

In Response to God  
 Activities for the Week of September 22, 2024

Today's Lectionary: Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; James 3:13-4-3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

Sunday	September 22	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship Service/Youth Sunday 11:00 am – Refreshments & Fellowship Choir Rehearsal
Monday	September 23	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	September 24	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-2 pm – CCSC Food Collection 4 pm – Strength Training Class
Wednesday	September 25	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	September 26	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 4 pm – Strength Training Class
Friday	September 27	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	September 28	9 am-5 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	September 29	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship Service 11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments Choir Rehearsal

## Christian Community Service Center

Many of our neighbors are facing hunger and food insecurity. CCSC is grateful to provide basic necessities and your donations truly help—every single bag, box or canned item makes a difference:

### MOST NEEDED FOOD PANTRY ITEMS:

- Dry beans (1- or 2-pound bags)
- Hearty soups
- Dry rice (1- or 2-pound bags)
- Canned tuna or chicken
- Peanut butter
- Boxed dry cereal
- Pasta sauce

### OTHER REQUESTED ITEMS:

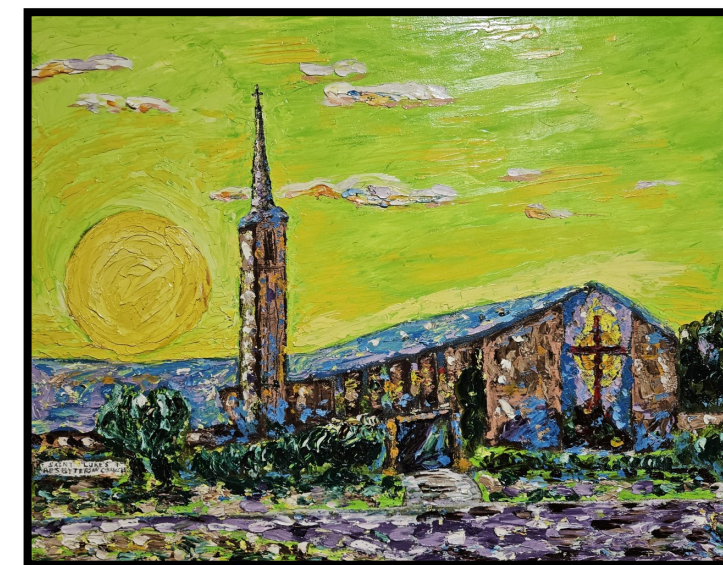
- Baby food or formula
- Toilet paper
- Canned fruit (all types)
- Canned vegetables (all types)
- Dry pasta/mac and cheese
- Bar soap
- Diapers (sizes 5 and 6)

### 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
Business Manager	Patti Ernst
Assistant to Head of Staff	Mary Ann White
Artists in Residence	Sarah Bunk, Ann Guercio, Don Mims, & Laura Smith



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ST. LUKE'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

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# The Order of Worship

September 22, 2024

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please begin quiet preparation for worship as the music begins.

#### PRELUDE

Sara Bunk and Amanda Thorp

#### Fall Colors

Mark Kellner

#### ✦PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### ✦OPENING HYMN 263

ST. DENIO

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

#### CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Congregation: Thanks Be to God.**

### HEARING THE WORD

#### SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 230)

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

#### ANTHEM

Adapted from Psalm 139

#### Know My Heart

Benjamin Harlan

#### SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 45)

Mark 9:30-37

#### REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“Thinking Outside the Box”

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### ✦HYMN OF RESPONSE 397

DALEHURST

O for a Closer Walk with God

#### SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

#### OFFERTORY

Ann Guercio, soprano

Come Down, O Love Divine

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Arr. P. R. Dietterich

#### ✦DOXOLOGY 592

#### ✦PRAYER

#### ✦CHORAL RESPONSE

TALLIS’ CANON

Go with Us, Lord

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

#### ✦BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

Fugue in F Major BWV 556

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)



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**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 thanks-giving 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:** David Elledge is leading the class in a study of 2nd Timothy. You are invited to join them in the Library Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. **Our Youth** meet every other Sunday. The next meeting will be on October 6

**Today is Youth Sunday:** We are pleased to have our Youth assist in leading our worship service this morning:

**The flowers in our sanctuary this morning** are given by St. Luke’s staff to the glory of God and in celebration of Don Mims’ Artist in Residence designation.

**Today we will honor Don** as we announce his Artist in Residence selection. The Session recently granted this status to express gratitude and thanks for the extraordinary talent that he generously shares with the children’s Sunday school class and as witnessed by his paintings scattered throughout the church. Today’s bulletin cover is also Don’s work.

**September 29th is Focus on Food Sunday.** On the fifth Sundays of the year we ask everyone to make a special effort to bring non-perishable items for CCSC. *Focus on Food* is a way to bring attention to the elevated hunger in our community and the high level of need that the CCSC Emergency Food Pantry responds to every day. Food drives are essential to keep their shelves stocked. A list of suggested items is on the back of this insert.

**The Men’s Lunch Bunch** will meet Thursday, October 3 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Chang’s Chinese Restaurant, 5761 San Felipe, 77057. Please sign up on Sunday mornings or call the church office to let us know you are coming.

**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.

**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 sheet is in the Cookie Room!