

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. If you would like more information, please speak to Rev. Harbison after worship.

Church Office is closed from December 24th 2025 and will reopen January 5th 2026

FRIENDS OF MUSIC helps provide special instrumental and vocal guests throughout the year and supplements funding for our choir staff singers. For more information, please speak to Marvin Gaspard.

Save the date for Souper Bowl Sunday on February 8th right after worship service, and St. Luke's Annual Jazz in the Parking Lot and Fish Fry on Tuesday, February 17th from 6:00—7:30 p.m.

The Montrose Street Reach: The upcoming service date is **January 22nd**. Let Jeanne Leach (713.409.0997) know if you would like to bring a dessert or help serve.

Flower Calendar and Cookie Sign up posters are now on the bulletin board in the Cookie Room! Please put your name, or a group name next your preferred date on either poster. Contact Alana (713) 667-6531 with any questions.

ST. LUKE'S STAFF

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| Pastor | The Rev. W. Scott Harbison |
| Parish Associate | The Rev. Laureen Suba |
| Parish Associate | The Rev. Dr. Bill Wade |
| Director of Music-Organist/Choirmaster | Marvin Gaspard |
| Business Manager | Patti Ernst |
| Assistant to the Pastor | Alana Glover |
| Artists in Residence | |
| | Sarah Bunk, Ann Guercio, Don Mims, & Laura Smith |

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CAROL-SING

ST. LUKE'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 28, 2025

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 28, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

TOLLING

PRELUDE

Barbara Bamberg

What Child Is This
16th c. English ballad
arr. Barbara Bamberg

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: The grace of God has appeared,

People: Bringing salvation to all.

Leader: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts;

People: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

OPENING HYMN 40

ANTIOCH

Joy to the World!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION (people in unison)

Almighty God, you wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HEARING OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 91)

John 1:1-14

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

C A R O L - S I N G

This is our sixteenth Carol Sing!
Marvin will be asking for your requests,
so be thinking about the carols you would like to sing.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

Hymnal p. 16

OFFERTORY

Ukrainian Carol

Carol of the Bells

Mykola Leontovich (1877-1921)
arr. Marvin Gaspard

RESPONSE

Gloria No. 23 Refrain

“Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN 23

MENDOLSSOHN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ding Dong Merrily On High
16th c. French tune

Our special guest today is Barbara Bamberg. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us, BB, and welcome back to St. Luke's!

Today's Flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for their grandsons Parker and Truitt Elledge by David and Loretta Elledge.