



ST. STEPHEN'S
united methodist church



75th Anniversary Worship Service

October 5, 2025

*Please stand as you are able.

UMH=United Methodist Hymnal. TFWS = The Faith we Sing

**75th Anniversary Celebration Service
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 5th, 2025
10:30 am**

WELCOME

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

Come Christians, Join to Sing

(arr. by Mary McDonald)

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: At St. Stephen's UMC, we remember the faith handed down through generations, shaping our life together.

All: We give thanks for God's work in our life together — past, present, and future in this community.

One: We rekindle the gifts God has placed within us, to serve our neighbors here in Oak Forest with boldness and love.

All: We give thanks for God's work in our life together — past, present, and future in this community.

One: We celebrate 75 years of witness in Houston, trusting God to guide us in the years to come.

All: We give thanks for God's work in our life together — past, present, and future in this community.

One: We worship the One who has brought us safe thus far and will continue to lead us with grace.

All: We give thanks for God's work in our life together — past, present, and future in this community. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

UMH 79

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

[2 Timothy 1:1-14](#) (NRSV)

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Leader: Inspired words for beloved people.

All: Lord, transform us through its hearing.

SERMON

“A Legacy to Continue”

OFFERING PRAYER AND INVITATION

You can give using your smartphone!

Text a dollar amount to 844-754-2197 and select St. Stephen's.

Those wishing to commit their lives to Christ are invited to contact Pastor Trey at

713-409-4618 or trey@ststx.org

Our Communion offering for October will benefit [Houston Area Women's Center](#).

PROCLAMATION FROM THE CITY OF HOUSTON

75th ANNIVERSARY VIDEO

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 90

ANTHEM

We Are People of Faith

The Spirit Singers

(by Mary Kay Beall)

CONFESSION AND PARDON

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

“Communion Setting”

TFWS 2257

(by Mark Miller)

COMMUNION HYMN

“One Bread, One Body”

UMH 620

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CLOSING HYMN

In the Midst of New Dimensions

TFWS 2238

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Awake the Trumpets Lofty Sound

(By G.F. Handel)

Senior Pastor: Rev. Trey Comstock

Family Ministries Director: Steven Fisher

Accompanist: Dr. Andreea Mut

Song Leader: Mary Gossett

Liturgist: Dan Barcus



Scan this code or [tap here](#) to sign into
worship or make a prayer request.



October Communion Offering:
[Houston Area Women's Center](#). (HAWC)



To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world



**COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS
WILLS & PROBATE, AND
ESTATE PLANNING**
OCTOBER 15TH, AT 6 P.M.



Flowers in the Altar area are given in celebration of the founding of St. Stephen's UMC. They are given in memory of our past members and in honor of our current and future members. May we continue to be a light for Christ.

St. Stephen's UMC: 75th Anniversary Committee

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Join Us!

St. Stephen's is a church with an exciting vision for loving God and our neighbors. If you want to learn more about our church, more about who Jesus is and why that matters, or just about anything else, Trey would love to meet with you! Call or text him at 713-409-4618.

How to reach St. Stephen's

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