

In Response to God
Activities for the Week of November 17, 2024

Today's Lectionary: 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Mark 13:1-8

Sunday	November 17	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship Service 11:00 am – Refreshments and Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	November 18	2-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	November 19	2-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-2 pm – CCSC Food Collection 4 pm – Strength Training Class 6:30 pm – Spirits and Spirituality
Wednesday	November 20	2-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	November 21	2-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 4 pm – Strength Training Class 6 pm – Pemberton Circle Homeowners
Friday	November 22	2-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	November 23	9 am-5 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	November 24	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship Service 11:00 am – Thanksgiving Lunch
Save the Date:	November 19	6:30 pm – Spirits & Spirituality
	November 21	6:30 pm – Montrose Street Reach

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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The Order of Worship

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TWENTY-SIXTH 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

Sarah Bunk, flute

Arioso from *Cantata*, BWV 156

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦ OPENING HYMN 210

ST. ANNE

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (OT p. 245)

Reading today, Randall Bardin

1 Samuel 2:1-10

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 50)

Mark 13:1-8

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“The Waiting”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ APOSTLE’S CREED (in unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Nathan Thorp, tenor

Amazing Grace

Craig Courtney

✦ DOXOLOGY 592

✦ HYMN OF PREPARATION 316

TRENTHAM

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

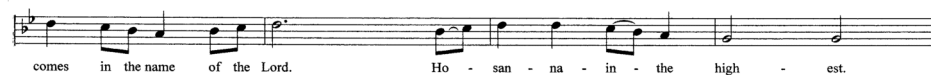
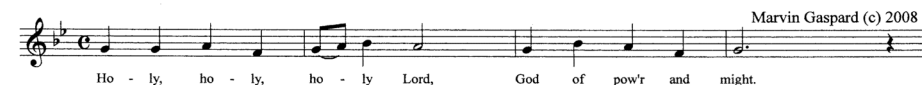
People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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...



COMMUNION VOLUNTARY

Brother James’ Air

James Lieth Bain, arr. Marvin Gaspard

PEOPLE’S RESPONSE

For Thine Is the Kingdom

From *The Lord’s Prayer*, Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude on LOBE DEN HERREN

Stralsund Erneuernten Gesangbuch, 1665

Arr. Fred Swann (1931-2022)

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 Marty Moore.

Live Nativity on December 18: We are asking for cast members to sign up for Live Nativity. 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 every other Wednesday: The Adult Sunday School Class initiated the first meeting of our new Prayer Group last week and will meet again on November 20. 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.

Would you like to read the first scripture selection at worship? 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.

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!

Spirits & Spirituality will meet on Tuesday, November 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Casa Dominguez, 5213 Cedar Street in Bellaire. It’s a great opportunity for fellowship and discussion of Rev. Harbison’s topic for the evening. A sign up sheet is available in the Narthex or call the church office to RSVP.

Save the Date: During worship on December 15th our Chancel Choir and instrumentalists will present “Joyous Noel”, a collection of music celebrating the most glorious night of nights. Add it to your calendar today!

Thanksgiving Lunch November 24. Use today’s insert to sign up for Thanksgiving Lunch to help us get a count for our caterer. Don’t forget to bring your food donations for CCSC’s food pantry. They will be used for table decoration!