



SAINT LUKE'S

P R E S B Y T E R I A N C H U R C H

May 3, 2026



10:30 am Worship Service
Welcome to Saint Luke's!
May 3, 2026

In Preparation for Worship

In Scripture the law or commandments of God are not burdens but gifts and blessings. Obedience to the law of God serves both human well-being and the glorification of God in the world. Theologian John Calvin wrote believers should freely and gladly obey the law rather than view it as a heavy obligation or a means of salvation. -paraphrased from Daniel Migliore's *Faith Seeking Understanding*.

Prelude

Leslie Boyette

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

from Psalm 119

Leader: God, deal bountifully with your servants
People: **So that we may live and observe your word.**
Leader: Our lips will pour forth praise
People: **Because you teach us your statutes.**
Leader: Let us live that we may praise you!
People: **Come, let us worship the Lord!**

Opening Hymn* 662

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Prayer of Confession*

Holy Lord, you are the greatest example of how we should move in this world, and we fail to reflect your agape love. You welcome the stranger, and we lock our doors. You speak to the outcast, and we avert our eyes. You offer forgiveness, and we nurse our grudges. Forgive us, Lord. May today's open communion table inspire us to be more like you in all our thoughts and deeds.
(a moment of silence is kept for personal prayers)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy
People: **Hear our prayer. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness*

Song of Praise* 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Passing of the Peace*

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

Linda Elliot

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 119: 9-12, 23-24, 32

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

Second Scripture Reading

Proverbs 4:10-18

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Shared Wisdom

Rev. Jody Andrade

Affirmation of Faith*

from The Confession of 1967, 9.37-8

The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society....The quality of their relation with other persons is the measure of the church's fidelity. Each member is the church in the world, endowed by the Spirit with some gift of ministry and is responsible for the integrity of their witness in their own particular situation. They are entitled to the guidance and support of the Christian community and subject to its advice and correction. They in turn, in their own competence, help to guide the church.

Holy Communion

Invitation to Table

Prayers of Thanksgiving and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Communion Music

The Offering

All are invited to participate in support of God's work at Saint Luke's, in one of three ways:

- 1) Giving envelopes, available in each pew, may be placed inside the Friendship Pads or in the offering plate in the narthex,
- 2) Scan the QR code or give online via slpres.org/giving,
- 3) Send a text message to 73256, starting with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.

If you give electronically, there is a blue, laminated, electronic giving card in the pew rack to place in the offering plate as it is passed.

Offering Music

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go
arr. Molly Ijames

Victoria Blaire, Myles Green,
Morgan McCray & Kimberly Waters

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in Thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall ever tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to hide from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red, life that shall endless be.

Closing Hymn* 634

To God Be the Glory

Benediction*

Choral Amen*

Postlude*

Leslie Boyette

Worship note: A printed copy of today's sermon is available in the Narthex.

Highlights:



Please join us in the church lobby for fellowship and conversation!
For the latest Saint Luke's news and information go to slpres.org or scan the Highlights QR code.

If you would like to share prayer concerns, or know someone who would (with their permission),
you may submit prayer requests for inclusion in the Prayer Guide by sending them to
prayerrequest@slpres.org.

To give:

