

In Response to God
Activities for the Week of March 1, 2026

Today's Lectionary: Genesis 12:1-4a and Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

Sunday	March 1	9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am –	Church School Worship Service Refreshments and Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	March 2	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	March 3	10 am-2 pm – 3-7 pm – 4 pm –	CCSC Food Collection Houston Dragon Academy Strength Training
Wednesday	March 4	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	March 5	3-7 pm – 4pm –	Houston Dragon Academy Strength Training
Friday	March 6	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	March 7	9 am-5 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	March 8	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
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Gracefully Loved

St. Luke's Presbyterian Church
 March 1, 2026

The Order of Worship

March 1, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE Pastorale
David Dietz, cello Georg Fredric Handel (1685-1759)

✦ WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: I lift up my eyes to the hills — from where will my help come?

ALL: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

ONE: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forever more.

ALL: Let us worship God.

✦ OPENING HYMN 101 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
HAMBURG

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God who will not let us go. You are present with us in our highest joys and deepest darkness. You accompany us, even when we wander or abandon you. You love us when we hate; you bless us when we curse; you forgive us when we seek revenge; you heal us when we harm. Search us, O God, most wise, most holy, most free, loving and gracious. Search our public faces and our secret thoughts. Unmask us, forgive us, challenge us, and repair us. May we reflect to others the grace we have received from you, so that your grace extends to more and more people, increasing thanksgiving to the Glory of God.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

One: Hear the Good news... we are forgiven.

All: And freed to try again.

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

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (OT p. 10) Genesis 12:1-4a
Liturgist, Maisie Smith

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 93) John 3:1-17

REFLECTION ON THE WORD Rev. Lauren Suba

“In the Meantime.”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ APOSTLE'S CREED Hymnal p. 14
Traditional

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYERS

OFFERTORY When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
ROCKINHAM *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, 1783
Arr. Robert Young (1923-2011)

✦ HYMN OF PREPARATION 510 Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts
QUEBEC

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The prayer continues . . .

The congregation sings . . .

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

COMMUNION Amazing Grace
Nathan Thorp, soloist Craig Courtney

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

✦ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Fugue sur les Jeux D'Anches
François Couperin (1668-1733)

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 in honor of Parker and Truitt birthdays by their grandparents, David and Loretta Elledge.

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** Maisie Smith.

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!

Our musical guest is cellist David Dietz. Thank you for sharing your gift with us, David, and welcome back to St. Luke's!