

In Response to God
Activities for the week of November 12, 2023

Lectionary: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

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
Monday	November 13	3-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	November 14	3-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-2 pm – CCSC food collection 4 -5 pm – Strength training class 6:00 pm – Session Meeting (Virtual) 7:00 pm – HOA Meeting (Session Room)
Wednesday	November 15	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	November 16	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 4 -5 pm – Strength training class 6:30 pm – Street Reach
Friday	November 17	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	November 18	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	November 19	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am – Thanksgiving Lunch
Save the Date:	December 13 December 24	6 & 7 pm – Live Nativity 5:30 pm – Christmas music concert 6:00 pm – Christmas Eve Candlelight service

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, & Laura Smith



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The Order of Worship

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Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Please begin quiet preparation for worship as the Tolling begins.

TOLLING

WELCOME

PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦ OPENING HYMN 341
ASSURANCE

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Congregation: Thanks be to God

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 204)

1 Thessalonians 4:13-38

ANTHEM

Ann Guercio, soprano

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth
From *Messiah*, George Frederic Handel (1685-1759)

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“The Most Misunderstood Passage in Scripture”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN OF RESPONSE 276
FAITHFULNESS

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYERS

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision
Irish Folk Song, arr. Carlton Young

DOXOLOGY 592

PRAYER

✦ PEOPLE'S RESPONSE 540
RANDOLPH

God Be With You Till We Meet Again
Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

✦ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude on LAUDES DOMINI
Joseph Barnby (1838-1896), arr. Frederick Swann (1931-2022)



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's flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God and in honor of Kenneth Russell's 75th Birthday, and in celebration of his 40th year of membership with his beloved St. Luke's family.

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).

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 December 8 & 9. For more information call 713.961.3993 or email to seasonal@ccschouston.org.

Save the Date: During worship on December 10th our Chancel Choir and instrumentalists will present “That Holy Night”, a collection of music celebrating the most glorious night of nights. Please make plans to attend this meaningful service.

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 today at St. at 1 p.m. 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.

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.