cards are in the Registration Folder.
Go to stlukesokc.org/commitment or scan the QR Code.

OPEN HEARTS COMMUNITY GROUP | TODAY

The St. Luke's Open Hearts Community Group is for members of the LGBTQ community to grow in their faith. This group will meet in the Mansion Library at the Downtown Campus today at 12:15 p.m. Lunch is provided. Contact Rev. Wendy Lambert for more details.

NEW BIBLE STUDY: *THE NEW TESTAMENT* | NOVEMBER 4 | EDMOND

A new 6-week Adult Bible Study covering the New Testament is from November 4 - December 16. The class meets Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in Room 131 at the Edmond Campus. We will use "Invitation to the New Testament" by DeSilva and Powery from Abingdon Press. Lunch provided for $5. Please register online at stlukesokc.org/event. For more details, contact Logan Fish at lfish@stlukesokc.org.

MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 8

Have you thought about becoming a member of St. Luke's? We would love to welcome you into membership on Sunday, November 8, when you can join in a more private setting. Stop by Threefold at the Downtown Campus or the Welcome Center at the Edmond Campus, where a St. Luke's pastor will be available to answer any questions you have and welcome you into membership. If you are not able to attend in person, you can call the church at (405) 232-1371, or text the word "Join" to the number (405) 351-4001 to arrange a joining moment.

BUILDING BETTER MOMS: GAME DAY | NOVEMBER 8

Calling all moms who need some "me" time! You're invited to a fun and relaxing Game Day. Come Sunday, November 8, from 12:30 - 2 p.m. at the Downtown Campus in Room 207. This event is free, lunch is provided, and childcare is available upon request. Please register at stlukesokc.org/events.

MOBILEPACK EVENT | NOVEMBER 13 - 14
We are excited to collaborate again with Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) and Maisha Project to make a meaningful impact on the lives of children around the globe. Volunteer to assist with hand-packing nutritious meals for worldwide distribution. Choose your volunteer shift: Friday, November 13 from 2-5 or 6 – 8 p.m., or Saturday, November 14, from 9 – 11 a.m., 12 – 2 p.m., or 2 - 4 p.m. On Saturday, childcare will be provided for children (0-5), while older children (6+) can volunteer with their parents. For more information and to sign up, please visit stlukesokc.org/events.

POTEET THEATRE: *BIG FISH* | NOVEMBER 13 - 22
Grab your tickets for *Big Fish*, a fantastical, heartwarming musical that follows the life of Edward Bloom, a traveling salesman whose larger-than-life stories captivate everyone around him. As their son, Will, embarks on a journey to understand the man behind the myth, *Big Fish* explores the power of storytelling, family bonds, and the search for identity. Performances are November 13 - 15 and 20 - 22: Fridays 7 p.m., Saturdays 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Sundays 2 p.m. Tickets cost $28 for Adults and $25 for Seniors/Children/Military. For more information, visit stlukesokc.org/poteet.

VOLUNTEER TO DISTRIBUTE TURKEYS TO POLICE | NOVEMBER 19
Help distribute frozen turkeys to our local Police officers! Volunteers needed for two hour shifts on on Wednesday, November 19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Downtown Campus, made possible by a generous donation from our family of faith. For more information and to signup, please visit stlukesokc.org/events.

POTEET THEATRE AUDITIONS: *COME FROM AWAY* | DECEMBER 5
Audition for the musical *Come From Away*! Based on the true story, 38 planes, carrying thousands of people from around the globe, were diverted to Gander's airstrip in Newfoundland on September 11, 2001. The people of Gander welcomed the stranded travelers with music and open hearts. *Come From Away* is praised for its worldwide impact by spreading the show's message of kindness, unity, and resilience. Auditions are Saturday, December 5. Performances are in February and March. For more information, visit stlukesokc.org/poteet.

VOLUNTEER FOR EL SISTEMA CHRISTMAS BINGO PARTY | DECEMBER 10
We are hosting a Christmas Party for El Sistema Oklahoma students at First Presbyterian on Thursday, December 10. Volunteer from 3:15 - 5:30 p.m. to help serve snacks and play bingo with prizes for the kids! Sign up online at stlukesokc.org/events.

YOUTH MINISTRY | GRADES 6 - 12

YOUTH COSTUME BOWLING | NOVEMBER 1
St. Luke's Youth are coming together with other church groups for a fun afternoon at Holiday Lanes on Sunday, November 1 from 4 - 7 p.m. All students are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes for a chance to take home the "Best Costume" prize. Cost is $20 for food and bowling.

YOUTH GAME NIGHT | NOVEMBER 4
All youth are welcome to a game night on Wednesday, November 4, from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Food will be provided. We are hosting this event at both campuses.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS
- Lunch Bunch | Nov 8 | 12:15 - 2:30 p.m. | Both Campuses
- Serve Night | Nov 11 | 6 - 7:30 p.m. | Both Campuses
- Fall Retreat | Nov 20 - 22 | Oakridge Camp | Register by Nov 9

2027 HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIP | MARCH 14 - 20
High School Youth (9th - 12th grade) are traveling to Puerto Rico March 14 - 20, 2027 for their mission trip! The cost is $1450. A $300 deposit is due November 1. Register online at stlukesokc.org.

2027 MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIP | MARCH 14 - 17
Middle School Youth (6th-8th grade) are traveling to Camp Barnabas in Missouri on March 14 - 17, 2027 for their mission trip! The total trip cost is $350. A $125 deposit is due January 10. Register online at stlukesokc.org.

If you have questions or are a parent who is interested in attending this mission trip, please contact Amy Givens at agivens@stlukesokc.org.