

## In Response to God Activities for the Week of January 6, 2019

Today's Lectionary: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday	January 6	9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am –	Church School Worship Service Refreshments & Fellowship
Monday	January 7	3-7 pm – 7:00 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy Re:Mind Support Group
Tuesday	January 8	3-7 pm – 10:30 am – 6:30 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy Pastor's class Elder Training
Wednesday	January 9	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	January 10	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Friday	January 11	3-7 pm – 3:00 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy "Pray Where You Are"
Saturday	January 12	9 am-5 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	January 13	9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am –	Church School Worship Service Installation of Elders Refreshments & Fellowship
Save the date:	March 5	6-7:30 pm	Jazz in the Parking Lot/Fish Fry

**What Child is This**  
William C. Dix

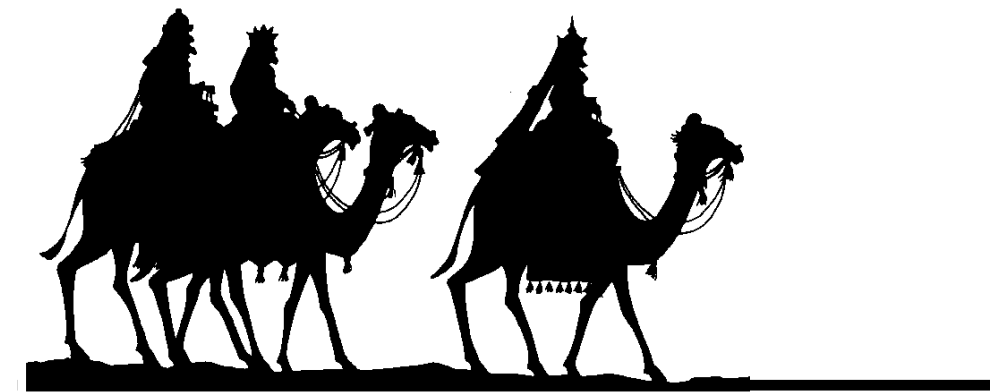
What Child is this who, laid to rest  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate,  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.  
This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
Come one and all, to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary! (Repeat)

### ST. LUKE'S STAFF

Pastor.....The Rev. W. Scott Harbison  
Parish Associate ..... The Rev. Dr. Bill Wade  
Director of Music-Organist/Choirmaster ..... Marvin Gaspard  
Music Worship Leader ..... Ryan Klasen  
Handbell Director ..... Jayne Manry  
Assistant to Head of Staff..... Mary Ann White  
Nursery Caregiver ..... Andrea Nitsch  
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# The Order of Worship

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## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

We joyfully greet each other and share the gifts of friendship and love.  
Please begin quiet preparation for worship as the Tolling begins.

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

#### TOLLING OF THE HOUR

SONG OF PRAISE see insert  
Ryan Klasen and Ruth Heidelberger

What Child is This?  
William C. Dix (1837-1898)

#### WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### A LITANY FOR EPIPHANY

David Elledge

Leader: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God, Alleluia!

**People: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, Alleluia!**

Leader: With joy let us pray to our Savior, the Son of God who became one of us, saying: The grace of God be with us all. O Christ, let your gospel shine in every place where the Word of life is not yet received. Draw the whole creation to yourself that your salvation may be known through all the earth.

**People: The grace of God be with us all.**

*(Use this response after the Leader reads the next 3 statements.)*

#### Conclusion of the Litany:

Leader: O Christ, light made manifest as the true light of God, gladden our hearts on the joyful morning of your glory; call us by our name on the great Day of your coming; and give us grace to offer, with all the hosts of heaven, unending praise to God in whom all things find their ending, now and ever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN NO. 56  
(verses 3-6)

The First Nowell  
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#### CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: Like the Baby of Bethlehem, we are born anew. God's forgiveness cradles us; God's love is poured out on us.

**People: What a marvelous gift—forgiveness! Filled with hope and new life, we can sing God's praises forever. Amen.**

RESPONSE NO. 23 The Gloria Patri (Please join the choir in singing)

Refrain: "Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!"

### HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (OT p. 690) Isaiah 60:1-7

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 2) Matthew 2:1-12

REFLECTION ON THE WORD Rev. Dr. Bill Wade

"The Wise Men's Divine Encounter"

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

#### PASTORAL PRAYERS

GIVING OUR GIFTS BACK TO GOD We Three Kings of Orient Are  
John Henry Hopkins (1867-1891), arr. Marvin Gaspard

#### DOXOLOGY NO. 592

COMMUNION HYMN NO. 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!

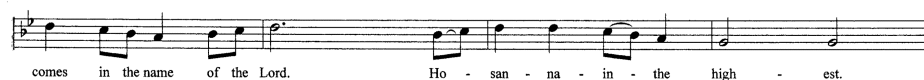
**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

CHORAL RESPONSE Nowell  
14th C. English carol, arr. Healy Willan

#### 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. You may join by profession of faith and reception of baptism, reaffirmation of faith, or transfer of church letter. Speak to Rev. Wade if you have any questions.

**St. Luke's Nursery** is available for child care during Sunday worship services and special services during the year. Care is available on Sunday's beginning at 9:00 a.m. for children through age 5. Sunday School classes are available for ages 3 and older during the Sunday School hour.

**Joys and Concerns** are an opportunity to share a need for prayers of thanksgiving or intercession with the congregation. You will have opportunity to mention your joys and concerns verbally at the time for Pastoral Prayer or you can fill out one of the small slips found in the pew racks and pass them to the usher during the Welcome and Announcements. To share confidential prayer requests, please hand them to Rev. Wade following the benediction.

**Installation of Officers:** Church officers be installed next Sunday during worship. Attend worship next Sunday and be a part of this meaningful service for Liz Johnson, Annemieke Luckey and Laura Smith.

**Third Sunday Morning Mission January 20:** On the third Sunday of each month volunteers go to the Star of Hope Transitional Living Center at 2575 Reed Road, to assist with lunch service from 12:30-3:30 p.m. A sign up sheet is posted on the board in the Narthex. If this is your first time to volunteer, pick up a leaflet from the literature rack in the narthex with SOH guidelines and pre-register on their website as a new volunteer.

**Women of the Word:** WOW will begin meeting again starting on January 30. The class, led by Laura Smith, will study *What Matters Most* by Karen Ehman. Class meets on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in room #211.

**Depression support group meets at St. Luke's:** *Re:Mind* offers free and confidential support groups for individuals living with, or family and friends affected by, depression and bipolar disorders. The group meets on Mondays at 7 p.m. Brochures are in our literature rack. For more information visit their website, [www.remindsupport.org](http://www.remindsupport.org) or call 713.600.1131.

**Food Sunday/Every Sunday:** Non perishable food items are collected every Sunday for Christian Community Service Center food pantries. You can drop your donations off during the week or on Sunday mornings. Most desired items include canned (meaty) soups, dry cereal, dry beans, rice, and hygiene items—shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, and individually wrapped toothbrushes.

**Liturgist & Time for Young Disciples Schedule:** Please choose a convenient Sunday you would like to serve. The sign up sheet for the next three months is in the Cookie Room.