

In Response to God
Activities for the week of November 5, 2023

Today's Lectionary: Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday	November 5	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	November 6	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	November 7	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-2 pm – CCSC food collection 4 –5 pm – Strength Training Class
Wednesday	November 9	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	November 9	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 4 –5 pm – Strength Training Class
Friday	November 10	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	November 11	9 am-6 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	November 12	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments Chancel Choir Rehearsal 1:00 pm – Houston Youth Harp Ensemble
Save the Date:	November 19	after worship Thanksgiving Lunch
	December 13	6 –8 pm – Live Nativity

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
Assistant to Head of Staff	Mary Ann White
Artists in Residence	Sarah Bunk, Ann Guercio, and Laura Smith



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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Please begin quiet preparation for worship as the Tolling begins.

TOLLING

WELCOME

PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦ OPENING HYMN 526 For All the Saints
SINE NOMINE

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

People's Response: Thanks be to God.

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

We remember and honor those loved ones who entered the Church Triumphant in the last year.

Charles Bardin	Shirley Bardin	Melissa Cooper
Camille DeFalco	Michael Ray Jackson	Jean Kopp
Dick Lawson	Dorothy Murphey	Barbara O'Brien
Sonny Smith	Beth Stanaland	J. Vance White

VOLUNTARY Eternal Peace
Janet Bardin, soprano Marvin Gaspard

*"Grant rest, O God, to all your saints, who sleep eternally in the palm of Thy hand.
The heavenly hosts sing, 'Alleluia!'"*

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 240) 1 John 3:1-3

REFLECTION ON THE WORD Rev. W. Scott Harbison
"Love You to Death"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYERS

OFFERTORY Meditation on TALLIS' CANON
Thomas Tallis (1505-1585), arr. Paul Manz (1919-2009)

✦ DOXOLOGY 592

✦ COMMUNION HYMN 508 For the Bread Which You Have Broken
KINGDOM

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

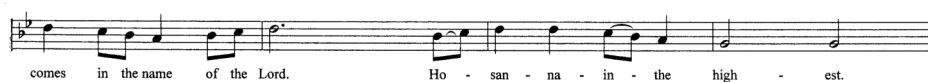
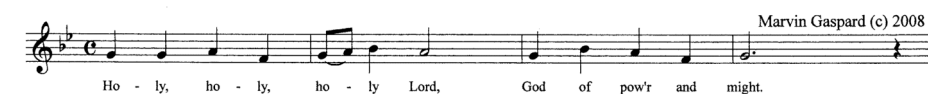
People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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 . . .



THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional) Hymnal p. 16

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY How Beautiful
Ann Guercio, soprano Twila Paris

*"How beautiful the hands that serve the wine and the bread and sons of the earth.
How beautiful is the body of Christ."*

✦ RESPONSE For Thine Is the Kingdom
Please join the choir in singing From *The Lord's Prayer*
Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)

✦ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Fantasy on SINE NOMINE
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
arr. Gene Roberson

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. Speak to Rev. Harbison after worship 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.

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. Patti Ernst is now leading a study of Colossians. **Our Youth Group** meets every other Sunday at 9 a.m. in Room 129. The next meeting is November 19.

Today is All Saints' Sunday, a time to rejoice in all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living, communion of saints. Today we will hear the names of loved ones who passed away in the last year and hear a solemn toll after each name. The toll reminds us that God was with the faithful of the past and we are reassured that God is with us today, moving us and all creation toward God's end in time.

CCSC's Jingle Bell Express program is prepared to serve 2,500 families and children in need in three ways: grocery gift cards to alleviate hunger, books to promote literacy, and toys for play and learning. You can support Jingle Bell Express by donating new, unwrapped nonviolent toys and books for children, newborn to 15 years old, and by volunteering at the event. Gifts will be distributed at a drive-thru event December 8 & 9. For more information call 713.961.3993 or email to seasonal@ccschouston.org.

The Elledge Toy Store will be open November 26 and December 3 for you to select a toy for Jingle Bell Express. David and Loretta shop for age appropriate and well priced gifts, provide a convenient shopping opportunity, and deliver your gifts to CCSC.

The Houston Youth Harp Ensemble will present a concert at St. Luke's at 1 p.m. on November 12. The Ensemble was established to offer harp students in Houston the opportunity for musical growth, and connect with harp students throughout the city. Admission to the concert is free.

Our Presbytery's Youth Rally will be held next Sunday, November 12. The mission project for the day is care packages for children in the hospital. Check out the flyer on the bulletin board for items that are needed for the project. Please bring donations before November 12. Thank you!

Montrose Street Reach on November 16: Once a month St. Luke's serves with Montrose Street Reach to minister to people experiencing homelessness in the Montrose area. If you can provide brownies or cookies or would like to volunteer to serve, call Jeanne Leach at 713.409.0997.

Street Reach is asking for volunteers for their Thanksgiving Feast on Wednesday, November 22. Servers are needed from 6-8:30 p.m. Please call Jeanne if you would like to help. She needs to have a count by today.