

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II SUNDAY, 8:30 AM SERVICE ORDER

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Visit ststephenshouston.org/this-week/ or scan the QR code on the right for links to online content.



SUNDAY, JUNE 26

8:30 AM - Spoken Eucharist (Mask Required) (In-person & Online)

9:30 AM - Adult Formation (In-Person & Online) - Zoom Link

10:30 AM - Holy Eucharist (Mask Required) (In-person & Online)

2:00 PM - Presence Group meets in-person at Havens Center and via Zoom.

MONDAY, JUNE 27

12:00 PM - Bible Study (Online)

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

6:30 PM - In Person Bible Study in the Gathering Area.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

6:30PM - Race & Land Series- Zoom Link

SATURDAY, JULY 2

8:00 AM - Rosary Group (Online)

SAVE THE DATE: GO CHURCH OUTING AT EPISCOPAL NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK (JULY 28).



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WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

We are glad you are with us! St. Stephen's is an inclusive, nurturing, and healing community that seeks and invites all to practice the transformational and empowering work of Jesus Christ among us and in the world. We welcome everyone to join us for worship and life together—no exceptions!

NEW TO ST. STEPHEN'S?

Follow this QR code to our website and complete the online welcome card.



ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH US!

During worship, all are invited to come forward for Holy Communion. If you would like to receive Communion but cannot come to the altar, please let an usher know so the sacrament can be brought to you.

In addition to bread, you may now receive wine as well. You may intinct (dip your wafer into the chalice) or drink from the chalice directly. You may choose to receive the bread only. If you prefer, indicate by crossing your arms in front of you that you wish to receive a blessing instead. After church services, please join us for hospitality!

CHILDREN

Children are welcome in the church at any time. We encourage adult caregivers to join their children in the front chapel area as they engage seasonal lessons and materials.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms are available adjacent to the Gathering Area. All are welcome to use the restroom consistent with their gender identity. Diaper-changing facilities are available in both restrooms and in the nursery.

PARKING

Parking is available off West Alabama in the lot in front of the church. Additional lots are available on the other side of the block at Woodhead and on both sides of Sul Ross.

NEW SUMMER FORMATION OPPORTUNITY

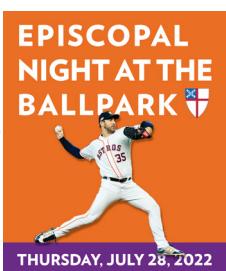


This summer St. Stephen's will offer a hybrid (in-person and online) formation class called Making Online Church Accessible (MOCA) at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. We will think deeply about what a post-pandemic church will look like. Lines of inquiry will include: What did we learn during the pandemic that we want to retain and grow? What do we want to let go of? How do we best create community by using in-person, virtual, and hybrid ministries?

EPISCOPAL NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

We will participate in this year's Episcopal Night at the Ballpark. The Astros will play the Seattle Mariners on Thursday, July 28. At 5 pm, we will meet at Christ Church Cathedral (1117 Texas St.).

Tickets, which cost \$11 per person, can be purchased at <https://fevo.me/episcopal> or by scanning the QR code on the right.



EYEGASS DONATIONS

As part of Gensler's Global Give Back Month, St. Stephens is collecting eyeglasses for those in need. They are asking for readers, prescription glasses, & sunglasses. You can place your donations in the box right outside the Nave.

COVID PROTOCOLS IN CHURCH

St. Stephen's has a culture of care. We are focused on keeping everyone safe in church, especially our unvaccinated children.

- Masking outdoors on campus is optional.
- Masks are required indoors for everyone (except for children 2 and under) at both the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services.

ST. STEPHEN'S FEATURED IN HOUSTON CHRONICLE

ARTICLE ABOUT PRIDE

In a recent article entitled, "Pride is a year-round celebration for Houston-area churches," Lisa Hunt was quoted extensively about St. Stephen's support of Pride. Below is an excerpt:

Members at St. Stephen's Episcopal agree that Pride is not limited to June. The congregation is involved in advocacy, testifying during legislative sessions, as well as educational efforts. The church also recently launched a podcast called "Faith From the Margins," focusing on race and sexuality.

"Reaching out to the queer community has been part of St. Stephen's ministry for many years," Hunt said. "The Episcopal church has a history of realizing the gifts and talents of all its members."

Still, she sees a need for more justice.

"I've been a priest for 33 years, and I've always been amazed and so thankful for the faithfulness of the gay community," she said. "They are a witness of forgiveness and perseverance."

Too often, churches have hurt and pushed out members of the LGBTQ community, Hunt said.

"And yet they've never abandoned God and remain open to possibility," she said.

To read the full article, scan the QR code.



- Church staff and choir continue to mask.
- The common chalice is used at both Eucharists with options to drink, intinct or to abstain.
- Please be mindful of social distancing throughout the nave and especially when coming forward for communion.