

In Response to God
 Activities for the Week of August 11, 2024

Today's Lectionary: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130:1-8; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

Sunday	August 11	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship Service 11:00 am – Refreshments & Fellowship
Monday	August 12	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	August 13	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-2 pm – CCSC Food Collection 4 pm – Strength Training Class 7 pm – Called Session Meeting
Wednesday	August 14	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	August 15	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 4 pm – Strength Training Class 6:30 pm – Street Reach
Friday	August 16	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	August 17	9 am-5 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	August 18	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship Service 11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments

ST. LUKE'S STAFF

Pastor	The Rev. W. Scott Harbison
Parish Associate	The Rev. Dr. Bill Wade
Parish Associate	The Rev. Laureen Suba
Director of Music-Organist/Choirmaster	Marvin Gaspard
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ST. LUKE'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 11, 2024

The Order of Worship

August 11, 2024

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER 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

Laura Smith, harpist

Pastorale

George Frederic Handel (1689-1759)

WELCOME

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦ OPENING HYMN 145

MARION

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Congregation: Thanks Be to God.

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (OT p. 573)

Today's Reader: Ed Nicholas

Psalm 130

VOLUNTARY

Janet and Randall Bardin

God Has Not Given Us a Spirit of Fear

Randall Bardin

SCRIPTURE READING (OT p. 292)

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“Good Grief”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN OF RESPONSE 472

Brazilian folk melody

O Sing to the Lord

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYERS/LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional) Hymnal p. 161

OFFERTORY

Flower Duet from *Lakmé*

Léo Delibes (1836-1891)

✦ DOXOLOGY 592

✦ PRAYER

✦ PEOPLE'S RESPONSE 535

Go With Us, Lord

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

✦ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ITALIAN HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King

Felice de Giardini (1716-1793), arr. Marvin Gaspard



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. Speak to Rev. Harbison if you have any questions.

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** is taking a summer vacation from their studies, but will continue to meet Sundays at 9:00 a.m. for fellowship. **Our Youth Group** meets every other Sunday at 9 a.m.

The Adult Sunday School Class is taking a summer break. David Elledge completed a study of 1st Timothy and will resume in the Fall with a study of 2nd Timothy. The class is continuing to meet for fellowship and coffee on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. You all are invited to join them in the Library.

Our Chancel Choir is on a well deserved vacation for several weeks. During their absence, soloists, and guest musicians will be a part of worship. We appreciate our wonderful musicians. Choir will return to the loft September 8.

Montrose Street Reach on Thursday, August 15: Once a month St. Luke's serves with Montrose Street Reach to minister to people experiencing homelessness in the Montrose area. We contribute the desserts to the meal served that evening. If you can provide brownies or cookies or would like to volunteer to serve, call the church office (713.667.6531).

Food Sunday/Every Sunday: Non perishable food items are collected every Sunday for Christian Community Service Center food pantries. Most desired items include canned (meaty) soups, dry cereal, dry beans, rice, and hygiene items-shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, and individually wrapped toothbrushes.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC was established to provide special vocalists and instrumentalists throughout the year, and to supplement funding for our choir section leaders. Gifts may be given in honor or memory of loved ones, or in celebration of anniversaries, birthdays, and special milestone events. For more information, contact Marvin Gaspard at mjgaspard@sbcglobal.net.

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