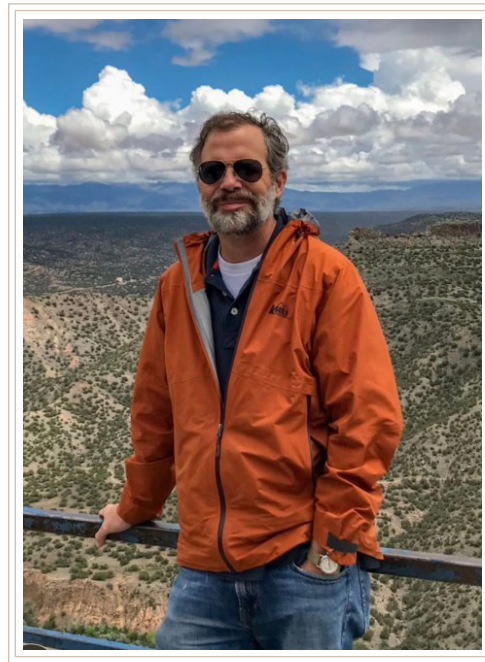


THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD



Gerald Allen Purcell

JULY 27, 2026 | 1:00p

WELCOME

WORSHIP

This leaflet contains the text and hymns necessary to participate in this service.

ACCESSIBILITY

Hearing devices are available at the entrance to the main church on the Windsor campus. If you are mobility impaired, you are invited to sit near the front of the church, on the right-hand side. You may remain in your seat and Holy Communion will be brought to you by the clergy. Please see an usher if you have any additional needs.

RESTROOMS

Public restrooms are available in the narthex and the Parish Life Center (PLC) atrium.

PARKING

In addition to on-campus parking, space is available (*Sunday mornings only*) at Tarrytown Shopping Center across Windsor and Wells Fargo Bank one block east on Windsor. If you park on a street, please be sure that you are not parked in a fire lane or blocking a driveway.

CONNECT

If you are new to Good Shepherd or are interested in learning more about our community, please fill out a newcomer card located in the pew racks, narthex, or Parish Life Center atrium and drop it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or clergy person. You can also fill out a newcomer card online at

GSAUSTIN.ORG > I'M NEW
> **CONNECT WITH US**, or by scanning this QR code.



CONTACT

PARISH OFFICE: 512.476.3523

Call if you have questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other needs. **OUR WEBSITE: gsaustin.org**

ABOUT THE BURIAL LITURGY

The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we too, shall be raised.

The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that “neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

— *Book of Common Prayer*, p. 507

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

Holy Eucharist

Sundays | 8:00a

Windsor, nave

Early Church: Holy Eucharist

(a service designed for young children and their families)

Sundays | 9:15a

Windsor, PLC

Holy Eucharist with organ and choir*

Sundays | 10:30a

Windsor, nave + livestreamed

Communion Café: Holy Eucharist

with an acoustic band*

Sundays | 10:30a

Windsor, Parish Life Center

Holy Eucharist with an acoustic band*

Sundays | 10:30a

The Hill, church + ASL interpretation

Holy Eucharist with organ

Sundays | 6:00p

Windsor, nave

WEEKDAYS:

Healing Service

Wednesdays | 5:30p

Windsor, chapel

*Nursery available

CLERGY

The Rev. Stanford Adams
Rector

The Rev. Ryan Boettcher
Priest for Pastoral Care & Outreach

The Rev. Brin Bon
Senior Associate for Liturgy & Formation

The Rev. Paige Alvarez Hanks
Senior Associate Rector

The Rev. Jonathan McManus-Dail
Priest for Children, Youth & Families

The Rev. Leah Wise
Priest for the Hill

The Rev. Mike Wyckoff
Associate Priest

ASSISTING CLERGY

The Very Rev. Dr. Cynthia B. Kittredge

The Rev. Whitney Kirby

Burial of the Dead with Holy Communion

Rite II

The Word of God

PRELUDE

Barton Strings

ENTRANCE OF THE MINISTERS

¶ *The people stand as able for the entrance of the Ministers.*

ANTHEM

Celebrant I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,
even though he die.
And everyone who has life,
and has committed himself to me in faith,
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.
After my awaking, he will raise me up;
and in my body I shall see God.
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him
who is my friend and not a stranger.
For none of us has life in himself,
and none becomes his own master when he dies.
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,
and if we die, we die in the Lord.
So, then, whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on
are those who die in the Lord!
So it is, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors.

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,
 all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!
 thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
 Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,
 wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

COLLECT

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People**And also with you.***Celebrant*

Let us pray.

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant G.A., being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

All**Amen.**

THE LESSONS

¶ *The people are seated.*

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS

5:1-11

Lector Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

FUNERAL BLUES

W. H. Auden

Lector Stop all the clocks, cut off the telephone,
Prevent the dog from barking with a juicy bone,
Silence the pianos and with muffled drum
Bring out the coffin, let the mourners come.
Let aeroplanes circle moaning overhead
Scribbling on the sky the message 'He is Dead'.
Put crepe bows round the white necks of the public doves,
Let the traffic policemen wear black cotton gloves.
He was my North, my South, my East and West,
My working week and my Sunday rest,
My noon, my midnight, my talk, my song;
I thought that love would last forever: I was wrong.
The stars are not wanted now; put out every one,
Pack up the moon and dismantle the sun,
Pour away the ocean and sweep up the wood;
For nothing now can ever come to any good.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospeller Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY The Rev. Brin Bon

¶ *A period of silence is kept following the homily.*

ANTHEM *Ashokan Farewell*

Jay Ungar

¶ *The people stand as able.*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Celebrant In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant For our brother G.A., let us pray to the Lord Jesus Christ who said
"I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Intercessor Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for G.A.,
and dry the tears of those who weep.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal life.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother to the joys of heaven.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship
with all your saints.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor He was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your
heavenly kingdom.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother; let our faith be our consolation,
and eternal life our hope.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

¶ *A period of silence is kept.*

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother G.A., who was reborn by water and the Spirit
in Holy Baptism. Grant that his death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion
for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have
led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages.

All **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

¶ *The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

¶ *The people are seated.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

MUSIC DURING THE OFFERTORY

Barton Strings

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

¶ *The people stand as able*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

***People* And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

***People* We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

***All* Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

¶ *The people stand or kneel as able.*

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.**
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **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,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

¶ *A period of silence is kept.*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

- ¶ ***Communion in the Episcopal Church:** We welcome all baptized Christians, including children of all ages, to receive Holy Communion. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest. You are also welcome to remain in your seat. If you would like to learn more about baptism, please contact a member of the clergy.*
- ¶ ***How to Receive Communion:** Communion will be administered at the altar rail. Ushers will direct you forward. You will receive the bread first, and then you may either dip the bread in the wine or take a sip directly from the chalice. You may also decline the chalice as Communion in one kind (bread only) is full Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available; please let the Minister know if you need one.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Barton Strings

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- ¶ *The people stand as able.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE COMMENDATION

Celebrant Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

People **where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Celebrant You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

People **Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Celebrant Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant G.A. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

All **Amen.**

BLESSING

Celebrant

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. And the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People

Amen.

¶ *As the closing hymn is played, please remain standing at your seat until after the dismissal.*

HYMN 293

I sing a song of the Saints of God

Grand Isle

1 I sing a song of the saints of God, _____
 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and _____
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are
 pa - tient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and
 his love made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for
 hund - reds of thou - sands still, the world is bright with the
 lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And
 Je - sus' sake, the whole of their good lives long. And
 joy - ous saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can
 one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep -
 one was a sold - ier, and one was a priest, and one was slain
 meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains,
 herd - ess on the green: they were all of them saints of
 by a fierce wild beast; and there's not an - y rea - son -
 or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of God are just
 God - and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
 no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.
 folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

*The family invites you to a reception in
the Parish Life Center immediately following the service.*

LEADERS OF THE SERVICE

<i>Lectors</i>	Hunter Farrell James (Jim) Johnson
<i>Verger</i>	Jeff Simpler
<i>Musicians</i>	Barton Strings
<i>Organist</i>	Chris Oelkers
<i>Homilist</i>	The Rev. Brin Bon
<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Stanford Adams

Gerald Allen “G.A.” Purcell passed away on July 7, 2026, at the age of 53, from complications of pneumonia as a result of his long-standing battle with cancer. He died peacefully in the arms of his wife, Jenny, and left this earth a truly loved man.

G.A. was the best of men. A genuine gentleman of Texas, he was known for his razor-sharp wit and never-ending kindness, especially towards life’s underdogs. G.A. was born on February 25, 1973, to Gerald Nevett Purcell and his wife, Laura Cherry (Stinnett) Purcell, and raised on the banks of the Brazos River in Navasota, Texas. He graduated in 1993, from St. Stephen’s Episcopal School in Austin, Texas, where he first met—and was initially shot down for a date—by his future wife, Jenny Cook Purcell. He went to college at Washington & Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, and graduated from Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas in 1997, with a major in Spanish and a minor in Economics. Upon graduation, he returned to Navasota, Texas, to manage his family’s hardware store, J. Youens & Co., in partnership with his father. During this time, he was a member of the Grimes County Historical Commission and the Grimes County Jaycees. He also served as an ambassador for the Grimes County Chamber of Commerce and as a fundraiser for the Mance Lipscomb Memorial Blues Festival.

In 2010, he returned to Austin, where he reconnected with Jenny over a “dog” date at Zilker Park. Winning the long game, G.A. married Jenny on May 9, 2015, in the chapel at St. Stephen’s Episcopal School. In 2013, he began his employment at Breed & Company, where he ultimately rose to hold the position of General Manager. In 2020, he began work with Orvis, combining his love for the outdoors and his talent for sales. During this time, G.A. volunteered with Austin Pets Alive and, along with his wife, worked with a number of dog rescues across Texas to foster and save the lives of more than 60 dogs.

G.A. was fiercely intelligent, brilliantly clever, and was happiest engrossed in an article on foreign policy or in a good historical documentary. He loved Texas Longhorn football, hiking, and traveling, especially to Costa Rica, Mexico, Colorado, or London. He was an avid supporter of Texas live music and loved to listen to the Texas Tornados while cooking a good steak.

G.A. was preceded in death by his sister, Laura Ruth Purcell, of Austin, Texas, and his father, Gerald Nevett Purcell of Navasota, Texas, and his aunts Amy Purcell Powell of Navasota, Texas, and Judith Purcell Ferguson of Big Spring, Texas.

G.A. is survived by his wife, Jenny Cook Purcell, his mother, Laura Cherry Purcell, of Navasota, Texas, his niece Gillian Louise Downey and grandnieces, Marlowe Jeanne Farmer and Stevie Sue Farmer of Austin, Texas. He is also survived by his Aunt Ann Stinnett Farrell and her husband James Farrell, Aunt Jeanne Stinnett Stillwell-Bullard and her husband Rupert Bullard.

G.A. is also survived by cousins Stephanie Tiemann Prange, her husband Michael Prange and their children Sydney and Mia Prange, cousin Ross Tiemann and his wife Kirsten Tiemann and their children Jacob, Max, and Caleb Tiemann, his cousin Hunter Farrell and wife Sarah Farrell and their children Austin and Lachlan, and his cousin Elizabeth Farrell Hendrie and husband Damon Hendrie, their sons, Connor James Hendrie and Hayden Allen Hendrie (Godsons to G.A. and Jenny). Additionally, G.A. is survived by his cousin Emily Jane Atkinson and her husband William Atkinson.

He is also survived by his mother-in-law, Jeannette Schaleben Cook, his sister-in-law Courtney Cook Johnson, her husband Jim Johnson, their daughters, Adelaide and Catalina Johnson, and his sister-in-law Stephanie Cook Vacroux, her husband Nick Vacroux and their daughter Vivienne Vacroux.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Jack Jack's Packs Street Dog Rescue at www.jackjackspack.org, Health Alliance for Austin Musicians (HAAM) at www.myhaam.org, the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Austin, Texas at www.gsaustin.org, or Saint Stephens Episcopal School, Austin, Texas, at www.sstx.org