

**God With Us**  
By Leslie Jordan

You've come to bring peace	Our Deliverer
To be love, to be nearer to us	You are Savior
You've come to breathe life	In Your presence
To be light, to shine brighter in us	We find our strength
Oh Emmanuel God with us	Over everything
	Our redemption
Our Deliverer	God with us
You are Savior	You are God with us
In Your presence	
We find our strength	You are here
Over everything	You are holy
Our redemption	We are standing
God with us	In Your glory (Repeat)
You are God with us	
	Our Deliverer
You've come to be hope	You are Savior
To this world	In Your presence
For Your honor and name	We find our strength
You've come to take sin	Over everything
To bear shame	Our redemption
And to conquer the grave	God with us (Repeat)
Oh Emmanuel, oh God with us	
	You are God with us
	You are God with us
	You are God with us

**In Response to God**

**Activities for the Week of December 2, 2018**

Today's Lectionary: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 225:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

Sunday	December 2	9:00 am – 10:00 am –	Church School Worship Service Congregational Meeting
		11:00 am –	Refreshments and Fellowship Campane Belle Rehearsal
Monday	December 3	3-7 pm – 10:30 am – 7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy Pastor's Bible Study Re-Mind support group
Tuesday	December 4	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Wednesday	December 5	3-7 pm – 7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	December 6	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Friday	December 7	3-7 pm – 3:00 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy "Pray Where You Are"
Saturday	December 8	9 am-6 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	December 9	9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am –	Church School Worship Service Refreshments & Fellowship
Save the date:	December 12	6 & 7 pm	Live Nativity
	December 19	7:15 pm	Montrose Street Reach
	December 23	10:00 am	"The Seven Joys of Christmas"

**Advent and Christmas 2018**

We will feature special music on each Sunday of Advent.  
Come and enjoy these meaningful services as part of your Advent & Christmas journey.

**December 2**

Worship with "A Prelude to Advent" at 10 a.m.  
With the Musicians of St. Luke's

**December 9**

Worship with "Joyfully We Ring" at 10 a.m.  
With our youth bell choir, Campane Belle, and St. Luke's Ringers

**December 16**

Worship with "Yuletide Classical Strings" at 10 a.m.  
With violinists, Quan, Chizu, and Mitsuki Jiang

**December 23**

Worship with "The Seven Joys of Christmas" at 10 a.m.  
Musical presentation by Chancel Choir & harpist, Laura Smith

**December 24**

Worship with "Candlelight Lessons and Carols" at 6 p.m.  
The Christmas Story unfolds through scripture and song  
as we celebrate the eve of Jesus' birth.

**December 30**

Worship with "Carol Sing" at 10 a.m.  
With guest vocalists, Betsy Uschkraat & Tyler Smith



**ST. LUKE'S STAFF**

Pastor.....Rev. W. Scott Harbison  
Parish Associate ..... Rev. Dr. Bill Wade  
Director of Music-Organist/Choirmaster ..... Marvin Gaspard  
Music Worship Leader ..... Ryan Klasen  
Handbell Director ..... Jayne Manry  
Administrative Assistant..... Mary Ann White  
Nursery Caregiver ..... Andrea Nitsch  
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December 2, 2018

# The Order of Worship

December 2, 2018

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Matthew O'Brien

#### PRELUDE

Prepare the Way  
Then Svenska Psalmboken, 1697

#### WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### SONG OF PRAISE (see insert)

Ryan Klasen and Ruth Heidelberger

#### \*God With Us

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#### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

St. Luke's Youth

#### O Come, O Come Emmanuel

12<sup>th</sup> c. Latin melody

Choir:

*"O Come, o come, Emmanuel...  
And ransom captive Israel."*

**Congregation:**

***"Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!"***

#### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Laura Smith

#### OPENING HYMN NO. 1

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

STUTTGART

#### CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: The wilderness will rejoice; the dry land will blossom.

**People: The people of God will return with joy and singing.**

#### 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. 698)

Jeremiah 33:14-16

(\*Song of the Month)

#### ANTHEM

Margaret Pike, soloist

*"See how this baby is feeling cold, see how his limbs are shaking, see how it sobs and cries of sorrow.  
Na, na, na na na fragile child be still, sus, sus and stop crying.*

*So the shepherds come to the stable, play a sweet lullaby for this fragile lamb.  
I think it is almost sleeping now.*

*Na, na, na na na fragile child be still, sus, sus and stop crying.*

*And you, oh angels, come also over here. Sing a small motet for your King. Make him enjoy your melody.  
Na, na, na na na fragile child be still, sus, sus and stop crying."*

#### GOSPEL READING (NT p. 85)

Luke 21:25-36

#### A REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. W. Scott Harbison

"Things Can Only Get Better"

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### SHARING OUR JOYS AND LIFTING OUR CONCERNS

#### PASTORAL PRAYERS

#### GIVING OUR GIFTS BACK TO GOD

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring BWV 147

Johan Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

#### DOXOLOGY NO. 592

#### COMMUNION HYMN NO. 5

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PICARDY

#### 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.**

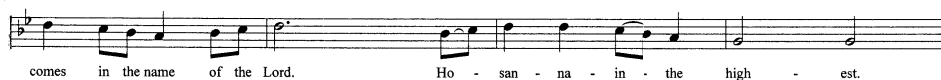
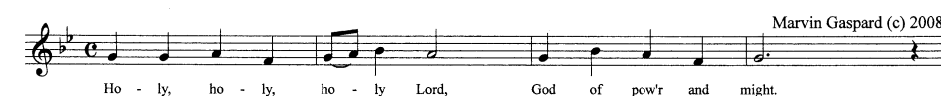
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The prayer continues . . .

The congregation sings . . .

#### Sanctus



#### DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

#### CHORAL RESPONSE

Rejoice!  
12<sup>th</sup> c. Latin melody/arr. Marvin Gaspard

#### BENEDICTION

#### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

#### POSTLUDE

Based on HYFRYDOL

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1877)

arr. Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

**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. Harbison 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. Harbison following the benediction.

**The flowers today** are given by the Jacoby children to the glory of God and in honor of their parents, Roy and Robin Jacoby, in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

**Congregational Meeting today:** Our Session has called for a Congregational Meeting after worship to elect elders for the classes of 2020 and 2021; a trustee, and members of the 2019 nominating committee.

**Today's Instrumentalists:** Randall Bardin, guitar, Sarah Bunk, flute, Wendy Buskop, cello, Ruth Heidelberger, violin, Ryan Klasen, guitar, and Laura Smith, harp.

**Sign up for Montrose Street Reach on December 19:** St. Luke's partners with Montrose Street Reach every other month to serve a meal to the homeless. On December 19 Street Reach will distribute backpacks with essential hygiene items and Grace Bags provided by St. Luke's. If you would like to bake cookies or volunteer to help on the 19th, use the sign up sheet in the narthex to let us know. Street Reach is held in the parking lot of the Presbytery of New Covenant, 1110 Lovett Blvd. Please call Jeanne Leach (713.409.0997) for more information.

**Shop at St. Luke's Toy Store today!** David and Loretta Elledge have a convenient way for you to purchase toys for CCSC's Jingle Bell Express. The store will be open before and after worship today for it's final day. It's an opportunity for a one stop shopping experience with age appropriate toys at reasonable prices.