



ATASCOCITA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S PRAYER
APRIL 26, 2026

PRELUDE

CARL BRADEN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR WAYNE EBERLY

INTROIT

This is the Day

CARL BRADEN

CALL TO WORSHIP

DEBBIE BECKER

Early in the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed.

Jesus withdrew to a mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God.

Jesus was praying, and after he finished his prayers, one of the disciples asked him, "Lord, teach us to pray." Jesus said to his disciples, "When you pray, say:

Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. 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 (SEE SCREENS)**

Sweet Hour of Prayer

CONGREGATION

✦ **UNISON PRAYER**

The 23rd Psalm

CONGREGATION

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside the still waters; he restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

✦ **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**

DEBBIE BECKER

The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Jesus Loves Me! (v. 1)

RICK ANDERSON

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 3:14-19

DEBBIE BECKER

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

After the Reading:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

✦ **HYMN NO. 688**

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart (v. 1,3,4)

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✦ DOXOLOGY CONGREGATION

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION PASTOR WAYNE EBERLY

ANTHEM *Fill My Life* CHANCEL CHOIR

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 6:5-14 PASTOR WAYNE EBERLY

⁵And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁷When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. ¹⁰Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us this day our daily bread. ¹²And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. ¹⁴For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

After the Reading:
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *“Seek First: A Praying Heart”* PASTOR WAYNE EBERLY

✦ HYMN (SEE SCREENS) *The Lord’s Prayer* 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

APC is delighted to host a **new member class with Pastor Wayne**, exploring our Presbyterian heritage, and what it means to become a member. Join us for a two-part class at **9:15am on Sunday, May 10 and Sunday, May 17 in Fellowship Hall**. This is also a wonderful chance to meet others, ask questions, and experience the warmth and renewal happening at APC — from vibrant worship and deepening faith formation to rich fellowship and meaningful mission in our communities. If you would like to attend, please sign up in the Narthex or email the church office at apc@apchumble.org. We look forward to welcoming you into this joyful season of growth at APC.
Coffee and morning treats will be waiting!



SHP May 2026

Sleep in Heavenly Peace will hold its next bed delivery on **Saturday, May 2, 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 desire to help children in need. Use the QR code to register. Please also consider helping to **replenish the bed bin in the Narthex** so we can continue to supply bedding along with the beds we deliver.

For any questions, **please contact Rick Anderson 713-859-1695.**



Registration is now open for Summer Camp at APC for children **entering 2nd–5th grade**, each packed with learning, creativity, and fun. Camps run **9:30 am–2:30pm**, and each morning begins with 30 minutes of Bible stories with our pastors. Campers should bring a **water bottle, sack lunch, and clothes that can get messy**. Dates are: **June 9–11, Science Camp. June 16–18, Music Camp. June 23–25, Art Camp**. Snacks will be provided for all sessions, and each afternoon all campers will enjoy sports skills time with **The Sports Ball Guy**. **Cost is \$75 per week, with 10% discount for siblings!** Use the QR code to register today, or visit the APC website at apchumble.org

Pre-registration for CLC Summer Camps is open for currently enrolled as well as for new students. Dates are Tuesday through Thursday, June 9-11, June 16-18, and June 23-25 from 9:30am until 2:30pm. Early Bird pricing is \$150 per week. Price increases to \$165 after May 1. Register ages 18 months through Kindergarten at creativelearningcenteratapc.org.



There is still time to sign up! The **2026 Men's Conference at Mo-Ranch**, held from **Friday, May 1 through Saturday, May 3**. The cost is **\$375 per person, which includes tuition, meals, and housing**. Registration and additional details are available at moranch.org. If you have any questions please contact **George Williams at geowmsjr@aol.com**.

We will honor all of our **graduates in worship Sunday, May 17**. If you know of a graduate you would like to include, please submit their name and graduation information to the church office by **Sunday, May 10**.



You can now order supplies for the **Blessing Box directly from the APC website!** Items will **ship straight to the church**, where staff and volunteers will stock the box. The site is organized with higher-need items at the top, with quantities and amounts noted for quick access. It's a simple way to support this ministry and to keep the box stocked for our neighbors. Visit apchumble.org/blessing_index.php or scan the QR code to get started!

The Ancient Mariners will take a special trip to **Glenwood Cemetery on Friday, May 22**, exploring one of Houston's most historic and beautiful resting places. We will **depart from APC at 9:00am** and enjoy lunch together afterward at Truth BBQ. **Contact Linda Andrus for more information at harley3064@aol.com**.



Contributions to the **Celebration Fund** in April, May and June will go to support the **Houston Food Bank**, the nation's largest food bank by distribution. They provide access to 207 million meals in the southeast Texas area.

For more details, please visit www.houstonfoodbank.org.

Ways to Give at APC

Safety Moment – Texas is offering a **sales tax holiday** on select emergency preparation supplies from **Saturday, April 25 through midnight Monday, April 27**. No forms or limits—just shop and save! Items included range from batteries, first aid kits to coolers, emergency ladders and generators.

Earth Care Moment – Hosting a neighborhood swap is a simple, meaningful way to build community while reducing waste, inviting neighbors to share books, clothes, tools, and other gently used items instead of buying new. A swap encourages connection, helps families save money, and gives unused items a second life, all while fostering a spirit of generosity and sustainability. Even a small gathering can spark new friendships and remind us how much we already have to offer one another.

Tech Tip – Email scams are becoming increasingly sophisticated, often mimicking trusted people or organizations, so staying alert is essential. Take a moment to check the sender's full email address, especially if a message feels urgent or unusual, and be cautious with requests for gift cards, money, or "quick favors," as these are almost always fraudulent. Avoid clicking unexpected links or opening attachments you weren't anticipating, and when something doesn't feel right, verify by calling or speaking directly with the person the email claims to be from. Deleting suspicious messages without replying helps protect both you and our church community, and a few simple habits go a long way in keeping everyone safe.

Pastoral Care. In case of emergency, please contact your deacon or the elder for **April, Joe Breda at 281-782-1576**.

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



APC Calendar

Sunday, 4/26

9:15am: Nursery (ages 0-3) during Faith Formation and Worship hours – Nursery
 9:30am: Chancel Choir Practice – Sanctuary
 9:30am: Pastor Wayne meets with parents of young children – Pastor Wayne’s Office
 10:30am: Worship –Sanctuary and Boxcast

Monday, 4/27

9:30am: Yoga – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, 4/28

10:00am: Mission Crafters – Art Room
 5:00pm: CGN Committee Meeting – Room 104

Wednesday, 4/29

12:00pm: Disciple Bible Study – Fellowship Hall

Thursday, 4/30 & Friday, 5/1

No scheduled events.

Saturday, 5/2

8:30am: Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Delivery – APC Parking Lot

Sunday, 5/3

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Sunday’s Faith Formation Classes

- **9:15am** Doug Kennard’s class – **On Break for the month of April**
- **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) - Yellow 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:

- We lift up the homeless in the United States and around the world, praying for shelter, dignity, and compassionate care.
- We remember families torn by war, asking God to bring peace, healing, and reconciliation.
- We lift Joanna Thomson in prayer, asking God to grant her strength and endurance as she cares for her ailing daughter. May she feel God's sustaining presence in each demanding day. Requested by Terri Thomson.
- We hold Laurie Thomson in prayer as she faces multiple health issues. We ask for God's healing hand and steady comfort to surround her through each challenge. Requested by Terri Thomson.
- We pray for Carrie Olsen as she faces treatment for breast cancer. May God guide her medical team and wrap her in courage, peace, and healing. Requested by Emily Murphy, Carrie's sister.
- We urgently lift Clark in prayer as he recovers in the ICU following a heart attack while biking. We ask God to steady his heart, strengthen his body, and comfort his loved ones during this critical time. Requested by Bonnie Russell, a family member.

- We pray for a young mother currently in the hospital as tests continue. May God bring clarity to her doctors and peace to her heart as she awaits answers. Requested by Sharon Finley.
- We hold Paul Curtis in prayer as he navigates health concerns. May God's healing grace be upon him and bring him comfort and renewed strength. Requested by Carol Curtis.
- We remember a neighbor of the Lasinsky family's mother, whose cancer has returned. We pray for courage, comfort, and God's merciful hand upon her as she faces this difficult road again. Requested by David and Vicki Lasinsky.
- We lift Jill Jackson in prayer as she is bedridden and in need of personal care at home. May God provide for her needs, ease her discomfort, and surround her with compassionate care. Requested by Robyn Saathoff, granddaughter of Don & Karen Frye.
- We pray for Elaine's neighbor, who is dealing with multiple health issues. May God bring healing, peace, and strength in the midst of these struggles. Requested by Elaine McCool.
- We lift Leslie Derr in prayer as she recovers from surgery to remove a large portion of her colon. We ask God to guide her healing and restore her strength day by day. Her mother Shirley attends yoga here at APC. Requested by Mazie Williams.
- We celebrate with Sue Elliott on her 87th birthday on April 20th! May God bless her with joy, love, and continued good health in the year ahead. Happy birthday, Sue! Shared by Libby & Mazie.

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
 Debbie Becker, Liturgist
 Pastor Wayne Eberly, Children's Moment

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