

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

The church office will be open next week on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 27 and 28.

A Congregational Meeting will be held on January 8th immediately after worship to elect new elders. Installation of officers will be held during worship on January 15th. Please plan on attending these important events in the life of our church.

The 2023 Flower Chart is coming soon. Until it arrives, please use the monthly sign-up sheets to choose a date to provide flowers in our Sanctuary. Use the envelopes provided to enclose your check (\$80 for two arrangements) and to let us know how to acknowledge your gift.

Stewardship 2023: If you have not responded to the recent Stewardship call, please do so as soon as possible. You can place your pledge card in the offering plate or mail to the church. Additional stewardship packets and pledge cards are available in the narthex.

The Wednesday Word: If you would like to receive our weekly newsletter, please add your email to the sign up sheet in the narthex. Each issue includes a message from Rev. Harbison, information about classes, events, worship, and our prayer list.

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.

Shred Day at St. Luke's: Texas Security Shredding will be on site January 14 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. to accept paper and small electronics. A donation of \$10 is suggested. We are also collecting non-perishable items for the food pantries at Christian Community Service Center.



ST. LUKE'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 25, 2022

CHRISTMAS DAY

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

PRELUDE Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
15th c. German carol, arr. Marvin Gaspard

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

✦ OPENING HYMN 41 O Come, All Ye Faithful
ADESTE FIDELES

✦ 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.

✦ HYMN 31 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
MENDELSSOHN

✦ 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.

✦ HYMN 28 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
IN DULCI JUBILO

✦ All who are able, please stand

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 91) John 1:1-14

HYMN 44 O Little Town of Bethlehem
ST. LOUIS

HOMILY Rev. W. Scott Harbison

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 60 Silent Night, Holy Night
STILLE NACHT

PASTORAL PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY Go, Tell It on the Mountain
African American spiritual, arr. Marvin Gaspard
Jadon Campos

✦ OFFERTORY RESPONSE 23 Please join the choir in singing
"Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo"

✦ HYMN 53 What Child Is This
GREENSLEEVES

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✦ CLOSING HYMN 40 Joy to the World!
ANTIOCH

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE Postlude on ANTIOCH
George Frederic Handel (1685-1759), arr. Marvin Gaspard

