



SAINT LUKE'S

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

September 13, 2026



10:30 am Worship Service
Welcome to Saint Luke's!
September 13, 2026

In Preparation for Worship

"Each generation says, 'never again,' and then the 'again' happens. We speak of turning swords into plowshares, but we keep making bigger swords. We...do not change; we let that evil inclination rule us. Yet God changes: God is the one who promises never again to blot out the world by flood."

—Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, *Genesis: A Beginner's Guide to the Beginning*

Prelude

Over the Rainbow
arr. George Shearing

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

from *Child of Blessing* liturgy

Child: We come together

People: **to listen for God.**

Child: We come together

People: **to remember what Jesus taught.**

Child: We come together

People: **to be filled with God's love.**

Child: We come together

People: **to learn what is good.**

Child: We come together

People: **to worship the God with us, who created us and loves us.**

Opening Hymn* 450

Be Thou My Vision

Prayer of Confession*

Lord, we are grateful survivors of the flood. We are chosen beneficiaries of your covenant promise. Despite our narrow escape and your audacious generosity, our hearts and minds are still inclined away from reconciliation, wholeness, peace, and shalom. Forgive us for setting our eyes, our aspirations, and our desires on the things of this world. Our actions and words reveal what we value above You. We come to you now naming those things in this world we must release....

(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* 581

Glory Be to the Father

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.

Passing of the Peace*

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

Linda Elliott

Scripture Reading

Genesis 6: 5-8, 13-14a, 17-19, 22, 8: 6-7, 9: 8-15

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

Rev. Dr. David Lower

All children are invited to come forward for Tell Us Our Story. Afterwards, parents will walk their children to Room 119 for "Frolic" (ages PreK and K) or Room 117 for childcare (birth through 3's.) 1st through 5th graders will gather in the narthex and walk with leaders to 252Kid and 252Preteen. Parents will pick up from The Dock and The Lighthouse. Of course, all children are always welcome to remain in worship with their families.

Anthem

In the Midst of New Dimensions
Tom Trenney

Chancel Choir

In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,
who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?

God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
we your people, ours the journey, now and evermore.

Through the flood of starving people, warring factions, and despair,
who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care?

As we stand, a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes,
grant that we, your global village, might envision wider dreams.

We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,
each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung.

Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,
may your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again.

Sermon

The Promise

Rev. Jody Andrade

Affirmation of Faith*

from The Confession of 1967, 9.16-17

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Prayers of the People 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.

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

It Is Well
arr. Bruce Jones

Bruce Jones

Closing Hymn* 250

In the Bulb There is a Flower

Benediction*

Choral Amen*

Postlude*

Sonata Op. 65, No. 2, IV. Fuga
Felix Mendelssohn

Worship note: Printed copies of today's sermon are in the Narthex for those who like to follow along or take one home.

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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:

