

## In Response to God

### Activities for the Week of February 22, 2025

Today's Lectionary: Genesis 2:15-17,3:1-7; Ps 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Sunday	February 22	9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am –	Church School Worship Service Refreshments and Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	February 23	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	February 24	10 am-2 pm – 3-7 pm – 4 pm –	CCSC Food Collection Houston Dragon Academy Strength Training
Wednesday	February 25	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	February 26	3-7 pm – 4pm –	Houston Dragon Academy Strength Training
Friday	February 27	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	February 28	9 am-5 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	March 1	9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am –	Church School Worship Service Refreshments and Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Save the date:	March 10	7:00-8:00pm–	Session Zoom Meeting
	March 29	10:00am–	Fifth Sunday Food Focus
	April 3	7:00pm–	Good Friday Service
	April 4	10:30-12:00pm–	Easter Egg Hunt and Petting Zoo
	April 5	10:00am–	Easter Sunday Service

#### 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  
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St. Luke's Presbyterian Church  
 February 22, 2025

# The Order of Worship

February 22, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TOLLING

✦ WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦ OPENING HYMN 376 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling  
HYFRYDOL

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Congregation: Thanks Be to God**

PEOPLE'S RESPONSE 572 Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us  
*Kyrie* Please join the choir in singing

## HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (OT p. 501) Psalm 23  
Liturgist, Eric Smith (NT p. 198) Philippians 4:4-7

ANTHEM A Clean Heart  
Ensemble From Psalm 51:10-14, Mark Hayes

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 108) John 14:1-6, 25-27  
John 15:12-13

REFLECTION ON THE WORD Chaplain Jim Mayer

“Reflecting Back”  
(Peace That Transcends)

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN OF RESPONSE 356 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
NETTLETON

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 in 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 Beautiful Savior  
Janet Bardin, soloist Munster Gesangbuch, 1677, David Allen

✦ DOXOLOGY 592

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE May the Grace of Christ Our Savior  
Witt's *Psalm sacra*, 1715, arr. Marvin Gaspard

✦ 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.

**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.

**Flowers today** are given to the glory of God and for the joy of the Smith family rejoining the St. Luke's Family by the Smith Family.

**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 are provided by** the Wiley Family.

**The 2026 Flower Calendar and Cookie Sign ups** are posted in the Cookie Room. If you would like to provide flowers for our Sanctuary, or cookies after worship, 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.

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

**Save the Date:** Check out the back of your bulletin for important upcoming dates and events!

**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.

**re:MIND Support Group:** re:MIND will be hosting a weekly group on Wednesdays at 7:00-8:30pm. Join re:Mind for support and community right here at St. Luke's!

**Ensemble:** Janet Bardin, Randall Bardin, Ann Guercio, Krish Muthukumar, Carol Wilson.