

**That Holy Night**  
December 10, 2023

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.

**In Response to God**  
Activities for the week of **November 19, 2023**

Lectionary: Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11;; Matthew 25:14-30

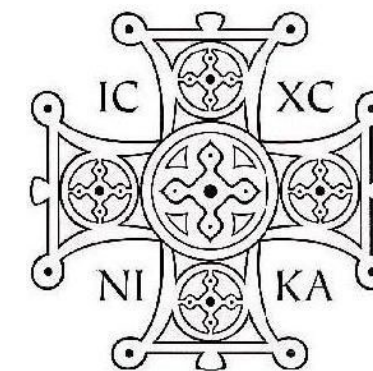
Sunday	November 19	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am – Thanksgiving Lunch Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	November 20	3-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	November 21	3-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-2 pm – CCSC food collection 4 -5 pm – Strength training class
Wednesday	November 22	Church Office Closed 3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	November 23	Thanksgiving Day Church Office Closed
Friday	November 24	Church Office Closed
Saturday	November 25	9 am - 5 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	November 26	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am – Refreshments & Fellowship Choir Rehearsal
<b>Save the Date:</b>	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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ST. LUKE'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
NOVEMBER 19, 2023

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# The Order of Worship

November 19, 2023

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Please begin quiet preparation for worship as the Tolling begins.*

TOLLING

PRELUDE

We Gather Together  
George Elvey (1816-1893), arr. Kim Robertson

WELCOME

PASSING OF THE PEACE

◆ OPENING HYMN 555  
NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Now Thank We All Our God

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

## HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 80)

Luke 17:11-19

ANTHEM

From Psalm 95

The Lord Is a Mighty God  
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“Really Thankful”

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ HYMN OF RESPONSE 559  
KREMSER

We Gather Together

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYERS/LORD’S PRAYER (Traditional) Hymnal p. 16

OFFERTORY  
ASH GROVE

Let All Things Now Living  
Welsh folk melody harm. Gerald Knight (1908-1979)

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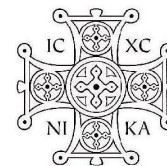
PRAYER

◆ PEOPLE’S RESPONSE 542 All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night  
TALLIS’ CANON Verse 4

◆ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE  
LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty  
Stralsund *Erneuerthen Gesangbuch*, 1665  
Arr. Fred 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 December 3.

**Today’s flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Khanh Nguyen and Richard Cabrera and to say “Happy Thanksgiving to everyone”.

**Join us for our Thanksgiving Lunch today!** Each year we enjoy Thanksgiving lunch together at St. Luke’s thanks to the generous gift of Mary Chism who passed away in 2003. Her gift to St. Luke’s provides for church celebrations, including meals we share together. Today’s catered lunch includes desserts provided by the good cooks here at St. Luke’s.

**Today is Name Tag Sunday!** Look for your name tag on the wall in the office hallway. If you don’t find it, please make a temporary one at the table in the narthex. Add your name to the clipboard list and we will print a new permanent name tag for you.

**We are adopting several families** for Christmas to help them celebrate the holidays. If you would like to support these families, please note “holiday families” in your donation. Consider giving to this and to the Minister’s Discretionary Fund, as this will be a tough holiday season for some of our neighbors.

**CCSC’s Jingle Bell Express** program is prepared to serve 2,500 families and children 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 toys/gifts for children, newborn to 15 years, making a monetary donation on their website ([ccschouston.org](http://ccschouston.org)), and by volunteering at the event. For more information call 713.961.3993.

**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 experience, and deliver your gifts to CCSC. Thank you David and Loretta!

**Save the date for Live Nativity December 13:** Nativity re-enactments will take place at 6 & 7 p.m. with scripture narration, and choral music. We will have refreshments and our nativity animals are back this year.

**The church office** will be closed Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday. Mary Ann will be in the office on Monday & Tuesday.