

In Response to God  
Activities for the Week of January 25, 2026

Today's Lectionary: Isaiah 9:1-4 and Ps. 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

Sunday	January 25	9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am –	Church School Worship Service Refreshments & Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	January 26	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy Church Office Reopens
Tuesday	January 27	10 am-2 pm – 3-7 pm – 4 pm –	CCSC Food Collection Houston Dragon Academy Strength Training
Wednesday	January 28	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	January 29	3-7 pm – 4 pm	Houston Dragon Academy Strength Training
Friday	January 30	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	January 31	9 am-5 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	February 1	9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am –	Church School Worship Service Ordaining and Installation Refreshments and Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Save the date:	February 1	10:00 am –	Ordaining and Installation
	February 8	11:00 am –	Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday
	February 12	11:00 am –	Men's Lunch Bunch
	February 15	10:00 am –	Jazz Communion
	February 16	6:30 pm –	Spirits and Spirituality
	February 17	6-7:30 pm –	Jazz in the Parking Lot & Fish Fry

ST. LUKE'S STAFF

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 Head of Staff..... Alana Glover  
 Artists in Residence.....  
 ..... Sarah Bunk, Ann Guercio, Don Mims, & Laura Smith



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# The Order of Worship

January 25, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TOLLING

✦ WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦ OPENING HYMN 416 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation  
WESTMINSTER ABBEY

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Congregation: Thanks Be to God.**

## HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 166) 1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
Liturgist, Ed Nickals

ANTHEM Beautiful Savior  
Amanda Thorp, soloist Munster Gesangbuch, 1677, David Allen

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p.3) Matthew 4:12-23

REFLECTION ON THE WORD Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“Too Many Mansions?”

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN OF RESPONSE 438  
DENNIS

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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

Gloria from *Heiligmesse*  
Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

✦ DOXOLOGY 592

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen from *The Peace of God*  
John Rutter

✦ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude on WESTMINSTER ABBEY  
Henry Purcell (1659-1695)  
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.

**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 is beginning a 2026 study of the Old Testament prophets and their books in the Bible. You are invited to join us at 9 a.m. in library for a study of the prophets throughout 2026. Discussions in February will focus on Amos and Hosea. The study text is “From Judgment to Hope” by Walter Brueggemann.

**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 still in the process of relocating. Please stand by for future updates on third Thursday baking in February 2026.

**Flowers today** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jim Mayer for his many years of service as a commissioned pastor and Chaplin.

**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 board in the Cookie Room. **Cookies today** are provided by Linda Wiley.

**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 2 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.

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

**Save the Date** for Souper Bowl Sunday on February 8th following worship service, our annual Jazz Communion service, during worship on February 15th, monthly Spirits and Spirituality is on February 16th at 6:30pm and St. Luke’s Annual Jazz in the Parking Lot and Fish Fry on Tuesday, February 17th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. **Check out the back of your bulletin for more important upcoming dates!**

**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.

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