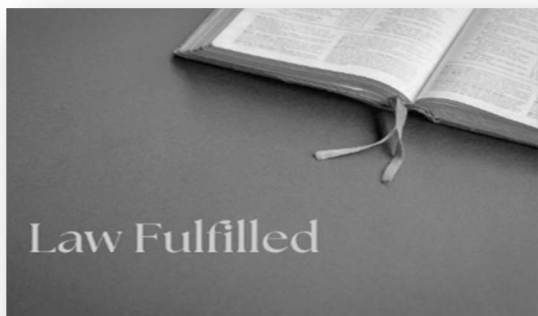




ATASCOCITA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP
12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 16, 2026

PRELUDE

CARL BRADEN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR WAYNE EBERLY

INTROIT

When Morning Gilds the Sky

CHANCEL CHOIR

CALL TO WORSHIP

TILLER FAMILY

Blessed are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers.

Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

When our spirits hungered and thirsted for your Spirit, you filled us with grace and mercy.

Our lives belong to you. With glad and grateful hearts, we give you our worship and praise.

✦ **HYMN NO. 250**

In the Bulb There is a Flower

CONGREGATION

CONFESSION OF FAITH (*From the Confession of 1967*) **CONGREGATION**

God instructs the church and equips it for mission through preaching and teaching. By these, when they are carried on in fidelity to the Scriptures and dependence upon the Holy Spirit, the people hear the word of God and accept and follow Christ. The message is addressed to humans in particular situations. Therefore, effective preaching, teaching, and personal witness require disciplined study of both the Bible and the contemporary world. All acts of public worship should be conducive to the people hearing of the gospel in a particular time and place and responding with fitting obedience.

✦ **GLORIA PATRI**

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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**

TILLER FAMILY

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

And also with you!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Jesus Loves Me! (v 1)

PASTOR WAYNE

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Robert Ryan Frye and Astrid Von Frye

Children of Samantha Frye and Robert Bryan Frye

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 55:6-11

TILLER FAMILY

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

After the Reading:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

✦ **HYMN NO. 435**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM

Great Are the Works of the Lord

CHANCEL CHOIR

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:17-20

PASTOR WAYNE EBERLY

¹⁷Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

After the Reading:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Fulfilling the Law"

PASTOR WAYNE EBERLY

✦ HYMN NO. 462

I Love to Tell the Story

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✦ 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



Lake Houston Chamber Singers Concert – TONIGHT at 6:00pm! This special program will highlight the heart and soul of early America, featuring: Beloved folk and hymn tunes, powerful, spiritual, and classic shape note and shaker songs. Experience the rich heritage of our nation through beautiful music arranged and written by American composers. **Tickets can be purchased by scanning the QR Code – contact Joe for more details!**

August 2019

Seniors and Friends lunch will be on **Thursday, August 20 at 11:30am** at Hippo Burgers on Atascocita Road. Come share in this time of fellowship.

You are invited to participate in the second year of the **Disciple Bible Study**. This year's study will focus on **Genesis and Exodus in the Old Testament**, and **Luke and Acts in the New Testament**. The group will meet on **Wednesdays at noon**. The full study will begin on **Wednesday, August 26. Study guides are available for \$45.00**. If you intend to participate, please notify the church office so an accurate count can be made. Participants may bring a check to the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Wayne or the church office. You are encouraged to invite others to

join this meaningful study—**participation in last year's class is not required, and newcomers are warmly welcomed.**

We're grateful to welcome **Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS)** to worship service on **August 30**. Guided by Christ's love, PCHAS empowers children, young adults, and families by nurturing their strengths, resilience, and faith. We celebrate their ministry and look forward to learning more about the transformative work they do in our community.

The **APC Women's Horizon Bible Study** will begin a new year on Thursday, September 10. We'll gather at 11:30am for lunch, followed by Bible study at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We meet every second Thursday from September through May, and this year's study is *United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other*. Study books are \$15, and we are excited to be placing the order soon! A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex, or you may contact Janet Griffin at 281-221-2118 for more information. All women are warmly invited to join.

Ancient Mariners – Upcoming Trips and Update

On **Monday, September 14**, the Ancient Mariners will **depart the church at 9:00am** for a visit to **Glenwood Cemetery**, followed by **lunch at Truth BBQ**. A great day of history, fellowship, and good food!

On **Sunday, October 18**, Ancient Mariners will **depart the church at 1:00pm** for an afternoon at **TUTS to see Mrs. Doubtfire**. After the show, we'll enjoy **dinner together at Birraporetti's**. Come for laughter, music, and shared time together!

Ancient Mariners Coordinator Needed!

The Ancient Mariners are seeking a new coordinator as Linda Andrus steps down at the end of 2026. Linda has served as the Ancient Mariners Coordinator for 16 years and APC has so much appreciation for her and what she has contributed. **Thank you, Linda!** If you are interested in serving in this role, please contact the church office by email: apc@apchumble.org.

Calling all APC families! We'd love your ideas as we plan for a new season of children's and family ministry. Tell us what events you'd enjoy, what days and times work best, and what would make church even more meaningful and fun for you and your children. Share your thoughts, bring friends into the conversation, and help us shape the activities and programs that support and celebrate our families. **Please contact Rhonda at 281-852-8990, or at apc@apchumble.org!** We can't wait to hear from you!

July through September, Celebration Fund contributions will be donated to **Assistance Ministries (HAAM)**. HAAM is an interfaith social service connects individuals and families with essential community resources. **partnership, APC continues its commitment to caring for our helping to support HAAM's programs.** In July, donations to the made in celebration of: Bobby Grawl's Birthday (Nancy and Rick Anderson); (Ron & Rene Lemer); Allan Griffin's 70th Birthday; Chris & Marilyn Wedding Anniversary!; Denis & Gwen's 50th Wedding Anniversary! (Denis & my father, Robert Wristen (Linda Andrus); to the general fund 💕



APC Online Giving

Humble organization that **Through this community** by Celebration Fund were Alex Lemer's Birthday Friedersdorf's 55th (Gwen); In memory of (anonymous);



Reminder: You can order supplies for the Blessing Box directly through the Amazon Registry, and many of you have already been using this option to keep the box well-stocked — **thank you!** Items ship straight to the church, where staff and volunteers continue to restock as needed. It's a simple, effective way to support this ministry and care for our neighbors. Scan the QR code today & order from your phone.

Thank you APC – 136 Cereal boxes were donated to HAAM's Erase the Need campaign, far surpassing the goal of 100! Way to go APC!

Would you like to travel to Scotland on a spiritual heritage trip? Pastor Wayne and Julie will be leading a trip to **Scotland next May 10-19, 2027**. Brochures are available in the Narthex! Please contact Wayne or Julie if you have interest or questions. We would love to have you join us.

Safety Moment – As students head back to class, it's a great time to refresh simple habits that keep everyone safe. Slow down in school zones, watch for buses loading and unloading, and stay alert for children crossing streets or walking through parking lots. Families can help by reviewing morning routines, practicing safe drop-off and pick-up procedures, and encouraging kids to stay aware of their surroundings. A little extra care makes a big difference as we begin a new school year together!

Stay Connected – Make sure to check the **APC website** or our **Facebook** page for upcoming events and updates. If you have not already signed up, **please join our email list** to receive updates & emails directly in your inbox via **MailChimp**. To be added, contact the church office at apc@apchumble.org.



APC Calendar

Sunday, 8/16

9:15am: Nursery (ages 0–3) during Faith Formation and Worship hours – Nursery
9:30am: Chancel Choir Practice – Sanctuary
10:30am: Worship – Sanctuary and Boxcast
3:00pm: LHCS Rehearsal – Sanctuary
6:00pm: LHCS Summer Concert – Sanctuary

Monday, 8/17

9:30am: Yoga – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, 8/18

10:00am: Mission Crafters – Crafting Room

Wednesday, 8/19 – No scheduled events

Thursday, 8/20

11:30am: Seniors and Friends – Hippo Burgers

Friday, 8/21 & Saturday, 8/22 – No scheduled events

Sunday, 8/23

9:15am: Nursery (ages 0–3) during Faith Formation and Worship hours – Nursery
9:30am: Chancel Choir Practice – Sanctuary
10:30am: Worship – Sanctuary and Boxcast

Sunday's Faith Formation Classes

9:15am Doug Kennard's Class – Library
9:30am Sermon Scripture Study – On break through September 6th
9:30am Youth – Youth Room – On break through September 6th
9:30am Children's Class (Grades 1-5) - On break through September 6th
9:30am Children's Class (Ages 4-K) - On break through September 6th
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 Tarah – Praying for comfort, strength, and God's tender nearness as she grieves the loss of her father. Requested by Tim.

Pat Mallard – Praise for celebrating her 90th birthday and for the joy surrounding this milestone. Requested by Tommy and Bonnie Russell.

Cindy Blankenship – Praying for successful back surgeries on Tuesday and Thursday and for steady healing in the days ahead. Requested by George Williams.

Brad Gray, a friend – Praying for strength, endurance, and complete healing as he undergoes chemotherapy for lymphoma. Requested by Rick Anderson.

Gary Denmon Sr. – Praise for celebrating his 77th birthday last weekend and for the blessing of another year.

Rev. Dr. Joanna Adams – Praying in gratitude for her life, ministry, and decades of pioneering leadership within the PC(USA). Giving thanks for the ways she shaped faith communities, including serving as pastor to Shelley's mother — whose encouragement helped open the door for seminary and the call to ministry. Holding all who loved her in prayer as they grieve her passing on August 7.

Family of Kathy Bowers — Praying for comfort, peace, and God’s tender mercy as they grieve Kathy’s passing from cancer. Requested by Jeff Berry.

Kim, Dale, and Eli Glazner — Praying for comfort, peace, and God’s sustaining love during a difficult season. Requested by Vicki, David, and Doris.

Ursula Reynolds — Celebrating Ursula’s 25th birthday and praying for joy and blessing in the year ahead. Requested by Gene and Linda Andrus.

Son and Son-in-law with Families, and All Seeking Employment — Praying for open doors, meaningful work, and God’s provision. Requested by Karen Allen.

Heather and Tom Madigan — Praying for comfort, love, and God’s gentle nearness as they face a challenging time. Requested by Doris Spencer.

Ongoing Concerns:

Carl Braden, Connie Brown, Michael Burgos, Doris Fisher, Kathy Gava, Dr. Mark Green, Garland McCarthy, Sine McCarty, Russ Nipe, Ann Owen, Anne Wallace, and Diane West.



Sunday Morning Worship Leaders

Pastor Wayne Eberly
Liturgist: The Tiller Family
Children’s Moment: Lisa Stacy
Sound Booth Personnel: Ryan Lewis, Max Pongkorung, William Nelson

Music Director: Joe Weir
Pianist: Carl Braden
Special Music: The Scholarship Singers

**Welcome to Worship at
Atascocita Presbyterian Church!**

Visitors

Welcome to worship today! Your presence is greatly appreciated. We pray you will experience the grace of Jesus Christ in rich measure. Everyone is invited to participate in all programs and organizations of this congregation. It is not necessary to be a member to join these activities.

Parents

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don’t feel you have to suppress those wiggles in God’s house.

Activity boards are available as you enter the sanctuary.

Anyone interested in uniting with this church family is encouraged to fill out the friendship pads or contact the church office (281-852-8990).



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