



SAINT LUKE'S

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

October 18, 2026



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

“Whatever you set your heart on and put your trust in is truly your god.” – *Martin Luther*

Prelude

I Will Love You, Lord
Sandy Wilkinson

Cherub Choir

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

from *Child of Blessing* liturgy

Cullen Davis

Child Leader: We come to worship the God who made us.
Adult Leader: Children of God, made in the image of God, what is God like?
People: *(The congregation is invited to give their responses out loud.)*
People: God is like a shepherd and gardener, an artist and dancer.
People: God is bigger than we can imagine and as close as our very breath.
Child Leader: Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn* 351

All Who Love and Serve Their City

Prayer of Confession*

Faithful God,
you have carried us through waters, sustained us in wilderness places,
and given us more grace than we can remember.
Yet our hearts remain divided.
We say that we serve you, while giving ourselves to lesser gods.
We seek security in what we possess, importance in what others think of us,
and control over people and circumstances.
We allow fear, resentment, ambition, and comfort to command our loyalties.
Forgive us, O God. Turn our hearts again toward you.
Free us from everything that demands our devotion but cannot give us life.
By your grace, teach us to choose this day and every day to love and serve you alone.
(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* 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Passing of the Peace*

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

Vivian Hudson

Scripture Reading

Joshua 24:1-15-26

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story & Third Grade Bible Presentation

Catherine Anne Thomas

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

Walk Together, Children
Moses Hogan

Chancel Choir

Walk together, children, don't you get weary, there's a great camp meeting in the promised land.
Gonna walk and never tire, there's a great camp meeting in the promised land.

Sermon

Everybody Worships Something

Rev. Dr. David Lower

Affirmation of Faith*

The Apostles' Creed

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on 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 Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
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

Be Thou My Vision
arr. Tom Trenney

Victoria Blaire & Kimberly Waters

Closing Hymn* 821

My Life Flows On

Benediction*

Choral Amen*

Postlude*

Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho
arr. Ron Boud

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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:

