

## In Response to God

### Activities for the Week of January 5, 2025

Today's Lectionary: Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9) 10-18

Sunday	January 5	9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am –	Church School Worship Service/Installation of Elders Refreshments & Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	January 6		Houston Dragon Academy holiday Church Office Closed
Tuesday	January 7	10 am-2 pm – 3-7 pm – 4 pm –	CCSC Food Collection Houston Dragon Academy Strength Training
Wednesday	January 8	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	January 9	3-7 pm – 4 pm	Houston Dragon Academy Strength Training
Friday	January 10	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	January 11	9 am-5 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	January 12	9:00 am – 10:00 am –	Church School Worship Service
Save the date:	February 9 March 4	11:00 am – 6-7:30 pm –	Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday Jazz in the Parking Lot & Fish Fry

#### ST. LUKE'S STAFF

Pastor .....The Rev. W. Scott Harbison  
 Parish Associate..... Laureen Suba  
 Parish Associate..... The Rev. Dr. Bill Wade  
 Director of Music-Organist/Choirmaster .....Marvin Gaspard  
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St. Luke's Presbyterian Church  
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# The Order of Worship

January 5, 2025

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TOLLING

✦ WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦ OPENING HYMN 56 v.4-6 The First Nowell  
THE FIRST NOWELL

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Congregation: Thanks Be to God.**

### HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (OT p. 734) Jeremiah 31:7-14

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 91) John 1:10-18

REFLECTION ON THE WORD Rev. W. Scott Harbison

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

✦ APOSTLE'S CREED Hymnal p. 14  
Included in Ordination and Installation of Elders Traditional

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 PRAYERS

OFFERTORY

We Three Kings of Orient Are  
John Henry Hopkin, Jr.  
arr. Marvin Gaspard

✦ RESPONSE

Gloria No. 23 Refrain

*"Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo."*

✦ HYMN OF PREPARATION 63 As with Gladness Men of Old  
DIX

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

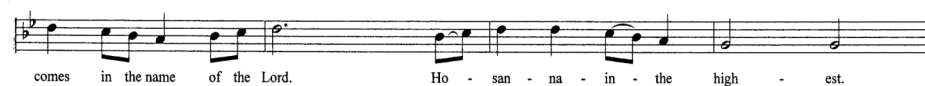
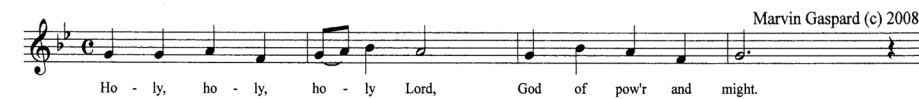
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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 . . .



DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

COMMUNION What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright  
15th c. melody, Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE Nowell!  
English carol, arr. Healey Willan (1880-1968)

✦ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright  
Harmonized by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

**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 after worship if you have any questions.

**Sunday School: Children's Sunday School** meets at 9 a.m. in Room 115 with Don Mims teaching the class. **Adult Sunday School** meets at 9 a.m. in the Library. **Our Youth Group** meets every other Sunday at 9 a.m. in Room 129. Pastor Scott Harbison teaches the Youth Group.

**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 Pastoral Prayer.

**Ordination and Installation of Elders:** Elders elected at the Congregational Meeting of December 22nd, Linda Wiley, Alan Lucas, and John Simmons will be ordained and installed today as they begin their service.

**St. Luke's will assist Montrose Street Reach** on the third Thursday of every month with their meal for the homeless in the Montrose area. This January 16, we contribute the desserts to the meal and our homemade desserts are always a BIG hit. If you can provide brownies or cookies or would like to volunteer to serve, call Jeanne Leach at 713.409.0997.

**Worship services on YouTube:** Our Sunday worship services are live-streamed, recorded, and stored on our YouTube channel (St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, Houston). You can view the published videos on YouTube and on our website. Subscribe to our channel to be notified of new video postings as they become available.

**The 2025 Flower Calendar** is now posted in the Cookie Room. If you would like to provide flowers for our Sanctuary, please choose a Sunday and add your name to the calendar. Use the envelopes provided to enclose your check (\$100 for two arrangements) and let us know how to acknowledge your gift. If you would like to sign up online, please visit [linktr.ee/stlukespres](http://linktr.ee/stlukespres) or email [Sandra@stlukespres.org](mailto:Sandra@stlukespres.org) for the link. Online sign-ups are strongly preferred.

**Drop by the Cookie Room** after worship today and enjoy refreshments and fellowship. If you would like to provide cookies for an upcoming Sunday, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Cookie Room or email [Sandra@stlukespres.org](mailto:Sandra@stlukespres.org) for the online sign-up.

**Save the Date** for Souper Bowl Sunday on February 9th right after worship service, and St. Luke's Annual Jazz in the Parking Lot and Fish Fry on Tuesday, March 4th from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

**The church office** will re-open on January 7th.