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 Presbyterian Church. New members are welcomed by the Session before worship on Sunday mornings.

Church Office is closed from December 24 to Jan 6 except on December 23rd and December 30th. It will re-open on January 7.

Ordination and Installation of Church Officers will take place during worship on Sunday, January 5th. Elders elected at the Congregational Meeting of December 22nd. Please make plans to attend worship and support our elders as they begin their service on Session.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC helps provide special instrumental and vocal guests throughout the year and supplements funding for our choir staff singers. For more information, please speak to Marvin Gaspard.

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.

Montrose Street Reach is every month on the third Thursdays of the month. If you can provide brownies or cookies or would like to volunteer, please call Jeanne Leach at 713.409.0997.

Our Wednesday Word will become The Friday Focus in 2025. You do not need to sign up again, but please note it will arrive Friday mornings in your email inbox instead.

Sign-ups for flowers and cookies is moving to digital sign-ups. Paper sign up is still available for this Spring. If you need the sign up link, please visit our website at linktr.ee/stlukespres and go to the bottom.

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



CAROL-SING

ST. LUKE'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 29, 2024

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 29, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

TOLLING

PRELUDE It Came Upon The Midnight Clear CAROL Richard S. Willis (1819-1900) arr. Marvin Gaspard

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

- Leader: The Lord be with you.
- People: And also with you.
- Leader: The grace of God has appeared,
- People: Bringing salvation to all.
- Leader: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts;
- People: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Joy to the World!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION (people in unison)

Almighty God, you wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

$C \mathrel{A R O L - S I N G}$

This is our fifteenth Carol Sing! Marvin will be asking for your requests, so be thinking about the carols you would like to sing.

Responding To The Word

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

Hymnal p. 16

OFFERTORY Ukrainian Carol

Carol of the Bells Mykola Leontovich (1877-1921) arr. Marvin Gaspard

RESPONSE

Gloria No. 23 Refrain

"Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN 23 Mendolssohn Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ding Dong Merrily On High French Carol, arr. Marvin Gaspard



Opening Hymn 40 Antioch