

Stewardship Packets were mailed out last week. If you are not on St. Luke’s mailing list, extra packets can be found on the table in the Narthex. Please contact Alana for any questions.

Montrose Street Reach Thanksgiving Dinner November 26: MSR is looking for volunteers to help wait tables on Wednesday **November 26th**. Orientation begins at **5:00pm** and the dinner will begin at **6:00pm**. A sign-up sheet is placed on the table at the entrance to the Sanctuary. Please contact Jeanne Leach for any questions or if you would like to sign up to help.

The Elledge Toy Store: David and Lorretta Elledge set up their toy store every year to make toy selection for Jingle Bell Express convenient for you. You can shop this Sunday **November 16th**, and add it to the donation box. The Elledges will drop off toys on **November 18th**, however you can drop off donations at Bellaire United Methodist Church on Monday, **December 8th** for distribution at the Jingle Bell Express event **December 12th & 13th**.

Grace Bags: St. Luke’s will be preparing 300 Grace Bags for the Street Reach Christmas Backpack Project. We are requesting donations of: granola bars, fruit cups, juice boxes/pouches, cans of Vienna sausage, snack crackers, and 8oz water bottles. All donations need to be turned in by **December 7th**. Please also consider staying after service **December 14th** to help assemble grace bags for delivery to Montrose Street Reach.

In Response to God
Activities for the Week of November 16, 2025

Today’s Lectionary: Isa. 65:17-25 and Isa. 12; 2 Thess. 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

Sunday	November 16	9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am –	Church School Worship Service Refreshments and Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	November 17	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	November 18	3-7 pm – 4 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy Strength Training Class
Wednesday	November 19	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	November 20	3-7 pm – 4 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy Strength Training Class
Friday	November 21	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	November 22	9 am-5 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	November 23	9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am –	Church School Worship Service Refreshments & Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Save the Date:	November 23 November 26 November 9&16 December 14	after worship 5:00pm orientation after worship after worship	Thanksgiving Lunch Montrose Thanksgiving Dinner The Elledge Toy Store Grace Bag Day

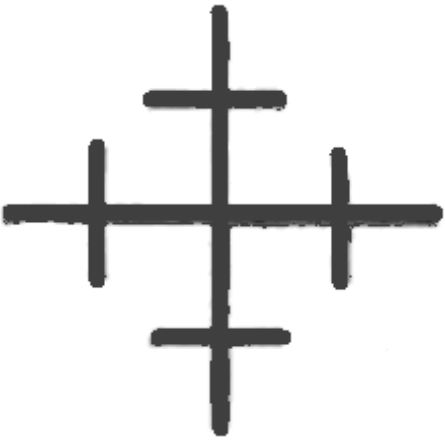
ST. LUKE’S STAFF

PastorThe Rev. W. Scott Harbison
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St. Luke’s Presbyterian Church
November 16, 2025

The Order of Worship

November 16, 2025

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE The Lark in the Clear Air
Laura Smith, harp Irish Tune

WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN 343 Called as Partners in Christ’s Service
BEECHER

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS
Congregation: Thanks Be to God.

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 207) 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Liturgist, Kenneth Russell

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 85) Luke 21:5-19

REFLECTION ON THE WORD Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“Sign of The Times”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

APOSTLE’S CREED Hymnal p. 14 (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 It Is Well With My Soul
Philip Bliss (1838-1876)
Arr. Leanne Langley

DOXOLOGY 592

HYMN OF PREPARATION 316 Breathe on Me, Breath of God
TRENTHAM

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

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

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
ST. DENIO 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 after worship if you have any questions.

Children’s Sunday School meets at 9 a.m. in Rm 115 with Don Mims. Youth Group meets every other Sunday at 9 a.m. with Rev. Harbison leading the group.

Adult Sunday School Class will focus, beginning in September, on Gifts of the Holy Spirit that are abilities given by God to believers to help build up the church and serve others. Class members will lead studies and discussion of the gifts which are identified in I Corinthians 12: wisdom, knowledge, discernment, faith, miracles, healing, tongues, interpretation of tongues, and prophecy. We invite you to join us each Sunday at 9:00 a. m. in the Library for our study and discussion.

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 these verbally at the time for Pastoral Prayer.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Beverly Graves and all the past members of the St. Luke’s choir who were dedicated to worshipping God with their voices and instruments by the Dickinson family.

The Montrose Street Reach: The upcoming service date is November 20. Let Jeanne Leach (713.409.0997) know if you would like to bring a dessert or help serve.

Fifth Sunday Food Focus: St. Luke’s will be having a fifth Sunday food focus on food collection for CCSC on November 30th Grocery bags will be located at the entrance to the sanctuary starting in November and will be collected on November 30th.

Drop by the Cookie Room: 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. Cookies today are provided by Pansy Meyer and Gloria Arcos.

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

Serving as the Sunday Liturgist is an easy way to participate in the church community. Please sign up in the Narthex.

Worship services on YouTube: Our Sunday worship services are live-streamed, recorded, and stored on our YouTube channel (St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, Houston). Subscribe to be notified of new uploads.

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Please stand as you are able.