

In Response to God

Activities for the Week of November 3, 2024

Today's Lectionary: Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

Sunday	November 3	9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am –	Church School Worship Service Refreshments and Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	November 4	2-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	November 5	2-7 pm – 10 am-2 pm – 4 pm – 7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy CCSC Food Collection Strength Training Class Session Meeting
Wednesday	November 6	2-7 pm – 7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy Prayer Group
Thursday	November 7	2-7 pm – 4 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy Strength Training Class
Friday	November 8	2-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	November 9	9 am-5 pm – 11 am-1 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy Men's Lunch Bunch
Sunday	November 10	9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am –	Church School Worship Service Refreshments & Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Save the Date:	November 19 November 24	6:30 pm – after worship	Spirits & Spirituality 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
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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ALL SAINTS'

St. Luke's Presbyterian Church
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The Order of Worship

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ALL SAINT'S 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

Lauren Sanders and Laura Smith

Entr'acte from *Carmen*
Georges Bizet (1838-1875)

✦PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦OPENING HYMN 526

SINE NOMINE

For All the Saints

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

*We remember and honor those loved ones who entered
the Church Triumphant in the last year.*

Eileen Crowell	Norma Spers
Sam Davidson	James Wilburn Thorp
Bruce Davis	Toni Townley
Aubrey Doggett	Suzannie Williams
Windy McHenry	Florinda White

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 259)

Revelation 21:1-6a

VOLUNTARY

Janet Bardin, soprano

Eternal Peace
Marvin Gaspard

*"Grant rest, O God, to all your saints, who sleep eternally in the palm of Thy hand.
The heavenly hosts sing, 'Alleluia!'"*

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 49)

Mark 12:28-34

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

"Two Kingdoms"

Rev. W. Scott Harbison

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦APOSTLE'S CREED (in unison)

Hymnal, page 14

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

From Psalms 84 and 90

O How Amiable
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

✦DOXOLOGY 592

✦HYMN OF PREPARATION 5

PICARDY

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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...

Marvin Gaspard (c) 2008

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na - in - the high - est.

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY

Fairest Lord Jesus
Charles Forsberg

PEOPLE'S RESPONSE

For Thine Is the Kingdom
From *The Lord's Prayer*, Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fantasy on SINE NOMINE
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), 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 these verbally at the time for Sharing of Joys and Concerns.

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 Lusarnie (Carmen) Hodgson to the glory of God and in memory of her sisters, Norma Spers and Suzannie Williams.

Today is All Saints' Sunday, a time to rejoice in all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living, communion of saints. Today we will hear the names of loved ones who passed away in the last year and hear a solemn toll after each name. The toll reminds us that God was with the faithful of the past and we are reassured that God is with us today, moving us and all creation toward God's end in time.

Save the date for our next Church Workday on Sunday, December 8. 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!

The Men's Lunch Bunch will meet Saturday, November 9 at Buffalo Grille, 4080 Bissonnet from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Use the sign-up sheet in the narthex to let us know you are coming. Call Steve Hurysz (713.876.5486) for more information.

Prayer Group begins meeting Wednesday, November 6: The Adult Sunday School Class is initiating a Prayer Group at St. Luke's on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. The first gathering will be in the sanctuary with future meetings to include a virtual (Zoom) option for those who can't attend in person. Patti Ernst will be the leader for a collective effort of prayers to promote peace and understanding throughout our world. All are welcome! Speak to Marty Moore or Ed Dickinson for more information.

Montrose Street Reach Thanksgiving Dinner November 27: St. Luke's is seeking volunteers to assist with the Thanksgiving meal provided by Street Reach for the homeless in the Montrose area. Two or three volunteers are assigned to a table to take orders, retrieve the food and serve seated guests. Speak to Rev. Harbison, Jeanne Leach, or Ed Dickinson if you are interested. Please let them know by November 13.