

In Response to God  
 Activities for the Week of January 28, 2024

Today's Lectionary: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

Sunday	January 28	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship Service 11:00 am – Refreshments & Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	January 29	3-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	January 30	3-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-2 pm – CCSC Food Collection 4 pm – Strength Training Class
Wednesday	January 31	3-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	February 1	3-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 4 pm – Strength Training Class
Friday	February 2	3-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	February 3	9 am-5 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	February 4	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship Service/Congregational Meeting 11:00 am – Refreshments & Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Save the date:	February 11	Super Bowl of Caring & Soup Lunch
	February 13	6-7:30 pm – Jazz in the Parking Lot & Fish Fry

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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# The Order of Worship

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## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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

Laura Smith, harp

Hymn Medley  
Arr. D. Rees Rohrbacher

WELCOME

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦ OPENING HYMN 281

CWM RHONDDA

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Congregation: Thanks Be to God**

### HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 171)

Reading today, Margaret Pike

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

ANTHEM

Before the Throne of God Above  
Vikki Cook, arr. Dan Forrest

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 35)

Mark 1:21-28

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“What it meant to be a Christian”

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN OF RESPONSE 339

SLANE

Be Thou My Vision

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

OFFERTORY

American Hymn Melody  
Arranged by John Purifoy

✦ DOXOLOGY 59

✦ PRAYER

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen from *The Peace of God*  
John Rutter

✦ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

DEXTER

Earth and All Stars  
David N. Johnson (1922-1978)  
Arr. Marvin Gaspard



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**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 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 next meeting is February 4th.

**The flowers in the sanctuary this morning** are given to the glory of God by Kenneth Russell and in honor of milestones in the Smith family: January 20th, Abigail and Eric’s 23rd Anniversary; January 22nd, Jack’s 20th birthday, and January 23rd, Maisie’s 15th birthday.

**Today’s Offertory** is a setting of three American melodies; “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”, “On Jordan’s Stormy Banks”, and “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”.

**A Congregational Meeting** will be held next Sunday, February 4, for the purpose of receiving and approving the 2023 Annual Report. Copies of the report will be available next Sunday.

**The text of today’s Postlude**, “Earth and All Stars” may be found in your hymnal . If you wish to view them, please turn to page 458.

**Jazz in the Parking Lot & Fish Fry on February 13:** The Marvin Gaspard Trio will provide the jazz tunes and Catfish on Wheels will provide their delicious catfish/shrimp dinner. Invite your neighbors to join you for an evening of live music, dinner, and Mardi Gras fun.

**The Souper Bowl of Caring** empowers youth and unites communities to tackle hunger using the energy of the Super Bowl. It’s vision is to transform the Big Game into a nationwide movement, inspiring people to make a collective impact on hunger. On **Super Bowl Sunday, February 11th**, our Youth will be accepting your donations of non-perishable items and monetary donations. 100% of the collection will go to CCSC’s food pantry to serve the needs of their clients.

**Soup Lunch on February 11th:** Remain after worship and enjoy a Soup Lunch, with soups, salads, breads, and desserts. Please contact the church office or speak to Jeanne Leach if you can provide something for lunch or need more information.

**If you have a January birthday**, celebrate today with your St. Luke’s family. It’s tradition at St Luke’s to celebrate monthly birthdays on the last Sunday of each month. Remember the Birthday Gift Fund and celebrate God’s blessings in your life with a birthday gift to St. Luke’s.

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