

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 Presbyterian Church. New members are welcomed by the Session before worship on Sunday mornings.

The church office will be closed January 1 & 2, for the New Year holiday.

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in celebration of family and friends at St. Luke's by Ed and Glenda Dickinson.

Ordination and Installation of Church Officers will take place during worship on Sunday, January 14th. Elders elected at the Congregational Meeting of December 17th are Chris Bias, Marcus Dees, and Angeline Griffing who will serve in the Class of 2026. Please make plans to attend worship and support our elders as they begin their service on Session.

Focus on Food: Today is the fifth Sunday of December and *Focus on Food Sunday*. On the fifth Sundays of the year you are asked to bring non-perishable food items to add to the CCSC collection basket. CCSC has provided a list of most requested items. You can pick up a list in the literature rack.

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. Gifts may be given in honor or in memory of loved ones, or in celebration of birthdays, anniversaries, and special milestone events. To support FRIENDS OF MUSIC, you may make your check payable to St. Luke's Presbyterian Church and include "Friends of Music" on the memo line. All donations are tax deductible. For more information contact Marvin Gaspard at mjgaspard@sbcglobal.net or 713.667.6531 ext.103.



CAROL-SING

ST. LUKE'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 31, 2023

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

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 31, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

PRELUDE

O Little Town of Bethlehem
Lewis Henry Redner (1831-1908)
Arr. Marvin Gaspard

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: The grace of God has appeared,

People: Bringing salvation to all.

Leader: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts;

People: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

OPENING HYMN 23

Angels We Have Heard on High
GLORIA

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION (people in unison)

Almighty God, you wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 59)

Luke 2:22-40

CAROL - SING

This is our fourteenth Carol Sing!
Marvin will be asking for your requests,
so be thinking about the carols you would like to sing.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

Hymnal p. 16

OFFERTORY

I Wonder as I Wander
John Jacob Niles (1892-1980)
Arr. Marvin Gaspard

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN 40

Joy to the World!
ANTIOCH

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
Richard Willis (1819-1900)
Arr. Gordon Young (1919-1998)

