

In Response to God
 Activities for the Week of January 8, 2023

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

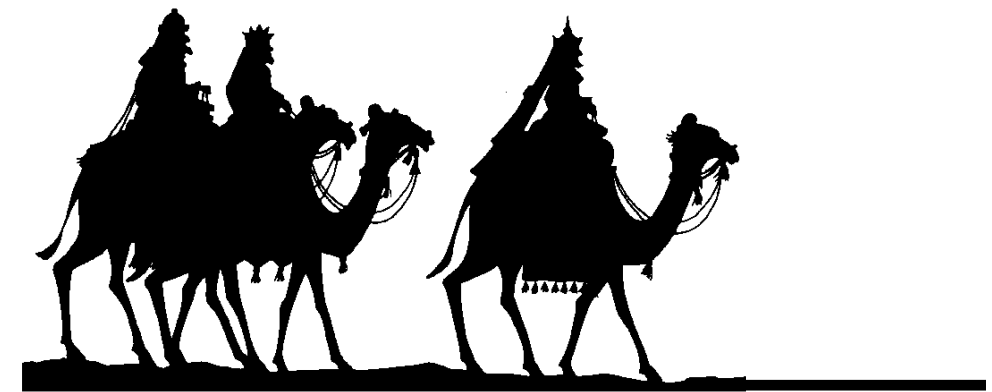
Sunday	January 8	9:00 am – 10:00 am –	Church School Worship Service
			Congregational Meeting
		11:00 am –	Refreshments & Fellowship
Monday	January 9	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	January 10	3-7 pm – 10 am-2 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy CCSC Food Collection
Wednesday	January 11	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	January 12	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Friday	January 13	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	January 14	9 am-5 pm – 10 am-1 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy Shred Day
Sunday	January 15	9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am –	Church School Worship Service/Installation of Elders Refreshments & Fellowship
Save the date:	February 21	6-7 pm –	Jazz in the Parking Lot & Fish Fry

ST. LUKE'S STAFF

PastorThe Rev. W. Scott Harbison
 Parish Associate..... The Rev. Dr. Bill Wade
 Director of Music-Organist/ChoirmasterMarvin Gaspard
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 Assistant to Head of Staff.....Mary Ann White
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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

PRELUDE Flower Duet
Laura Smith, harp From *Lakmé*, Léo Delibes (1836-1891)

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN 56 The First Nowell
THE FIRST NOWELL (verses 3-6)

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Congregation: Thanks Be to God

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 3) Matthew 3:13-17

REFLECTION ON THE WORD Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“Epiphany, Baptism and the Elder”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYERS

OFFERTORY We Three Kings of Orient Are
John H. Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891), arr. Marvin Gaspard

DOX COLOGY 592

COMMUNION HYMN 505 Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread
ST. FLAVIAN

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

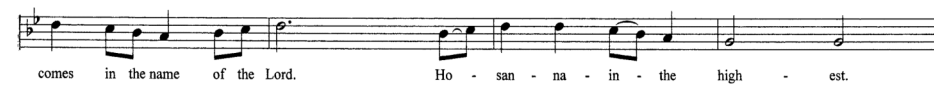
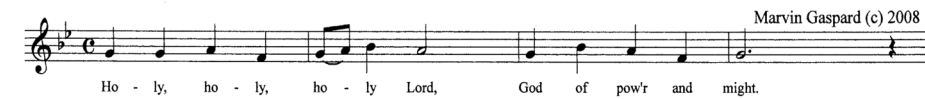
People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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 As With Gladness Men of Old
Based on DIX Conrad Kocher (1786-1872)

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

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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. Harbison if you have any questions.

Joys and Concerns are an opportunity to share a need for prayers of thanksgiving or intercession with the congregation. You will have an opportunity to mention your joys and concerns verbally at the time for Pastoral Prayer.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in appreciation of our wonderful musicians and the many gifts they give to our church.

Congregational Meeting today: Our Session has called for a Congregational Meeting after worship to elect a new set of elders to serve on the session. Elders will be installed during worship next Sunday.

Shred Day is next Saturday: 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. We need a few volunteers to direct traffic and collection donations. If you can help, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex today.

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.

Friends of Music was established to provide special vocalists and instrumentalists throughout the year, and to supplement funding for our choir section leaders. Gifts may be given in honor or memory of loved ones, or in celebration of anniversaries, birthdays, and special milestone events. For more information, contact Marvin Gaspard at mjgaspard@sbcglobal.net.

The 2023 Flower Chart is now on the bulletin board in the Cookie Room. If you would like to provide flowers for our Sanctuary, please choose a Sunday and add your name to the chart. Use the envelopes provided to enclose your check (\$80 for two arrangements) and let us know how to acknowledge your gift.

Poinsettias: As you may have noticed, we have quite a few poinsettias that are unclaimed and ready for you to take home. Please take one (or more) home with you today.