

At places marked * those who are able may stand.

ST. LUKE’S FIVE HABITS

WE PRAY AND WORSHIP

to build a closer relationship of love with Jesus Christ.

WE STUDY THE BIBLE

to dig deeper and learn everything we can about God’s love.

WE MAKE FRIENDS

because we are changed in community.

WE TELL OUR STORIES

to share with others how God is still at work in the world.

**WE GIVE OURSELVES AWAY IN
GENEROSITY AND SERVICE**

as apostles, sent by Jesus to be the good news in the world.

When Are We? Navigating the Church Calendar

In the context of the church calendar, we are in a season called “Epiphany.” This period celebrates several landmark moments in the life of Jesus, including the visit of the Magi, the presentation of Jesus at the temple, the baptism of Jesus by John, and the Transfiguration, all leading into Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent in February. The vestments and paraments are green, which signify growth and bountifulness.

Leading in Worship today: Dr. Tom Pace; Rev. Bill Denham; Rev. Thomas Harper; Rev. Michelle Manuel; Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears; Madison Garcia.

Acolytes: Rachel Osterman, Ainsley Connor, Mackenzie Rice.

Musicians: Sid Davis, Director of Music and Fine Arts; Rob Landes, Artist-in-Residence; Randy Murrow, Associate Director of Music; James J. Roman, Associate Organist; Barbara Bamberg, Accompanist; St. Cecilia; Chancel Choir.

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are given in celebration of the baptism of Tyler Wright Wommack by Wright, Brooke, Webb and Logan Wommack; and in celebration of the baptism of Campbell Louise Crawford by Kayla and Stewart Crawford; and in celebration of the baptism of Dean Ryan Fahrbach by Lori and Joseph Fahrbach.

12:05 p.m. Communion in the Chapel: Rev. Bill Denham

Welcome to St. Luke’s!

We’re so glad you’re here. Worship is at the heart of everything we do and we hope that you and your family find this service to be uplifting and transformational. Whether you are a first-time guest or a regular attendee, please join us in the Gathering Room near the Main Entrance for refreshments and fellowship after the service.



Want to learn more about St. Luke’s? Drop by the Connection Desk near the Gathering Room and ask about ***Coffee with the Pastor*** with Dr. Tom Pace or contact Kelly Grimes at kgrimes@stlukesmethodist.org.

For Families with Children

A Family Room with Livestream is open all morning in the Chapel Parlor located out the left front door of the Sanctuary.

We offer loving and safe Nursery care for children ages 2 months – Pre-K while parents attend any of our morning worship services and Sunday School classes.



At 9:45 a.m., we offer Children’s Sunday School for 2-year olds through 5th grade. For children in 6th through 12th grades, Student Ministries offers a unique worship experience in their own building.

During most 11:00 a.m. services, we offer Children’s Church for children in Kindergarten through 3rd grade in room ES213 on the second floor of the Johnson Building, Main Entrance.

Sunday Morning and Beyond Resources

Download the St. Luke’s App to watch online when you can’t be with us, view sermons, listen to podcasts, find a small group, check in your children and more. Go to the App Store or Google Play and search St. Lukes UMC Houston.

To watch the livestream on your computer, go to StLukesMethodist.org/livestream

To watch sermons and listen to podcasts on your computer go to: StLukesMethodist.org/sermons

Assisted hearing devices and large print hymnals are available from the ushers.



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St. Luke’s United Methodist Church
February 16, 2020 | 9:45 and 11:00 a.m.



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Dr. Tom Pace, Senior Pastor

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PRELUDE Aria Leon Nelson

*HYMN OF PRAISE 100 God, Whose Love Is Reigning o’er Us LAUDA ANIMA

*THE APOSTLES’ CREED UMH #881 9:45 Rev. Thomas Harper 11:00 Rev. Bill Denham

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI UMH #70 MEINEKE
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM
9:45
Tyler Wright Wommack
Son of Wright Taggart Wommack and Brooke Relyea Wommack
11:00
Dean Ryan Fahrbach
Son of Joseph Dean Fahrbach and Lori Ann Elliott Fahrbach
Campbell Louise Crawford
Daughter of Stewart Campbell Crawford and Kayla Dougherty Crawford

Minister: Beloved of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care *this/these* children whom we this day recognize as a members of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that *he/they* may grow in the knowledge and love of God the Father, through our Savior Jesus Christ?
People: With God’s help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround *this/these children* with a community of love and forgiveness that *he/they* may grow in *his/their* service to others. We will pray for *him/them* that *he/they* may be a true disciples who walks in the way that leads to life eternal.

WELCOME

RECOGNITION OF 50TH ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

ANTHEM 11:00 Love Never Fails J.A.C. Redford
Chancel Choir Lauren Ruhl, Soloist Barry Sills, Cello

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels but have not love,
I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.
If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge,
And if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.
If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames,
But have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind,
Love leaves envy far behind.
Never boastful, proud or rude,
Love rejoices with the truth.
Slow to anger, stores no wrongs,
Love will never seek its own.
Love does not delight in sin,
It bears all things, believes all things,
Love hopes all things, endures all things.
Love never fails.

Prophecies someday will cease,
As for tongues they will be stilled.
Knowledge, it will pass away,
Yet love remains, it hopes all things,
Believes all things, endures all things.
Love never fails.

SCRIPTURE READING
Ephesians 4:26-32 (NRSV) & Matthew 3:16-17 (The Message)

9:45 Rev. Bill Denham
11:00 Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

MORNING PRAYER 9:45 Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears
11:00 Madison Garcia

THE LORD’S PRAYER
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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 11:00
447 Our Parent, by Whose Name RHOSYMEDRE

MINISTRY MOMENT John & Sue Farrell

OFFERTORY
9:45 Os Justi Eleanor Daley
St. Cecilia

The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom,
and their tongue speaks what is just.
The law of God is in their heart:
and their feet do not falter.
Alleluia.

11:00 Meditation Gabus
Barry Sills, Cello

*DOXOLOGY UMH #95 OLD 100TH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SERMON Give Yourself a Time Out Dr. Tom Pace
Second in the series, Better Parents, Better People

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP
If you would like to learn more about what it means to live and love like Jesus or if you are interested in joining St. Luke’s United Methodist Church in membership, attending Coffee with the Pastor is a great next step. Please join us in the Gathering Room near the main entrance after the service to talk with one of our pastors or volunteers to learn more.
If you would like someone to pray with you, we invite you to come forward after the service to meet with one of our prayer volunteers.

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT
408 The Gift of Love GIFT OF LOVE

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION 11:00
The Lord Bless You and Keep You Lutkin