



**ATASCOCITA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**  
**FEBRUARY 15, 2026**

**PRELUDE**

**CARL BRADEN**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASTOR WAYNE EBERLY**

**INTROIT**

*This is the Day!*

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**WILL NEES**

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me.**

My strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

**Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

✦ **HYMN NO. 41**

*O Worship the King, All Glorious Above (v. 1,2,5)*

**CONGREGATION**

✦ **CALL TO CONFESSION**

**WILL NEES**

The grace of God overflows through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save sinners.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins.

**TIME FOR SILENT REFLECTION**

✦ **LENTEN CONFESSIONAL** *(first time choir, second time choir and congregation)*

**HYMN NO. 698**

*Take, O Take Me as I Am (2x)*

**CONGREGATION**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**CONGREGATION**

**The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

✦ **GLORIA PATRI**

**CONGREGATION**

**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.**

✦ **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**WILL NEES**

The peace of Our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

*Jesus Loves Me! (v 1)*

**CHARIS NEES**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

**WILL NEES**

<sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'...<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?"' <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup>but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

***After the Reading:***

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

✦ **HYMN NO. 833**

*O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

**CONGREGATION**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**CARL BRADEN**



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✦ **DOXOLOGY**

**CONGREGATION**

✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**PASTOR WAYNE EBERLY**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ANTHEM**

*Hear My Prayer*

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 4:1-11

**PASTOR WAYNE EBERLY**

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' <sup>4</sup>But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' <sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' <sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

***After the Reading:***

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*"Trust and Obey"*

**PASTOR WAYNE EBERLY**

✦ **HYMN (SEE SCREEN)**

*Trust and Obey (v. 1, 3)*

**CONGREGATION**

✦ **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Romans 8: 38-39

**CONGREGATION**

**<sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

✦ **HYMN (SEE SCREEN)**

*Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

**CONGREGATION**

✦ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**PASTOR WAYNE EBERLY**

✦ **CLOSING RESPONSE**

***May the Lord Go with You  
May the Lord go with you,  
Let him take your hand.  
Keep his love within you.  
Until we meet again. Amen.***

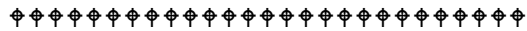
**CONGREGATION**

✦ **POSTLUDE**

**CARL BRADEN**

✦ Please stand as you are able.

**Bold print indicates Congregation participation.**



## Narthex News

A **congregational meeting** has been called for today, **Sunday, February 15, right after worship**. All members are encouraged to stay and participate.

**Ash Wednesday Service** will be held on **Wednesday, February 18 at 7:00pm**. Before the service, everyone is invited to gather at **5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall for social time and supper** featuring soup and grilled cheese sandwiches, a meal shared in fellowship as we prepare our hearts for the season ahead. For questions or to volunteer to assist, please **contact Susan Sheridan at [susan@jssheridan.com](mailto:susan@jssheridan.com)**.

**Seniors and Friends Luncheon** will be on **Thursday, February 19 at 11:30am** at **Marsalas Italian Grill**, 11747 FM 1960 in Huffman. Come enjoy good food and fellowship with friends! Sign up in the Narthex, or **contact Bonnie Carr at [bncrr1@gmail.com](mailto:bncrr1@gmail.com)**.

Tickets are still on Narthex ore **Empty Bowl Gala on Thursday, February 19 at 6:00 p.m. at the Nathaniel Center, 804 Russell Palmer Rd in Kingwood**. This special evening supports Family Promise of Lake Houston. For more information, **contact Steve Coleman at 713-417-5152**, or visit the website: <https://fplh.org/events/empty-bowl-gala/>.



After worship on **February 22, 2026**, everyone is invited to stay for lunch and join in a **meal packing event with Rise Against Hunger**. Our goal is to have at least 40 volunteers pack 10,000 meals in about 1.5-2 hours! That's enough meals to feed 47 children for an entire year. There are jobs for our youngest and most senior friends so we hope everyone can join. Childcare will be provided for those who need it. **Registration** is appreciated ahead of time so we can get an idea of how many people will be coming. Please use the **QR Code to register**. You will see **folks are needed before and after the event to set up and tear down**. You can register on the day of the event if needed.

**Game Day for Grown Ups** will meet on **Wednesday, February 26 at 10:00am** in the Fellowship Hall for a morning of games, laughter, and easygoing fellowship. Everyone is welcome for fun, coffee, and community.

**Sleep in Heavenly Peace** will hold its next bed delivery on **Saturday, March 7 at 8:30am in the APC parking lot**. Adult and teen volunteers are needed to deliver and assemble beds for children who are currently sleeping on the floor. No experience, tools, or mechanical skills are required to participate — just a willing heart and the desire to help a child in need. **And right now, when you round up your change at Lowe's, those donations go directly to SHP**, offering another simple way to support this important ministry. March's Volunteer Registration QR code will be coming soon, so look for that in the next few weeks! For any questions please contact Rick Anderson 713-859-1695.

**Saturday, March 28 the Ancient Mariners will visit the Butler Longhorn Museum in Kemah, Texas**. We'll depart from the church at 8:00 a.m. and enjoy lunch at Joe Lee's Seafood Restaurant. A great day of fellowship, history, and coastal charm! **Please contact Linda Andrus for details at [harley3064@aol.com](mailto:harley3064@aol.com) for information on these upcoming adventures!**

The **Blessing Box** continues to get much use and is replenished regularly. Please consider including **snacks, powdered milk, cereal, easy mac, canned meals, canned fruit and vegetables, rice, and other family/kid friendly items**. **Toiletries are also in high demand: soaps, deodorants, hair care products, dental care, and feminine hygiene products are always needed**. Remember, if the box is full, you can drop items off in the church office during office hours or on Sunday. The box is checked multiple times a week and those items will be used to keep it full.

We celebrate all who contributed to the **Celebration Fund in 2025** – *thank you all so much!* Contributions made to the fund for the **first quarter of 2026** will go to support **Family Promise of Lake Houston**, an organization with whom we've partnered for many years. For more information about Family Promise, you can go to their website: [fplh.org](http://fplh.org).

**Have you replaced your old iPhone and don't know what to do with it?** The sound booth staff is looking for an iPhone 12 or later model that has a working camera. If you have one that you'd like to get rid of, please contact Forrest Craig ([fcraig3@gmail.com](mailto:fcraig3@gmail.com))

**Safety Moment** – Whether at home, work, or around the church campus, cluttered floors are one of the most common causes of slips and trips. A quick sweep-through to pick up bags, shoes, cords, or books helps protect everyone. A tidy path is a safe path, and it's one of the easiest ways we care for one another.

**Earth Care Moment** – As we move through February, Houston's weather can swing from warm afternoons to chilly mornings. These shifts are a perfect reminder to care for God's creation in simple, steady ways. One easy step this week:

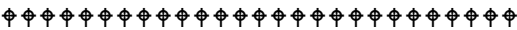
unplug chargers and small appliances when not in use. Even when they're "off," they quietly draw power. Reducing that "phantom energy" saves electricity and lowers your carbon footprint.

**Hands in Service** – Need a small fix-it job taken care of at home? Our Facilities Committee has volunteers ready to help with light handyman tasks. This ministry is a simple way to care for one another and keep our homes safe and functional. If you could use a hand, contact Steve Coleman at 713-417-5152.

**Reminder Giving Statements for 2025** have been emailed. If we do not have an email address on file for you, a printed copy has been prepared and will be available. If you received your statement by email but would prefer a printed version, **please contact Will Nees at [wgnees@me.com](mailto:wgnees@me.com)** and one will be provided. Please take a moment to carefully review your statement to ensure all your donations have been properly recorded. **If you have any questions or concerns about your Giving Statement or the finances of the church, reach out to Treasurer Will Nees ([wgnees@me.com](mailto:wgnees@me.com)) or Financial Secretary Forrest Craig ([finance@apchumble.org](mailto:finance@apchumble.org)).** Thank you for your generous support throughout 2025.

**Pastoral Care.** In case of emergency, please contact your deacon or the elder for **February, Lisa Clark at 713-249-8794.**

Make sure to check the **[APC Website](#)** or our **[Facebook Page](#)** for events & updates.



**APC Calendar**

**Sunday, 2/15 – Transfiguration of the Lord**

- 9:15am: Nursery (ages 0-3) During Faith Formation and Worship hours – Nursery
- 9:30am: Chancel Choir Practice – Sanctuary
- 9:30am: Pastor Wayne Meets w/ Parents of Young Children – Pastor Wayne’s Office
- 10:30am: Worship – Boxcast and Sanctuary
- 11:30am: Congregational Meeting – Sanctuary
- 11:45am: Session Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 4:00pm: Rehearsal, Spring LHCS Concert - Sanctuary

**Monday, 2/16**

- 9:30am: Yoga – Fellowship Hall
- 10:30am: Spiritual Fellowship Committee Meeting – Library

**Tuesday, 2/17**

- 10:00am: Mission Crafters – Craft Room

**Wednesday, 2/18**

- 12:00pm: Disciple Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
- 5:30pm: Wednesday Social and Dinner – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00pm: Ash Wednesday Service – Sanctuary

**Thursday, 2/19**

- 11:30am: Seniors and Friends Luncheon – Marsalas Italian Grill
- 7:00pm: Facilities Committee Meeting – ZOOM

**Friday, 2/20 & Saturday 2/21**

- Private Event – Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary

**Sunday, 2/22 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**

- 9:15am: Nursery (ages 0-3) During Faith Formation and Worship hours – Nursery
- 9:30am: Chancel Choir Practice – Sanctuary
- 9:30am: Pastor Wayne Meets w/ Parents of Young Children – Pastor Wayne’s Office
- 10:30am: Worship – Boxcast and Sanctuary
- 11:30am: RISE Against Hunger Meal Packing Event – Fellowship Hall
- 4:00pm: Rehearsal, Spring LHCS Concert - Sanctuary

### **Sunday's Faith Formation Classes**

- **9:15am** Doug Kennard's class – Library
- **9:30am** Sermon Scripture Study – Classroom 102
- **9:30am** Christian Chat and Coffee – Classroom 104
- **9:30am** Youth – Youth Room
- **9:30am** Children's class (Grades 1-5) - Orange classroom
- **9:30am** Children's class (Ages 4-K) - Teal classroom
- **9:30am** Nursery (Ages 0-3) - Open during Faith Formation and Worship



### **Prayers of the People**

*We lift prayers to the Lord for friends and family:*

- For peace in regions experiencing war and conflict.
- For the homeless in the United States and around the world.
- For our nation to pursue a compassionate and just approach to immigration.
- We lift up Jane Frieders' ESL students, who are afraid to leave their homes. May God surround them with safety, courage, and peace in their daily lives.
- We pray for Roy Schmiemeier, brother-in-law of Barb and Frank, as he undergoes treatment for heart failure.
- We hold Tom Harrison in prayer after the discovery of a mass in his neck, and they are currently running tests. Requested by Gary Denmon.
- With gratitude, we pray for the church, giving thanks for all the good God has done. May God continue to bless, strengthen, and renew us in every good work. Requested by Natalie.
- We pray for a friend of Janet Griffin, Faye McKinzie, whose husband has passed away.
- We pray for Courtney Patterson, niece of Emily Murphy, recently diagnosed with fibromyalgia.
- We lift up Tom and Heather Madigan, asking for emotional support during a difficult season of illness. Requested by Doris Spencer.
- We pray for Cris Garcia, Angel's father, who is healing from injuries after a fall from a ladder. Requested by Angel and Taryn.
- Blessings to Will and Charis Nees' and family, welcoming a newborn grandbaby. May God surround this little one with health, joy, and protection, and may the whole family be filled with love.
- We lift up Sharon Beitzel's brother, a family friend of Ron Fovargue's, whose cancer has returned after five years in remission. Requested by Ron Fovargue.
- We pray for Ryan Patterson, Emily Murphy's nephew and the father of Gracie and Emma. May he find relief from gout, healing for his swollen leg, and comfort in the support that surrounds him. Requested by Emily Murphy.
- We remember friends and family in Mississippi and Tennessee as they face dangerous ice storms. We pray for safety, protection, and steady warmth for all who are affected. Requested by Elaine McCool.
- We lift up Pat Litzinger, who fell and suffered a broken pelvis. She is well attended in her home, and we continue to pray for her full and swift recovery.
- We continue to hold Doris Fisher in prayer as she receives rehabilitation care at The Heights of Valley Ranch. She has asked for our prayers and shared that visitors are now welcome for short periods.
- Prayers and condolences for the Rhodes family, Carol, Rhonda, Kelly, Misty, and Dusti on the passing of their husband and father, Dusty. They are former members of APC.
- Continued prayers for Dr. Mark Green as he navigates ongoing medical concerns.

Ongoing Concerns: Kathy Gava, Sine McCarty, Garland McCarthy, Anne Wallace, Michael Burgos, Ann Owen, Connie Brown, Carl Braden.



### **Sunday Morning Worship Leaders**

Pastor Wayne Eberly  
Will Nees, Liturgist  
Charis Nees, Children's Moment

Joe Weir, Music Director  
Carl Braden, Pianist  
Ryan Lewis, Max Pongkorung, William Nelson:  
Sound Booth Personnel