

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.

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 am for children through age 5. Sunday School classes are available for ages 3 and older during the Sunday School hour.

Our guest vocalists today are Tyler Smith and Betsy Uschkrat.

Married for eleven years, Betsy and Tyler currently live in New Orleans where they are Professors in the Vocal Department at Loyola University. They are professional opera singers who have appeared with the Houston Grand Opera and the New Orleans Opera among many others. Thank you Betsy and Tyler for sharing your gifts with us today!

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Dot Cowan by her daughters, Kathy and Alice.

The church office will be closed January 1 & 2 for the new year holiday.

Installation and Ordination of Church Officers will take place during worship on Sunday, January 13. Please join us for this important event in the life of our church.

Support group meets at St. Luke's: *Re:Mind*, provides 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. For more information call 713.600.1131 or visit their website, www.remindsupport.org.

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.



CAROL SING

ST. LUKE'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 30, 2018

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 30, 2018

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

*THE PRELUDE O Little Town of Bethlehem
ST. LOUIS Lewis Henry Redner, arr. Marvin Gaspard

*THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Please sign the Friendship Folder and pass it down the pew. After all have signed, pass it back to the center, noting the names of those seated by you.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

✠THE 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.

*✠The OPENING HYMN NO. 31 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
MENDELSSOHN

*✠THE 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.

THE ANTHEM Gesù Bambino
Betsy Uschkrat, soprano Pietro Yon (1886-1943)

*Latecomers may be seated

✠All who are able, please stand

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE SCRIPTURE READING (NT p.59)

Luke 2:22-40

THE Voluntary
Tyler Smith, tenor

Cantique de Noël
Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)

CAROL - SING

*Today's service will include some of your favorite carols.
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

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

THE OFFERTORY
CAROL

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
Richard Willis, arr. Marvin Gaspard

✠THE DOXOLOGY NO. 592

✠THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✠THE CLOSING HYMN NO. 23 Angels We Have Heard on High
GLORIA

✠THE BENEDICTION

✠THE POSTLUDE

I Saw Three Ships
17th c. English carol, arr. Marvin Gaspard

