



# **ST. STEPHEN'S**

**united methodist church**



**October 25th, 2026**

## Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 25th, 2026

10:30 am

WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather to worship, seeking to understand what matters most in the life of faith.

**All: Teach us to love, O God, with all our hearts and to share that love with our neighbors.**

One: Jesus reminds us that we are called to love God with our whole hearts, souls, and minds.

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One: And from that love, we are called to love our neighbors as ourselves.

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One: As we worship, may we rest in the love of God and be strengthened to share that love with the world.

**All: Teach us to love, O God, with all our hearts and to share that love with our neighbors. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN

*“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”*

UMH 404

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“A Modern Affirmation”

UMH 885

\*GLORIA PATRI

UMH 70

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.**

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING

[Matthew 22:34-40 \(NRSVUE\)](#)

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Leader: Inspired words for beloved people.

**All: Lord, transform us through its hearing.**

SERMON

**“The Point is Love”**

## 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@stshtx.org](mailto:trey@stshtx.org)*

*Our Communion offering for October will benefit the [Houston Area Women's Center \(HAWC\)](#)*

### ANTHEM

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"  
(arr. By Jack Schrader)

Emily Leffler, Solo

### \*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 95

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CLOSING HYMN

"How Lovely Lord, How Lovely"

TFWS 2042

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*POSTLUDE

**\*Please stand as you are able.**

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

Guest Preacher: Katy Sabayrac  
Family Ministries Director: Steven Fisher  
Song Leader: Emily Leffler  
Liturgist: Jessica Durkot  
Guest Accompanist: Mary Box



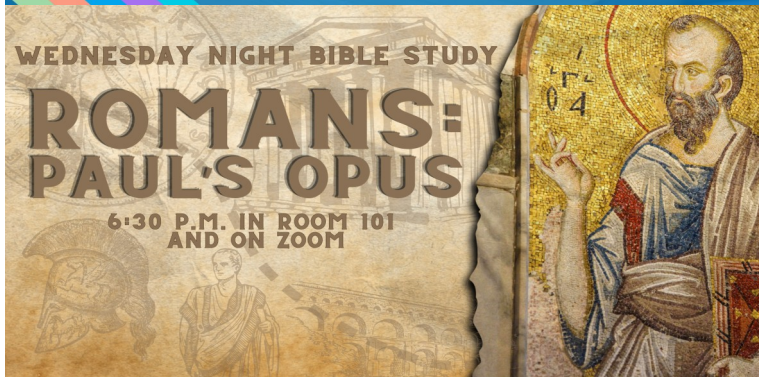
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Women's Center  
Ending domestic and sexual violence for **ALL**

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



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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 to make an appointment.

### How to reach St. Stephen's

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