

In Response to God

Activities for the Week of January 11, 2026

Today's Lectionary: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

Sunday	January 11	9:00 am – 11:00 am –	Church School Refreshments & Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	January 12	3-7 pm – 7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy holiday Session Meeting
Tuesday	January 13	10 am-2 pm – 3-7 pm – 4 pm –	CCSC Food Collection Houston Dragon Academy Strength Training
Wednesday	January 14	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	January 15	3-7 pm – 4 pm – 6:30 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy Strength Training Montrose Street Reach
Friday	January 16	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	January 17	9 am-5 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	January 18	9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am –	Church School Worship Service Refreshments & Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Save the date:	February 8	11:00 am –	Souper Bowl of Caring
	February 15	10:00am –	Jazz Communion
	February 16	6:30 pm –	Spirits and Spirituality
	February 17	6-7:30pm –	Jazz in the Parking Lot

ST. LUKE’S STAFF

PastorThe Rev. W. Scott Harbison
Parish Associate..... The Rev. Laureen Suba
Parish Associate..... The Rev. Dr. Bill Wade
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St. Luke’s Presbyterian Church
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The Order of Worship

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Laura Smith, harp

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Robert Jackson (1840-1914)

✦WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦OPENING HYMN 71

Sung to AURELIA

Lord, When You Came to Jordan

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Congregation: Thanks Be to God.

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 129)

Liturgist, Annemieke Luckey

Acts 10:34-43

ANTHEM

Ugo Obudulu, soloist

Fairest Lord Jesus

Derek Hakes

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p.3)

Matthew 3:13-17

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“This is What it Sounds Like When Doves Cry”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN OF RESPONSE 524

Sung to ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

Holy Spirt, Lord of Love

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYERS

LORD’S PRAYER (Traditional) Hymnal p. 16

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

DOWN AMPNEY

Come Down, O Love Divine

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Arr. P. R. Dietterich

✦DOXOLOGY 592

✦CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen from *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Peter C. Lutkin (1858-1931)

✦BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in F Major BWV 556

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)



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.

Sunday School: Children’s Sunday School meets at 9 a.m. in Room 115 with Don Mims teaching the class. **Our Youth Group** meets every other Sunday at 9 a.m. in Room 129. Pastor Scott Harbison teaches the Youth Group. **Adult Sunday School** meets at 9 a.m. in the Library. The Adult Sunday School Class will begin a 2026 study of the Old Testament prophets and their books in the Bible. You are invited to join us for a study of 17 prophets throughout most of the year. With resources in our church library and the class text, “From Judgment to Hope” written by Walter Brueggemann, we will study histories of the prophets, their societies, upheavals, and hope. Join us each Sunday in the church library to study Hosea, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Isaiah, and numerous other prophets.

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 Montrose Street Reach is in the process of moving locations. Please stand by for more information regarding our monthly baked goods drop off on the third Thursday of each month.

Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of this year’s parting session members, Ed Dickinson, Jeanne Leach, and Carol Wilson. On behalf of St. Luke’s congregation, thank you for all you did to serve the church during your term.

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 Laura Smith.

The 2026 Flower Calendar and Cookie Sign ups are now posted in the Cookie Room. If you would like to provide flowers for our Sanctuary, please choose a Sunday and add your name(s) to the calendar. Use the envelopes provided to enclose your check (\$100 for two arrangements) and let us know how to acknowledge your gift. If you would like to provide cookies after worship, please choose a Sunday and add your name(s) to the calendar.

Save the Date for Souper Bowl Sunday on February 8th following 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.

Worship services on YouTube: Our Sunday worship services are live-streamed, recorded, and stored on our YouTube channel (St. Luke’s Presbyterian Church, Houston). You can view the published videos on YouTube and on our website. Subscribe to our channel to be notified of new video postings as they become available.

Congregational Meeting Today: There will be a brief congregational meeting following worship today.