

In Response to God
 Activities for the Week of February 25, 2024

Today's Lectionary: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31, Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

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| Sunday | February 25 | 9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am – | Church School Worship Service Refreshments & Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| Monday | February 26 | 3-7 pm – | Houston Dragon Academy |
| Tuesday | February 27 | 3-7 pm – 10 am-2 pm – 4:00 pm – | Houston Dragon Academy CCSC Food Collection Strength Training Class |
| Wednesday | February 28 | 3-7 pm – | Houston Dragon Academy Church Office Closed |
| Thursday | February 29 | 3-7 pm – 4:00 pm – | Houston Dragon Academy Church Office Closed Strength Training Class |
| Friday | March 1 | 3-7 pm – | Houston Dragon Academy Church Office Closed |
| Saturday | March 2 | 9 am-5 pm – 11 am-1 pm – | Houston Dragon Academy Men's Lunch Bunch |
| Sunday | March 3 | 9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am – 4:00 pm – | Church School Worship Service Refreshments & Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal Milligan Harp Recital |
| Save the date: | 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
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The Order of Worship

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SECOND 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 Pavane
Laura Smith, harpist Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

WELCOME

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦ OPENING HYMN 466 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
AZMON

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PEOPLE'S RESPONSE 572 Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us
Please join the choir in singing

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 155) Romans 4:13-25
Reading today, Ed Nicklas

ANTHEM Know My Heart
From Psalm 139 Benjamin Harlan

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 44) Mark 8:31-38

REFLECTION ON THE WORD Rev. W. Scott Harbison
"Speaking Faithfully"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN OF RESPONSE 310 Open My Eyes That I May See
OPEN MY EYES

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

OFFERTORY Great Is the Lord
Warren Angell (1907-2006)

✦ DOXOLOGY 592

✦ PRAYER

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

✦ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Te Deum
Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643-1704)



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.

Today's flowers are given by David and Loretta Elledge to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Parker Elledge's 16th birthday .

Church Office Hours: Next week the church office will be open Monday and Tuesday, February 26 and 27, but will be closed for the remainder of the week. We will be checking email and phone messages.

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.

The Men's Lunch Bunch (restaurant change): Lunch Bunch will meet March 2, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at **Bayou City Seafood & Pasta**, 4712 Richmond Ave. 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: Kyra, Ellie, and Gabrielle, are wrapping up their Conclaves weekend today at Trinity Pines. Our Presbytery's Youth Connection Council (PYCC) planned the retreat to connect youth from all over our presbytery, to engage them in small groups, experience dynamic worship, and make new friends along the way.

If you have a February 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.

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.
