

In Response to God

Activities for the Week of January 14, 2024

Today's Lectionary: 1Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20); Psalm 139: 1-6; 13-18; 1Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

Sunday	January 14	9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am –	Church School Worship Service/Installation of Elders Refreshments & Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday MLK Day	January 15		Houston Dragon Academy holiday Church Office Closed
Tuesday	January 16	10 am-2 pm – 3-7 pm – 4 pm – 7:00 pm –	CCSC Food Collection Houston Dragon Academy Strength Training Session Meeting
Wednesday	January 17	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	January 18	3-7 pm – 6:30 pm – 4 pm – 6:30 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy Montrose Street Reach Strength Training Montrose Street Reach
Friday	January 19	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	January 20	9 am-5 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy All School Competency Testing
Sunday	January 21	9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am –	Church School Worship Service Refreshments & Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Save the date:	February 13	6-7:30 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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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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

PRELUDE God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending
BEACH SPRING From *The Sacred Harp*, 1844, arr. Daniel Burton

✦ WELCOME

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦ OPENING HYMN 524 Holy Spirit, Lord of Love
Sung to ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Congregation: Thanks Be to God.

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (OT p. 244) Samuel 3:1-10
Reading today, Marilyn McHenry

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 92) John 1:43-51

REFLECTION ON THE WORD Rev. W. Scott Harbison
“Careless Whisper”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

✦ APOSTLE'S CREED Hymnal p. 14
Included in Ordination and Installation of Elders Traditional

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
1 Samuel 3:4-10

Lord, Here Am I
John Ness Beck (1930-1987)

✦ DOXOLOGY 59

✦ HYMN OF PREPARATION 525
HERE I AM, LORD

Here I Am, Lord

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

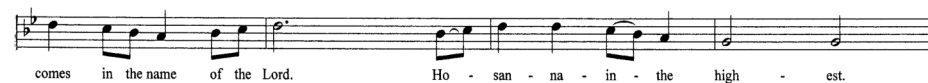
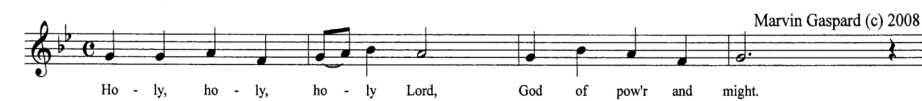
People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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 . . .



DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS Set Me as a Seal Upon Your Heart
Song of Solomon 8:6-7 and Psalm 51:10-13 Anna Laura Page

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

✦ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
Henry Smart, arr. Marvin Gaspard

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.

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. Marty Moore is leading the class in a study of Luke. **Our Youth Group** meets every other Sunday at 9 a.m. in Room 129. The next meeting is January 21st.

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.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in appreciation for the faithful service of Ruling Elders, Sean Bunk, Annemieke Luckey, and Phoebe Mayers, who will be leaving the session this year.

Ordination and Installation of Elders: Elders elected at the Congregational Meeting of December 17th, Chris Bias, Marcus Dees, and Angelyn Griffing, will be ordained and installed today as they begin their service in the Class of 2026.

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).

Worship services on YouTube: Our Sunday worship services are live-streamed, recorded, and stored on our YouTube channel (St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, Houston). You can view the published videos on YouTube and on our website. Subscribe to our channel to be notified of new video postings as they become available.

The church office will be closed tomorrow for the Martin Luther King holiday.

The 2024 Flower Calendar is now posted 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.

Save the Date for St. Luke's Annual Jazz in the Parking Lot and Fish Fry on Tuesday, February 13th from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Drop by the Cookie Room after worship today and enjoy refreshments and fellowship. If you would like to provide cookies for an upcoming Sunday, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Cookie Room.