



SAINT LUKE'S

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

September 27, 2026



10:30 am Worship Service
Welcome to Saint Luke's!
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In Preparation for Worship

"God says, 'Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Don't be afraid. I am with you.
Nothing can ever separate us.'"
-Frederick Buechner

Prelude

Where'er You Walk
G.F. Handel, arr. Jonathan Scott

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

from *Child of Blessing* liturgy

Samantha Moss

Child: God calls us to worship together.
People: **God calls us to worship together.**
Child: God calls us to worship
People: **when we are tired or grumpy, hungry or thirsty.**
Child: God calls us to worship
People: **when we are full of energy, ready to praise God.**
Child: God calls us to worship
People: **when we ask "why?"**
Child: God calls us to worship together. What are you grateful for today?
People: *(congregation is invited to say gratitudes aloud)*
Child: God calls you and me to worship together.
People: **God calls you and me to worship together.**

Opening Hymn* 731

Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm

Prayer of Confession*

Faithful God, you are present even in places we would never choose.
Yet we often measure your favor by comfort, success, and ease.
We turn away from people caught in systems of power.
We accept convenient stories without seeking the truth.
We protect our security when faithfulness becomes costly and leave others to bear injustice alone.
Forgive us, O God. Free us from fear and self-protection.
Give us courage to choose what is right, compassion to stand beside those who suffer,
and trust to seek your presence even in the most shadowed places.
In the name of Jesus Christ, who remains with us and sets us free....
(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

Ann Richardson

Scripture Reading

Genesis 39:1-23

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

Jody Andrade

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

The Storm Is Passing Over

Chancel Choir

Charles Albert Tindley, arr. Barbara W. Baker

Have courage, my soul, and let us journey on.

Though the night is dark and I am far from home. Thanks be to God, the morning light appears.

The storm is passing over. Hallelu.

Sermon

Wrong Place, But Not Alone

Rev. Dr. David Lower

Affirmation of Faith*

from The Confession of 1967, 9.16-17

We believe in God, Creator of all things, whose reconciling love is revealed in Jesus Christ, the Word of God made flesh.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who speaks to us through the holy scriptures.

Through their prophetic and apostolic witness, our faith is nourished, our obedience is guided, and the church is drawn more deeply into the life of Christ.

The Scriptures were written by human beings, in languages and cultures shaped by their times and places.

Therefore, we approach them with faith and care, with literary and historical understanding, and in dependence upon the Holy Spirit.

We trust that God continues to speak as Scripture is faithfully proclaimed and attentively read.

With open minds and ready hearts,

we seek God's truth and direction for the church and for our changing world.

We believe God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of life and all creation entrusted to our care.

Already, God's reign is stirring in the world, awakening hope and calling us to faithful work.

Therefore, we seek a better world, without mistaking our achievements for God's kingdom or surrendering to disappointment and defeat.

With steadfast hope, we look beyond every partial victory to the fulfillment of God's purposes and the final triumph of God's reconciling love.

Amen.

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

His Eye Is On the Sparrow
Charles H. Gabriel

Victoria Blaire

Closing Hymn* 748

Go with Us, Lord

Benediction*

Choral Amen*

Postlude*

Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?
arr. Mark Hayes

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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:

