

In Response to God  
 Activities for the Week of January 12, 2025

Today's Lectionary: Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sunday	January 12	9:00 am – 11:00 am –	Church School Refreshments & Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	January 13	3-7 pm – 7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy holiday Session Meeting
Tuesday	January 14	10 am-2 pm – 3-7 pm – 4 pm –	CCSC Food Collection Houston Dragon Academy Strength Training
Wednesday	January 15	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	January 16	3-7 pm – 4 pm – 6:30 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy Strength Training Montrose Street Reach
Friday	January 17	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	January 18	9 am-5 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	January 19	9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am –	Church School Worship Service Refreshments & Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Save the date:	February 6	11-1 pm –	Men's Lunch Bunch
	February 9	11:00 am –	Souper Bowl of Caring
	March 4	6-7:30 pm –	Jazz in the Parking Lot

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  
 Business Manager ..... Patti Ernst  
 Assistant to Head of Staff..... Sandra Wang  
 Artists in Residence.....  
 ..... Sarah Bunk, Ann Guercio, Don Mims & Laura Smith



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# The Order of Worship

January 12, 2025

## BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE Pastorale  
Laura Smith, Harp George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)  
Micah Sanders, Cello arr. Daniel Burton

WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN 487 When Morning Gilds The Skies  
LAUDES DOMINI

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Congregation: Thanks Be to God.**

### HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 126) Acts 8:14-17  
Reading today, Bob Patterson

ANTHEM Set Me as a Seal Upon Your Heart  
Song of Solomon 8:6-7 and Psalm 51:10-13 Anna Laura Page

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 60) Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

REFLECTION ON THE WORD Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“Magic Power”

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN OF RESPONSE 71 Lord, When You Came to Jordan  
Sung to ELLACOMBE

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYERS/LORD’S PRAYER (Traditional) Hymnal p. 16

OFFERTORY Be Still, My Soul  
Jean Sibelius (1865-1957), arr. Craig Courtney

✦DOXOLOGY 592

✦PRAYER

✦CHORAL RESPONSE Go With Us, Lord  
TALLIS’ CANON

✦BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
NETTLETON Wyeth’s *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813  
arr. Marvin Gaspard



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**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. with Rev. Harbison leading the 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.

**The flowers today** are given to the glory of God by Luanne Hodgson in honor and celebration of her son Dwight Hebbert’s 10th birthday.

**St. Luke’s will assist Montrose Street Reach** on January 16 with their monthly meal for the homeless in the Montrose area. 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, please 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.

**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.

**Spirits & Spirituality** meets on January 20th at Casa Dominguez (5213 Cedar St, 77401). It’s a great opportunity for fellowship and discussion of Rev. Harbison’s topic for the evening. Please sign up in the Narthex.

**Save the date** for Men’s Lunch Bunch on February 6th 11am at Tapester’s Grill, Souper Bowl Sunday on February 9th right after worship service, and St. Luke’s Annual Jazz in the Parking Lot on Tuesday, March 4th from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

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