



**ATASCOCITA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 8, 2026**

PRELUDE

CARL BRADEN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR WAYNE EBERLY

INTROIT

Kyrie Eleison
CHANCEL CHOIR

CALL TO WORSHIP

JOYCE OLSON

Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments.
They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.
It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.
For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.
They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.
For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

✦ **HYMN NO. 667**

When Morning Gilds the Skies
CONGREGATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

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 CONFSSIONAL HYMN NO. 698**

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

(First time choir, second time choir and congregation).

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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**

JOYCE OLSON

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

And also with you!

Let us pass the Peace of Christ.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Jesus Loves Me! (v 1)
DEBBIE BECKER

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah

58:6-10

JOYCE OLSON

6Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? 7Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? 8Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,

and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard. ⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

After the Reading:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

✦ **HYMN NO. 361**

O Christ, the Great Foundation
CONGREGATION

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✦ **DOXOLOGY**

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✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PASTOR WAYNE EBERLY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM

In Darkness Do I Wander
CHANCEL CHOIR

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:14-16

PASTOR WAYNE EBERLY

¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

After the Reading:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Let Your Light Shine"
PASTOR WAYNE EBERLY

✦ **HYMN NO. 69**

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (v. 2, 3)
CONGREGATION

✦ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

PASTOR WAYNE EBERLY

✦ **CLOSING RESPONSE**

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

✦ **POSTLUDE**

CARL BRADEN

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Bold print indicates Congregation participation.



Narthex News

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in responding to Christ's call to ministries of compassion for the most vulnerable around the world. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot! This Lenten season, please give generously to **One Great Hour of Sharing**. Your donation will provide relief from natural and human-caused disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

Time Out for Men will meet **on Tuesday, March 10 at 12:00pm** in the **Fellowship Hall**. Please contact **Pastor Wayne for details**.

Presbyterian Women's Bible Study gathers on **Thursday, March 12 at 11:30am** in the **Fellowship Hall**. All women are welcome to join for study, prayer, and fellowship. For more information, **contact Linda Andrus at harley3064@aol.com**.



Sleep In Heavenly Peace is opening **volunteer slots for a workshop build on Saturday, March 14 at 9:00am**. Builds are normally completed by the company that sponsors it, but in this case the sponsor does not have enough participants and they need help! APC members are encouraged to sign up via the QR Code. Once you sign up, the detailed location will be shared, but currently the location is in the **77070-zip code**.



The Lake Houston Chamber Singers will present their Spring Concert on **Sunday, March 15 at 7:00 pm** in the Sanctuary. Enjoy an evening of beautiful choral music.

Tickets may be purchased using the QR code provided.

Bring an appetizer to share and join us on **Wednesday, March 18th, 5:30pm** in the **Fellowship Hall** for a **Night of Dabbling!** We will have fun learning firsthand from several of our friends how they love to dabble with **unique (and a few delicious) hobbies**. Bring a friend and come see what dabbling is all about! Hosted by Julie Eberly and Marietta Schoenberger!

Seniors and Friends will meet on **Thursday, March 19 at 11:30am** at **Spring Creek BBQ** located at **5613 Farm to Market 1960 Road, Humble**. For questions, please **contact Bonnie Carr at bnerr1@gmail.com**.

Game Day for Grownups will be held on **Thursday, March 26 at 10:00am** in the **Fellowship Hall**. This month's game is Dominoes! **Contact Linda Andrus for more information**.

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 for information on these upcoming adventures!**

Palm Sunday worship will be held on **Sunday, March 29 at 10:30am**. Join us as we begin Holy Week with the waving of palms, joyful music, and a reminder of Jesus' humble entry into Jerusalem. All are welcome to worship and prepare our hearts for the journey toward Easter.

Family Promise will be hosted at APC from Sunday March 29 through Saturday, April 4. Look for sign-up sheets in the Narthex that outline volunteer opportunities to support their visit, including providing dinner one evening, serving as an overnight host, or contributing grocery supplies. For more information, **contact Steve Coleman at stcolmansr@live.com**.

Contributions to the **Celebration Fund** through the end of March 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.

In February, donations were made in celebration of: The "Helping Hands" of APC (by Linda & Gene Andrus); Family Promise (by Claudia Nelson); Carl Braden's birthday (by Joe Weir); Febriana Pongkorung's birthday (by ♡); "Go Pats!" (by ♡); Granddaughter's 27th birthday – Shelby (Coleman) Carrizales (by Steve & Linda Coleman); Birthdays: Julie Eberly, Ron Powell, Emily Murphy & Leah Barnes (by Sue Grawl); Andrew Freidersdorf's birthday (by Chris and Marilyn); Thank You – for recognizing my work as Financial Secretary (by Forrest Craig).

The Blessing Box has a new look! A huge thank you to Dru Frye for his efforts in building and installing the new Blessing Box. We are grateful to him for using his skills and talents to build this new box that will help us grow this ministry and service to our community. The initial box received a great amount of use and support leading the Mission Committee to commission the building of a larger one. The box is not only sustained by members of the APC community, but the larger Atascocita, Humble

and Kingwood communities as well. Many thanks to you all for your continued donations of **family-friendly foods** such as **snacks, powdered milk, cereal, easy mac, canned meals, fruits and vegetables, rice,** and similar staples. **Toiletries** remain as highly needed items – **soap, deodorant, hair care items, dental supplies, and feminine hygiene products** are always appreciated. If the box happens to be full when you stop by, please feel free to leave them in the church office or in the kitchen pantry on the shelves labeled for the Blessing Box. Remember, the box is checked and re-stocked several times each week to help supply the needs of our neighbors.

Earth Care Moment – Aluminum is infinitely recyclable and recycling it uses up to 95% less energy than producing new aluminum from bauxite, dramatically cutting greenhouse gas emissions and landfill waste. Look for more ways to recycle amazing aluminum in the April Communicator!

Pastoral Care. In case of emergency, please contact your deacon or the elder for **March, Ryan Lewis, at 346-805-4184.**

Make sure to check the **APC Website** or our **Facebook Page** for events & updates.



APC Calendar

Sunday, 3/8 – 3rd 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
4:00pm: Rehearsal, Spring LHCS Concert - Sanctuary

Monday, 3/9

9:30am: Yoga – Fellowship Hall
4:00pm: Worship Committee Meeting – Library & ZOOM
5:00pm: Commitment Committee – ZOOM

Tuesday, 3/10

10:00am: Mission Crafters – Craft Room
12:00pm: Time Out for Men – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, 3/11

12:00pm: Disciple Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
5:30pm: Mission Committee Meeting – ZOOM

Thursday, 3/12 &

11:30am: Presbyterian Women’s Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
4:00pm: Deacon Meeting – Library

Friday, 3/13 & Saturday 3/14

No Scheduled Events

Sunday, 3/15 – 4th 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
7:00pm: 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 Susie Kohler, Barb's son's mother-in-law, hospitalized after a mini-stroke and additional heart concerns. Requested by Barb and Frank Fitzpatrick.
- We pray for Kathy Vachule, Sandra's sister, recovering from a car accident. May strength, comfort, and full restoration surround her in the days ahead. Requested by Sandra Berry.
- We pray for our world, for peace where there is conflict, compassion where there is suffering, and wisdom for all leaders and communities. Requested by Don Frye.
- We lift Cathy Fovargue, asking for continued healing as she recovers from RSV. May her breathing strengthen and her energy return. Requested by Ron Fovargue.
- We pray for all service members, giving thanks for their courage and sacrifice. May they be protected, supported, and upheld in body, mind, and spirit. Requested by Ron and Cathy Fovargue.
- We lift Emily's sister, Carrie Olsen, praying for comfort, clarity, and healing as she faces medical challenges. May she feel God's nearness and care. Requested by Emily Murphy.
- We lift up Dalton Cruz, serving with Samaritan's Purse to rebuild churches and communities damaged by flooding in San Angelo. We pray for strength, protection, and blessing in his work. Requested by Lisa Cruz.
- We pray for the Rodriguez Family, who lost their home in a fire recently. May they find comfort, stability, and support in the days ahead. Requested by Taryn Hemsing.
- We hold Lizzy Frye and her family in prayer as they grieve the loss of her brother-in-law, George, and for her children as they mourn their Uncle George. Requested by Don and Karen Frye.
- We pray for Kim, Eli, and Dale, asking for support, comfort, and resilience during medical challenges and a difficult season. Requested by Doris Spencer.
- We lift Carolyn and Charlie Friederich, praying for comfort, strength, and peace as they face ongoing medical issues. Requested by Vicki and David Lasinsky.
- We pray for Lily Patterson, a four-year-old niece hospitalized with pneumonia. May healing come quickly and fully. Requested by Horace and Sue Elliott.

Ongoing Concerns: Kathy Gava, Sine McCarty, Garland McCarthy, Anne Wallace, Michael Burgos, Ann Owen, Connie Brown, Diane West, and Dr. Mark Green.



Sunday Morning Worship Leaders

Pastor Wayne
Eberly

Joe Weir, Music Director

Libby Boyce,
Liturgist

Carl Braden, Pianist

Debbie Becker, Children's
Moment

Ryan Lewis, Max Pongkorung, William Nelson:

Sound Booth Personnel



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