

# Tapestry of Light... A Celtic Christmas

By Joseph M. Martin

Sunday, December 11  
10:00 a.m.



Presented by

St. Luke's Chancel Choir  
and Chamber Orchestra

## In Response to God Activities for the week of October 23, 2022

Today's Lectionary: Joel 31:27-34; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:68, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

Sunday	October 23	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship
Monday	October 24	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	October 25	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-2 pm CCSC food collection
Wednesday	October 26	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	October 27	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 6:30 pm –
Friday	October 28	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	October 29	9 am-6 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	October 30	9:00 am – Church School & Confirmation Class 10:00 am – Worship

### ST. LUKE'S STAFF

Pastor	The Rev. W. Scott Harbison
Parish Associate	The Rev. Dr. Bill Wade
Director of Music-Organist/Choirmaster	Marvin Gaspard
Business Manager	Patti Ernst
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# The Order of Worship

October 23, 2022

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Please begin quiet preparation for worship as the Tolling begins.*

TOLLING

PRELUDE

Laura Smith, harp

In the Garden

C. Austin Myles, arr. Louise Trotter

WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE .

OPENING HYMN 417

REGENT SQUARE

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

People's Response: Thanks be to God

## HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 81)

Luke 18:9-14

ANTHEM

Before the Throne of God

Dawn Rogers/Eric Wyse, arr. Jack Schrader

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“Ain’t Grace Grand?”

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE 322

LIVING GOD

Spirit of the Living God

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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PASTORAL PRAYERS

OFFERTORY

Psalm 47

Clap Your Hands

Alfred Fedak

CLOSING RESPONSE

### A Blessing Song

Marvin Gaspard (c) 2014

Voice

May the Lord sup-ply ev-ery-thing you need, ac - cor-ding to His rich-es in  
glo - ry. As you go from this place, may His light shine up-on you and  
give you peace. A - men.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

NATIONAL HYMN

God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand

George William Warren (1828-1902)

Arr. Marvin Gaspard



**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. If you would like more information, please speak to Rev. Harbison after worship.

**Masks Optional:** Because of changes in guidance from the CDC, masks are now optional at St. Luke's.

**Sunday School: Children's Sunday School** meets in Room 115 at 9 a.m. with Don Mims teaching the class. **The Adult Sunday School** class meets in the Library at 9 a.m. Patti Ernst is leading the class on a study of the Book of Romans. Our **Youth Group** meets at 9 a.m. in the history room (#129). Children and adult classes offer a virtual class alternative. Please let us know if you would like to receive a Zoom invitation.

**October is Pastor Appreciation Month:** Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in recognition of Rev. Scott Harbison's fifteen years of service and commitment to our church.

**The Christogram "IHS"** on today's bulletin cover is a monogram symbolizing Jesus Christ. In the Latin-speaking Christianity of medieval Western Europe the most common Christogram became "IHS" or "IHC", denoting the first three letters of the Greek name of Jesus, ΙΗΣΟΥΣ, iota-eta-sigma, or ΙΗΣ.

**Improvements to our church grounds:** Will Lucas designed his Eagle Scout project to improve the church landscaping along Timberside Drive. He and his fellow scouts and volunteers worked yesterday to build a retaining wall to prevent topsoil erosion. Thank you Will and all the volunteers who helped with this project!

**The Men's Lunch Bunch** will meet Tuesday, November 1, at Tapester's Grill, 4520 Beechnut from 12-2 p.m. Use the sign up sheet in the narthex to let us know you are coming. Call Steve Hurysz (713.876.5486) for more information.

**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.

**Our Youth will be participating** in Presbytery of New Covenant's Rally Day on November 12th at Pines Presbyterian Church. The mission project will be making pet beds. You can assist them by donating old t-shirts and stuffing to make the beds. You can also donate extra supplies for cats and dogs such as quality pet food, flea shampoo and treatment, leashes, toys and puppy pads. Bring your donations to church on Sunday or drop off during church office hours. More information can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex.

**Jingle Bell Express 2022:** You can help CCSC spread Christmas cheer to 2,500 children (from newborn to age 15) and their families by donating new toys and books and volunteering at the event. More information can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex and at [www.ccschouston.org](http://www.ccschouston.org).