

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

All page numbers refer to the red Book of Common Prayer in front of you in the pew.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION, p. 355 *Please stand.*

COLLECT FOR PURITY, p. 355

GLORIA, p. 356

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY, p. 231

THE COLLECT FOR PEOPLE AND PLACE

O God, the Creator, who provides nests for birds and burrows for foxes, open us to your dreams and visions for this land and its people. Empower us in wisdom to join with partners and build spaces that serve communities. Embolden us to . . . Go. Partner. Build for Light. Thanks be to God. Amen.

FIRST READING *Please be seated.*

ISAIAH 5:1-7

PSALM 80:1-2, 8-18, p. 702

SECOND READING

HEBREWS 11:29-12:2

GOSPEL *Please stand.*

LUKE 12:49-56

SERMON *Please be seated.*

Silence may follow.

THE NICENE CREED, p. 358 *Please stand.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI, p. 392

THE PEACE, p. 360

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY *Please stand.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, p. 361

THE LORD'S PRAYER, p. 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD, p. 364

COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER, p. 365

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL, p. 366

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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, AUGUST 14

8:30 AM – Spoken Eucharist (In-Person & Online)

(Masks are required)

Sunday Adult Formation will be on break until September.

10:30 AM – Holy Eucharist (In-person & Online) (Masks are required)

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 15

12:00 PM – Bible Study – Online Only

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

6:30 PM – Race & Land Series – Online Only

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

8:00 AM – Rosary Group – Online Only



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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. 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.

PLEASE WEAR A MASK DURING WORSHIP SERVICES

NEEDED: TWO MORE TECH VOLUNTEERS



Thank you, Raul Avila, Sofia Barbee, Jon Cerny, Aimee Demby, Phoenix Flores, and Tom Matchett for volunteering to help operate our new sound system and video cameras on Sunday mornings. We are looking for two more volunteers. No prior experience is necessary. If you are interested, please scan the QR code and complete the form.

Note: The purpose of the new system, which includes new microphones and speakers, is to improve the quality of sound in the nave and online. Though the new system includes a new camera that will offer more panoramic views and close ups, other visual issues such as lighting will need to be addressed in future upgrades.



YARD SIGNS FOR BLOCK PARTY

Yard signs advertising our block party on Sunday, September 11, 2022, will be available next Sunday, August 21, 2022. Please take one home to help us advertise the event, which will feature a food truck, drum circle, samba dancers, and more. Let's celebrate!

POTENTIAL REAL ESTATE PARTNERSHIP

During the next few weeks, be on the lookout for a publication focused on how St. Stephen's might partner with a real estate developer to determine the best use of our land in service of the church, school, and surrounding community

LIVING AND LEARNING: CALLING ALL FAITH EDUCATORS!

We are in the process of gathering folks who are interested in planning spiritual learning opportunities for folks of all ages at St. Stephen's. Spiritual development is a lifelong process, since we are all growing into the "full stature of Christ" as we say in our baptism rites.

Coming out of pandemic mode we are eager to engage parishioners of all ages in person this fall, with online possibilities as well. If you are interested in creating these options and/or offering leadership, send an email to grow@ststephenshouston.org.

NOW HIRING - CHILDREN'S NURSERY ATTENDANT

We're looking for a couple of people who can offer weekly care for our toddlers and little ones during Sunday morning worship and formation hour (8AM-12:30PM). This position will require persons who are responsible, reliable, and nurturing. Compensation is \$15/hr. We will provide Safeguarding training and will conduct a background check prior to start date.

Help us spread the word in the community. Applicants should send a letter of interest with relevant training or experience and contact information to adellagiacom@ststephenshouston.org by August 15.

FUNERAL FOR BOB JOBE

A funeral for Bob Jobe, who died on July 31, will be held at St. Stephen's at 1 p.m. on August 27.

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.
- Because of the recent rise in infection and hospitalization rates in Harris County, masks are now required at worship services.

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