

In Response to God

Activities for the Week of November 10, 2024

Today's Lectionary: Ruth 3:1-5;4:13-17; Psalm 137; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

Sunday	November 10	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship Service 11:00 am – Refreshments & Fellowship Choir Rehearsal
Monday	November 11	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	November 12	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-2 pm – CCSC Food Collection 4 pm – Strength Training Class 7:00 pm – Session Meeting
Wednesday	November 13	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 7 pm – Prayer Group
Thursday	November 14	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 4 pm – Strength Training Class
Friday	November 15	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	November 16	9 am-5 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	November 17	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship Service 11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments Choir Rehearsal
Save the Date:	November 19 November 24	6:30 pm – Spirits & Spirituality 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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Artists in Residence	Sarah Bunk, Ann Guercio, Don Mims, & Laura Smith



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ST. LUKE'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 10, 2024

The Order of Worship

November 10, 2024

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Laura Smith, harp

Pie Jesu, from *Requiem*

Andrew Lloyd Webber

✦PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦OPENING HYMN 443

AURELIA

O Christ, the Great Foundation

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Congregation: Thanks Be to God.

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 224)

Today's Reader, Chris Bias

Hebrews 9:24-28

VOLUNTARY

Ann Guercio, soprano

Pie Jesu, from *Requiem*

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 49)

Mark 12:38-44

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“The Heart of Stewardship”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN OF RESPONSE 428

SCHUMANN

We Give Thee but Thine Own

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision

Irish Folk Song, arr. Carlton Young

✦DOXOLOGY 592

✦PRAYER

✦CHORAL RESPONSE 535

TALLIS' CANON

Go With Us, Lord

✦BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

HYFRYDOL

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Rowland Prichard (1811-1877), arr. Lani Smith



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 a.m.

The flowers in our sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God by Luanne Hodgson.

Live Nativity on December 18: We are asking for cast members to sign up for Live Nativity 2024. Roles are available for reenactments at 6 & 7 p.m.: Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, 3 Wise Men, Angel Gabriel, 4 Angels, and 4 Shepherds. Also needed are narrators, costume set-up and traffic control. Check out the sign in sheet in the narthex and let us know you want to participate. Speak to Debbie Harbison if you have any questions.

Prayer Group meets on Wednesdays: The Adult Sunday School Class initiated the first meeting of our new Prayer Group on Wednesday. The group is currently meeting in the Session Room at 7:00 p.m. If you can't meet in person, there will be an option to join the group virtually by Zoom. All are welcome! Speak to Marty Moore or Ed Dickinson for more information.

Would you like to participate in Sunday worship? We are looking for volunteers to read the first scripture passage. Sign up for the Sunday of your choice using the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Leave your email to receive a large print copy of your reading. Call the church office for more information.

Montrose Street Reach Thanksgiving Dinner November 27: St. Luke's is seeking volunteers to assist with a Thanksgiving meal 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. Use the sign up sheet in the narthex to let us know you want to serve. We need to know by November 13. Speak to Jeanne Leach, or Ed Dickinson if you have any questions.

CCSC's Jingle Bell Express program is prepared to serve 2,500 families and children in need in three ways: grocery gift cards to alleviate hunger, books to promote literacy, and toys for play and learning. You can support Jingle Bell Express (JBE) by donating new, unwrapped nonviolent toys and books for children, newborn to 15 years old, and by volunteering at the event. For more information call 713.961.3993 or email to seasonal@ccschouston.org.

The Elledge Toy Store: David and Lorretta Elledge set up their toy store every year to make toy selection for JBE convenient for you. You can shop on Sundays, December 1 and 8, and add it to the donation box. All toys will be collected on Monday, December 9 for distribution at the Jingle Bell Express event December 14.