

In Response to God
 Activities for the Week of January 7, 2024

Today's Lectionary: Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

Sunday	January 7	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship Service 11:00 am – Refreshments & Fellowship
Tuesday	January 9	3-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-2 pm – CCSC Food Collection 4 pm – Strength Training Class
Wednesday	January 10	3-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	January 11	3-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 4 pm – Strength Training Class
Friday	January 12	3-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	January 13	9 am-5 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	January 14	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship Service/Installation of Elders 11:00 am – Refreshments & Fellowship
Save the date:	February 13	6-7 pm – Jazz in the Parking Lot & Fish Fry

ST. LUKE'S STAFF

PastorThe Rev. W. Scott Harbison
 Parish Associate.....The Rev. Dr. Bill Wade
 Director of Music-Organist/ChoirmasterMarvin 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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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

We joyfully greet each other and share the gifts of friendship and love.
Please begin quiet preparation for worship as the Tolling begins.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TOLLING

PRELUDE Meditation on THREE KINGS OF ORIENT
Laura Smith, harp John H. Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891), arr. Ray Pool

WELCOME

✦PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦OPENING HYMN 56 The First Nowell
THE FIRST NOWELL (verses 3-6)

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Congregation: Thanks Be to God

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (OT p. 1) Genesis 1:1-5

ANTHEM We Three Kings of Orient Are
John H. Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891), arr. Marvin Gaspard

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 2) Matthew 2:1-12

REFLECTION ON THE WORD Rev. W. Scott Harbison
“On the Twelfth Day of Christmas”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN OF RESPONSE 63 As With Gladness Men of Old
DIX

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYERS/LORD’S PRAYER (Traditional) Hymnal p. 161

OFFERTORY What Star Is This, With Beams So Bright
PUER NOBIS NASCITUR 15th Century melody

✦OFFERTORY RESPONSE 23 Please join the choir in singing
“Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo”

✦PRAYER

✦CHORAL RESPONSE Nowell
14th Century English carol
Arr. Healy Willan (1880-1968)

✦BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE How Great Our Joy
JUNGST German carol
Arr. Gordon Young (1919-1998)



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. You may join by profession of faith and reception of baptism, reaffirmation of faith, or transfer of church letter. Speak to Rev. Harbison 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 and is currently studying the Gospel of Luke. **Our Youth Group** meets every other Sunday at 9 a.m.

The beautiful image on today's bulletin cover was created by our own Gage Campos. Thank you for sharing your amazing gifts with us, Gage!

Food Sunday/Every Sunday: Non perishable food items are collected every Sunday for Christian Community Service Center food pantries. You can drop your donations off during the week or on Sunday mornings. Most desired items include canned (meaty) soups, dry cereal, dry beans, rice, and hygiene items- shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, and individually wrapped toothbrushes.

Ordination and Installation of church officers will be held during worship on January 14th. Please plan on attending this meaningful service in the life of our church and welcome our newest Ruling Elders, Chris Bias, Marcus Dees, and Angelyn Griffing.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC was established to provide special vocalists and instrumentalists throughout the year, and to supplement funding for our choir section leaders. Gifts may be given in honor or memory of loved ones, or in celebration of anniversaries, birthdays, and special milestone events. For more information, contact Marvin Gaspard at mjgaspard@sbcglobal.net.

The 2024 Flower Calendar is now on the bulletin board in the Cookie Room. If you would like to provide flowers for our Sanctuary, please choose a Sunday and add your name to the calendar. Use the envelopes provided to enclose your check (\$100 for two arrangements) and let us know how to acknowledge your gift.

St. Luke's will assist Montrose Street Reach on January 18 with their monthly meal for the homeless in the Montrose area. We contribute the desserts to the meal and our homemade desserts are always a BIG hit. If you can provide brownies or cookies or would like to volunteer to serve, call the church office (713.667.6531) or Jeanne Leach (713.409.0997).
