

In Response to God
Activities for the week of September 24, 2023

Lectionary: Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

Sunday	September 24	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship/Youth Sunday 11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	September 25	7:30 am -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	September 26	3 pm -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-2 pm – CCSC Drive Thru food collection
Wednesday	September 27	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	September 28	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Friday	September 29	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	September 30	9 am –6 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	October 1	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Save the Date:	October 2	6:30 pm – Spirits & Spirituality at The Hobbit

ST. LUKE'S STAFF

Pastor The Rev. W. Scott Harbison
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The Order of Worship

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Please begin quiet preparation for worship as the Tolling begins.

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME

PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦ OPENING HYMN 150 Come, Christians, Join to Sing
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CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Congregation: Thanks be to God

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS (OT p. 556) Psalm 105:1-6
(NT p. 21) Matthew 20:1-16

ANTHEM They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love
Peter Scholtes (1938-2009), arr. Fred Bock (1938-1998)

REFLECTION ON THE WORD Rev. W. Scott Harbison
"An HR Nightmare"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN OF RESPONSE 469 Morning Has Broken
BUNESSAN

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYERS

OFFERTORY Prelude in C Major
From *The Well-Tempered Clavier*
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

✦ DOXOLOGY 592

PRAYER

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!
O FILII ET FILIAE 15th century French tune, arr. Marvin Gaspard

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand
NATIONAL HYMN George 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. You may join by profession of faith, reception of baptism, reaffirmation of faith, or transfer of church letter. If you have any questions, speak to Rev. Harbison after worship.

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.

Sunday School: Children's Sunday School meets at 9 a.m. in Room 115 with Don Mims teaching the class. **Adult Sunday School** meets at 9 a.m. in the Library. David Elledge is leading a study of Philippians. **Our Youth Group** is now meeting on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. in Room 129. The next meeting is October 8th.

Today is Youth Sunday: We are pleased to have our Youth and guests assist in leading our worship service this morning: Eleanor Bunk, Gabrielle Griffing, Olivia Harbison, Kyra Hebbert, Emily & Will Lucas, Drew Mayer, and Blake & Jackson Moore.

Donations for Grace Bags: The supply shelves need to be restocked! We need the following items to fill the bags: peanut butter or cheese crackers, Vienna sausage, fruit cups, juice boxes, granola bars, and small waters. Thank you!

Spirits & Spirituality: Join Rev. Harbison Monday, October 2, at 6:30 p.m., for our next meeting of Spirits & Spirituality at The Hobbit Café, 2243 Richmond. This is a great opportunity for fellowship and lively discussion of theology and spirituality over a meal with your St. Luke's family. Sign up today to let us know you will attend.

Celebrate birthdays: It's a tradition at St. Luke's to celebrate birthdays on the last Sunday of each month. Drop by the Cookie Room today after worship and enjoy a slice of birthday cake to celebrate our September birthdays.

Strength Training at St. Luke's: Jeanne Leach leads the class on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary. Pick up a flyer in the narthex with all the details and use the sign up sheet to let us know you would like to attend. Contact Jeanne if you have any questions (713.409.0997).

FRIENDS OF MUSIC was established to help provide special instrumental and vocal guests throughout the year, and to supplement funding for our choir section leaders. Tax deductible gifts may be given in honor or memory of loved ones, or in celebration of birthdays, anniversaries, and special milestone events. You may make your check payable to St. Luke's Presbyterian Church and include "Friends of Music" on the memo line. For more information contact Marvin Gaspard at mjgaspard@sbcglobal.net or 713.667.6531 ext.103.