

In Response to God

Activities for the Week of November 24, 2024

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

Sunday	November 24	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship Service 11:00 am – Thanksgiving Lunch Choir Rehearsal
Monday	November 25	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	November 26	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-2 pm – CCSC Food Collection 4 pm – Strength Training Class
Wednesday	November 27	Closed Thanksgiving Holiday
Thursday	November 28	Closed Thanksgiving Holiday
Friday	November 29	Closed Thanksgiving Holiday
Saturday	November 30	Closed Thanksgiving Holiday
Sunday	December 1	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship Service 11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments Choir Rehearsal
Save the Date:	December 5 December 15	11:00 am – Men's Lunch Bunch 11:00 am – Bag Day for 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
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

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

The Order of Worship

November 24, 2024

CHRIST THE KING 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 Wie Melodien zieht es Mir, Op. 105 No. 1
Wang/Dietz Duo Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

✦PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦OPENING HYMN 142 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!
CORONATION

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Congregation: Thanks Be to God.

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 245) Revelation 1:4b-8
Reading today, Kenneth Russell

ANTHEM Crown Him with Many Crowns
George J. Elvey (1816-1893), arr. Robert Sterling

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 6) Matthew 6:25-33

REFLECTION ON THE WORD Rev. W. Scott Harbison
"Jesus is Lord, so..."

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN OF RESPONSE 559 We Gather Together
KREMSER

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

OFFERTORY Gloria from the *Twelfth Mass* K. 232
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

✦DOXOLOGY 592

✦PRAYER

✦CHORAL RESPONSE O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!
15 th c. French melody, arr. Marvin Gaspard

✦BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE . Fantasy on DIADEMATA
George J. Elvey (1816-1893), arr. Don Hustad (1918-2013)



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 by Linda Wiley to the glory of God in honor of her son Travis' birthday on November 29.

Sign up for 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. Debbie Harbison is coordinating.

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 Loretta Elledge opened 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.

Today's Prelude will be presented by David Dietz and Tong Wang. This versatile duo will also be in **concert at St. Luke's today at 2 p.m.** They have performed in settings ranging from concert halls to kindergarten classrooms and have been heard in many concerts across North America including Ottawa, Montreal, Houston, and Banff, Alberta.

Congregational Meeting today: Please remain after worship to attend a brief meeting to elect the members of our Nominating Committee.
