

**In Response to God**  
**Activities for the week of November 26, 2023**

Today's Lectionary: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

Sunday	November 26	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am – Refreshments & Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	November 27	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	November 28	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-2 pm – CCSC food collection 4 -5 pm – Strength Training Class
Wednesday	November 29	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	November 30	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 4 -5 pm – Strength Training Class
Friday	December 1	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	December 2	9 am-6 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	December 3	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Save the Date:</b> December 10		10:00 am – “That Holy Night”, a presentation by Chancel Choir & Instrumentalists
	December 13	6 -8 pm – Live Nativity



**Advent and Christmas 2023**

**December 10**

*That Holy Night*

A musical presentation during 10:00 a.m. worship celebrating that most glorious night of nights by St. Luke's Chancel Choir & Instrumentalists

**December 13**

*Live Nativity*

With scripture narration, choral music, and carols  
Re-enactments at 6 & 7 p.m.

**December 24**

*Casual, shortened Worship* at 10 a.m.

*Christmas Concert* at 5:30 p.m.

St. Luke's musicians will provide music of the Christmas season

*Service of Lessons and Carols* at 6 p.m.

The Christmas Story unfolds through scripture and song as we celebrate the eve of Jesus' birth.

**December 31**

*Carol Sing* at 10:00 a.m.

An opportunity to sing your favorite Christmas carols one more time.

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

November 26, 2023

## CHRIST THE KING

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### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

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

TOLLING

PRELUDE                      My Shepherd Will Supply My Need  
*Southern Harmony*, 1835, arr. Daniel Burton

WELCOME

PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦ OPENING HYMN 142                      All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!  
CORONATION

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**People's Response:** Thanks be to God.

### HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 29)                      Matthew 25:31-46

REFLECTION ON THE WORD                      Rev. W. Scott Harbison  
"Serving the King"

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ APOSTLE'S CREED (Traditional)                      Hymnal p. 14  
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                      Crown Him With Many Crowns  
George J. Elvey (1816-1893), arr. Robert Sterling

✦ DOXOLOGY 592

✦ COMMUNION HYMN 139                      Come, Thou Almighty King  
ITALIAN HYMN

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

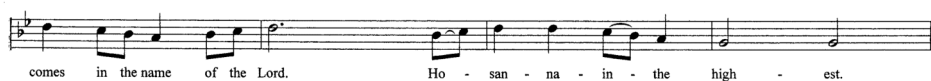
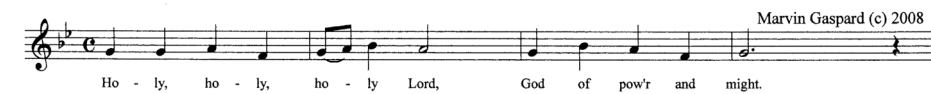
**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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                      The King of Love My Shepherd Is  
Ann Guercio and Nathan Thorp                      Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE                      For Thine Is the Kingdom  
From *The Lord's Prayer*, Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)

✦ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                      Fantasy on DIADEMATA  
George J. Elvey (1816-1893), arr. Don Hustad (1918-2013)

**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.

**CCSC's Jingle Bell Express program** is prepared to serve more than 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 toys for children, newborn to 15 years old, and by volunteering at the event. For more information call 713.961.3993 or go to their website [www.ccschouston.org](http://www.ccschouston.org).

**The Elledge Toy Store** is open today and next Sunday for you to select a gift 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!

**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.

**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.

**Live Nativity is Tuesday December 13th:** Nativity re-enactments will take place at 6 & 7 p.m. with scripture narration, choral music, and our nativity animals to set the scene. Speak to Debbie Harbison to become part for the cast or crew to help make our annual Live Nativity the best!

**St. Luke's partners with Montrose Street Reach** to reach the often forgotten and ignored at-risk street kids and older homeless in the Montrose area of downtown. We are providing 300 Grace Bags to be included in the backpacks distributed the week of December 10th. You are invited to help assemble our Grace Bags after worship on **BAG DAY, December 10**. Donated items are needed by December 3rd: 8 oz. waters; Vienna sausage, peanut butter or cheese crackers, granola bars, fruit cups, and fruit juice boxes.