

Stewardship Packets have been mailed out. 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.

Jingle Bell Express: Since 1980, CCSC has spread holiday cheer by giving under-served children new toys and books. If you missed out on the Elledge Toy Store, no worries. You can still purchase gifts through the Jingle Bell Express Amazon Wish List that can be found at ccshouston.org/jingle-bell-express/. You can ship your donations straight to CCSC until **December 1**, or 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.

The Montrose Street Reach: The upcoming service date is **December 18th**. Let Jeanne Leach (713.409.0997) know if you would like to bring a dessert or help serve.

Next Sunday we begin the season of Advent, a time of anticipation and longing for the coming of Christ. This year’s theme is “Deliver Us”, quoting the cherished Lord Prayer. Please join us for each of these special services.



In Response to God

Activities for the Week of November 23, 2025

Today’s Lectionary: Jer. 23:1-6 and Luke 1:68-79; Col. 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43			
Sunday	November 23	9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am –	Church School Worship Service Refreshments and Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	November 24	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	November 25	3-7 pm – 4 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy Strength Training Class
Wednesday	November 26	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	November 27	3-7 pm – 4 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy Strength Training Class
Friday	November 28	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	November 29	9 am-5 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	November 30	9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am –	Church School Worship Service Refreshments & Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Save the Date:	November 26 December 14 December 17	5:00pm orientation 10:00am after worship 6:00 & 7:00pm	Montrose Thanksgiving Dinner “The Perfect Gift” Choir Program Grace Bag Day Live Nativity

ST. LUKE’S STAFF

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St. Luke’s Presbyterian Church
November 23, 2025

The Order of Worship

November 23, 2025

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE
Laura Smith, harp
Let All Things Now Living
Welsh folk melody, ASHGROVE
Arr. Daniel Burton

WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN 142
CORONATION
All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!

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

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 58)
Liturgist, Laureen Suba
Luke 1:68-69

VOLUNTARY
Alana Glover, soprano
Alleluia
from *Exsultate, jubilate* (Exult, rejoice), K.165
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 89)
Luke 23:33-43

REFLECTION ON THE WORD
Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“Not That Type of King”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE 145
MARION
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYERS/LORD’S PRAYER (Traditional) Hymnal p. 16

OFFERTORY
O Be Joyful, Ye Lands
Henry Purcell (1669-1695)

DOXOLOGY 592

PEOPLE’S RESPONSE 559 (Verse 1)
KREMSER
We Gather Together

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
O Worship the King
Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806)
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: How might a house look for Christmas based on what each Gospel says about Christmas? **Beginning Nov. 30**, the Adult Sunday School Class will enjoy a study based on “Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes” by Cynthia M. Campbell and illustrated by architect and bible teacher Kevin Burns. This is a study of the four Gospels as a “house” which the church visits at Christmas. We invite you to join us for this study and to see the house designs suggested by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

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 memory of her sisters Norma Spears and Suzannie Williams by Lusarnie Hodgson

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.

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. **Today is our Annual Thanksgiving Lunch!** Please join us for fellowship and good food after service today.

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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