

In Response to God

Activities for the Week of February 18, 2024

Today's Lectionary: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

Sunday	February 18	9:00 am –	Church School
		10:00 am –	Worship Service
		11:00 am –	Fellowship & Refreshments
			Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	February 19	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
President's Day			Church Office Closed
Tuesday	February 20	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
		10 am-2 pm –	CCSC Food Collection
		4 pm –	Strength Training Class
Wednesday	February 21	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	February 22	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
		4 pm –	Strength Training Class
Friday	February 23	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	February 24	9 am-5 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	February 25	9:00 am –	Church School
		10:00 am –	Worship Service
		11:00 am –	Refreshments & Fellowship
			Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Save the date:	March 2	1 am-1pm –	Men's Lunch Bunch
	March 28	7:00 pm –	Maundy Thursday Service
	March 29	7:00 pm –	Good Friday Service
	March 30	11:00 am –	Easter Egg Hunt
	March 31	10:00 am –	Easter Sunday

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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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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

Deep River
African-American Spiritual, arr. Daniel Burton

WELCOME

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦ OPENING HYMN 447
LANCASHIRE

Lead On, O King Eternal

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PEOPLE'S RESPONSE 572
Please join the choir in singing

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 234)
Reading today, Don Mims

1 Peter 3:18-22

ANTHEM
Ann Guercio, soloist

Here's One
Traditional Spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 34)

Mark 1:9-15

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“The Gift of Water”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN OF RESPONSE 310
ST. AGNES

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

OFFERTORY
From Isaiah 40:29-31

They Shall Soar Like Eagles
Words and Music, Laura Manzo

✦ DOXOLOGY 59

✦ PRAYER

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE

May the Grace of Christ Our Savior
Witt's *Psalm Sacra*, 1715, arr. Marvin Gaspard

✦ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
ST. DENIO

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Welsh folk melody, 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 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 25th.

Today's flowers are given by the Dickinson family to the glory of God and in loving memory of all the members of St. Luke's who now rest in the Lord and in gratitude for their example of love and devotion.

Our musical guest today is flautist, Lauren Sanders. Thank you, Lauren, for sharing your gifts with us today and welcome back to St. Luke's.

The church office will be closed tomorrow for President's Day.

Lenten Devotionals, *Hope's Lament*, are available in the Narthex today. The devotions contain reflections for each Wednesday in Lent, written by faculty and Austin Seminary graduates. A new feature this year is a QR code that links you to video or music appropriate to the day's devotional. Pick up your copy today to guide you through your Lenten journey.

Jazz in the Parking Lot and more! We had great fun Tuesday night with our annual Jazz in the Parking Lot and Fish Fry. Everyone enjoyed a delicious fish dinner prepared on site and sweet jazz tunes from Marvin's Trio. Thanks to everyone who made it possible, from planning, to baking, to giving of your time, and so much more.

The Men's Lunch Bunch will meet Saturday, March 2, at Auntie Pasto's Italian Restaurant in Bellaire at 5419 Bellaire Blvd. from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Use the sign-up sheet in the narthex to let us know you are coming or text Steve Hurysz at 713.876.5486.

Youth Conclaves 2024: Youth in grades 6-12 will gather for Conclaves, February 23-25 at Trinity Pines Conference Center. Three members of our Youth Sunday School class, Kyra, Ellie, and Gabrielle, will be attending. The mission project this year is creating affirmation mirrors. Check your collections of craft and art supplies for any unused items such as sequins, pom-poms, stickers, paint markers and fun paper and drop them off at the church by February 22.

Refreshments and Fellowship after worship are long standing traditions at St. Luke's, giving us an opportunity to get acquainted and share church and family news. If you are visiting St. Luke's, please join us after worship in Room #123 and discover one of St. Luke's greatest assets . . . the warm friendliness of our church family.
