

In Response to God

Activities for the Week of October 27, 2024

Today's Lectionary: Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22); Hebrew 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

Sunday	October 27	9:00 am –	Church School
		10:00 am –	Worship Service
		11:00 am –	Refreshments & Fellowship Choir Rehearsal
Monday	October 28	3 -7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	October 29	3 -7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
		10 am-2 pm –	CCSC Food Collection
		4 pm –	Strength Training Class
Wednesday	October 30	3 -7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	October 31	3 -7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
		4 pm –	Strength Training Class
Friday	November 1	3 -7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	November 2	9 am-5 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	November 3	9:00 am –	Church School
		10:00 am –	Worship Service
		11:00 am –	Fellowship & Refreshments Choir Rehearsal
Save the Date:	November 19	6:30 pm –	Spirits & Spirituality
		November 24	11:00 am – Thanksgiving Lunch

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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Assistant to Head of Staff	Mary Ann White
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Sarah Bunk, Ann Guercio, Don Mims, & Laura Smith	



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ST. LUKE'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 27, 2024

The Order of Worship

October 27, 2024

REFORMATION SUNDAY

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

Mihir Zambre, piper

Highland Cathedral

Ulrich Roever and Michael Korb

✦PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦OPENING HYMN 229

LAST UNS ERFREUEN

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Congregation: Thanks Be to God.

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE (NT p. 222)

Today's Reader: Steve Hurysz

Hebrews 7:23-28

ANTHEM

Psalm 47

Clap Your Hands

Alfred V. Fedak

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 47)

Mark 10:46-52

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“How Calvin Explains It”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN OF RESPONSE 179

CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN

God Is My Strong Salvation

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

OFFERTORY

Based on EIN FESTE BURG

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Martin Luther (1483-1546)

Setting by Gordon Young (1919-1998)

✦DOXOLOGY 592

✦PRAYER

✦CHORAL RESPONSE

Alleluia, Amen!

From *How Excellent Is Thy Name*,

Eugene Butler (1935-2024)

✦BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Scotland the Brave

Scottish Gaelic: *Alba an Aigh*



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. **Our Youth** meet every other Sunday.

Adult Sunday School: David Elledge is leading a study of [Promise of the Spirit](#), by William Barclay. You are invited to join them in the Library on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

The flowers in our sanctuary this morning are given by Linda Wiley to the glory of God and in celebration of her son, Rich's, birthday October 30th.

Our special guest today is Mihir Zambre, a junior at St. Thomas Episcopal High School, and a member of The St. Thomas' Episcopal School Pipe Band. The band has become one of the world's most respected youth pipe bands, winning North American Championships twice and Juvenile Pipe Band World championships five times. Thank you, Mihir, for sharing your amazing gifts with us today, and welcome back to St. Luke's!

Daylight Savings Time ends next Sunday, November 3rd. Remember to “fall back” and set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night.

Always the last Sunday in October, Reformation Sunday, marks the occasion in 1517 when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. The theses, which criticized the sale of indulgences by church officials, are considered the opening salvo in the Protestant Reformation, a movement that emphasized individual relationships with God and salvation through faith alone.

Today's bulletin cover is the Luther Rose, also known as the Luther Seal, it is easily the most recognized symbol for Lutheranism and for good reason. Martin Luther personally oversaw the creation of this symbol. It provides a beautiful summary of his faith, a faith that is common to all Christians, of every place and time.

Celebrate October Birthdays today: St. Luke's celebrates our monthly birthdays on the last Sunday of each month. Join us in the Cookie Room after worship today and wish all our birthday folks “Happy Birthday”.

Save the date for our next Church Workday on Sunday, December 1st. Our workday is an opportunity to help improve the church property and grounds. Everyone is invited to help! We will begin immediately after church service, so dress accordingly for worship! Help us freshen up our church campus so St. Luke's may continue to be a welcoming presence in our community.