

In Response to God
Activities for the Week of May 19, 2024

Today's Lectionary: Acts 2:1-21; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Sunday	May 19	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship Service 11:00 am – Refreshments and Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	May 20	3-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 6:30 pm – Spirits & Spirituality
Tuesday	May 21	3-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-2 pm – CCSC Food Collection 4:00 pm – Strength Training Class
Wednesday	May 22	7 am-6 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	May 23	3-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 11 am-1 pm – Men's Lunch Bunch 4:00 pm – Strength Training Class
Friday	May 24	3-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	May 25	9 am-5 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-1 pm – Shred Day
Sunday	May 26	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship Service 11:00 am – Refreshments & Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Save the date:	July 7	10:00am – Jazz Communion

ST. LUKE'S STAFF

Pastor	The Rev. W. Scott Harbison
Parish Associate	The Rev. Dr. Bill Wade
Parish Associate	The Rev. Lauren Suba
Director of Music-Organist/Choirmaster	Marvin Gaspard
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Artists in Residence	Sarah Bunk, Ann Guercio, & Laura Smith



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The Order of Worship

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DAY OF PENTECOST

We joyfully greet each other and share the gifts of friendship and love.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TOLLING

Please begin quiet preparation for worship as the Tolling begins.

PRELUDE

Micah Sanders, cello & Laura Smith, harp

Intermezzo from *Cavalleria Rusticana*

Pietro Mascagni (1863-1945)

WELCOME

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦ OPENING HYMN 131

ABERYSTWYTH

Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Congregation: Thanks Be to God

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 119)

Acts 2:1-21

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 158)

Romans 8:22-27

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“How Presbyterians Understand”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ APOSTLE’S CREED

Hymnal p. 14

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Come Thou, Holy Spirit

Pavel Tschesnokoff (1877-1944)

Arr. Peter Tkach (1935-2015)

✦ DOXOLOGY 592

✦ COMMUNION HYMN 316

TRENTHAM

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

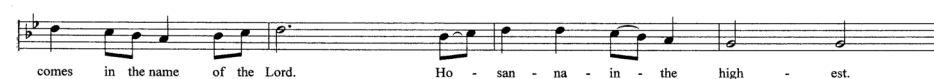
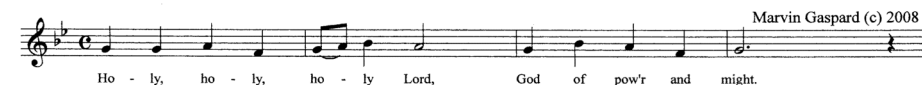
People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The prayer continues...

The congregation sings...



COMMUNION

Meditation on PICARDY

17th c. French Carol, arr. Marvin Gaspard

CHORAL RESPONSE

Hallelujah, Amen!

From *How Excellent Is Thy Name*, Eugene Butler (1935-2024)

✦ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Psalm XX

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

Welcome to St. Luke’s Presbyterian Church! If you are looking for a church home in Houston, we invite you to unite with St. Luke’s. New members are welcomed by the Session following worship each Sunday.

Joys and Concerns are an opportunity to share a need for prayers of thanksgiving or intercession with the congregation. You will have an opportunity to mention your joys and concerns verbally at the time for Pastoral Prayer.

Sunday School: Children’s Sunday School meets at 9 a.m. in Room 115 with Don Mims teaching the class. **Adult Sunday School** meets at 9 a.m. in the Library. The class is beginning a study of Titus. **Our Youth Group** meets every other Sunday at 9 a.m.

Today’s flowers are given to the glory of God by John and Lisa Simmons and in celebration of Robert Stallworth for all the joy he brings their family.

Save the Date: The Men’s Lunch Bunch will meet Thursday, May 23, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Chang’s Chinese Restaurant, 5761 San Felipe, 77057. Please sign up to let us know you will be attending.

Spirits & Spirituality: Join Rev. Harbison tomorrow for Spirits & Spirituality at Casa Dominguez, 5213 Cedar in Bellaire. This is a great opportunity for fellowship and lively discussion of theology over a meal with your St. Luke’s family. The topic is “Being Presbyterian”. Sign up today to let us know you will attend.

Cookie Time: We all enjoy our fellowship time after worship and of course our cookie time too. With that being said, please consider signing up to provide refreshments on a Sunday convenient for you. The sign up calendar is in the Cookie Room.

The Flower Calendar: If you would like to provide flowers for our Sanctuary, please choose a Sunday and add your name to the calendar in the Cookie Room. Use the envelopes provided to enclose your check (\$100 for two arrangements) and to let us know how to acknowledge your gift.

July 7th marks the 23rd year of Jazz Communion! Please make plans to attend this toe-tappin', finger-snappin', hand-clappin' service with our choir and the Marvin Gaspard Trio.

Today we will celebrate with Will Lucas and his family on his graduation from high school. He has been an active member of our Youth Group and a faithful member of our video team recording our Sunday morning worship service. Thanks to Will and his Eagle Scout project, a much needed retaining wall was created along the sidewalk on Timberside. Will is looking forward to attending Texas A & M in the fall.
