

GUIDE TO PRIDE HOUSTON 2026

Queerly Beloved Episcopalians

We're so thrilled to gather together as local Episcopalians who affirm and embrace the divine belovedness of LGBTQIA2+ people. To participate in this year's Pride Houston Parade, here's what you need to know, plus some pro-tips in order to have the best time ever.

OVERALL:

- This event celebrates LGBTQI2+ people and this community should be at the forefront and center of the day. Allies and friends are welcome to show up and share in joy and solidarity. Everyone is welcome to wear as many rainbows as you like to celebrate together.

- Unfortunately there are sometimes protestors who show up. Please **ignore** them. Report any violent or threatening actions or talk to police. Allies, this is where you can be critical in putting your own self in between queer folks and potential harm - ideally in pairs or in community. It's always good to review some simple non-violent de-escalation techniques as in this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jgA-9cTthHA>

- For general info from Pride Houston, check out their webpage:

<https://pridehouston.org/>

FRIDAY, JUNE 5th: PRIDE EVE EUCHARIST AND FELLOWSHIP 6:00-8:00 PM

This year, we have elected to move our Pride Eucharist to the night before at [Christ Church Cathedral!](#)

DETAILS:

6:00 PM Crafts and Conversation- We will kick off our Pride weekend with a reception and Pride Parade poster making session at 6:00 PM in [Reynolds Hall](#) of the Cathedral.

7:00 PM Word and Table- we will have a vibrant Eucharist in the Cathedral itself along with Musical accompaniment.

WHAT TO BRING:

Yourself and any supplies you would like to add to create your posters. Also, whether it is your first Pride or your 50th, whether you are a member or the LGBTQIA+ community or an ally, all are welcome!

SATURDAY, JUNE 6th: PRIDE FESTIVAL 11:00AM-4:30PM



Our presence with a booth at the Pride Houston festival has become an annual tradition. It is a wonderful way to make new friends in the LGBTQIA+ community and remind all that they are Queerly Beloved by God just as they are!

DETAILS FOR ATTENDEES:

Location: Proud Episcopalians will be **Booth E06** right near the Purple Entrance off of Smith and Walker Streets.

Activities: We will have a Prayer Wall and clergy onsite for prayer, a

Zine with details about the Episcopal Church and local LGBTQIA+ affirming parishes, a mini-library of cool resources, and a chance to win a free book! (supplies limited!)

Entrance Fees and Parking Details: Information about [passes for the festival](#) as well as [parking](#) can be found at [Pride Houston's](#) website. There is a lot to do at the festival so stop by us on your way in or out and enjoy your time browsing the other booths before the parade!

What to Bring & Pro Tips: It will likely be **HOT**. Probably not as bad as normal years when the parade and festival are at the end of June but regardless, stay hydrated and bring sunscreen. The festival has rules about bringing liquids so plan to find ways to hydrate in the festival. The Proud Episcopalians booth will have some limited supplies of water and there are vendors and hydration stations throughout the festival grounds.

Cooling neck towels, fans, and comfy walking shoes as well as wagons or strollers for the kiddos are also encouraged!

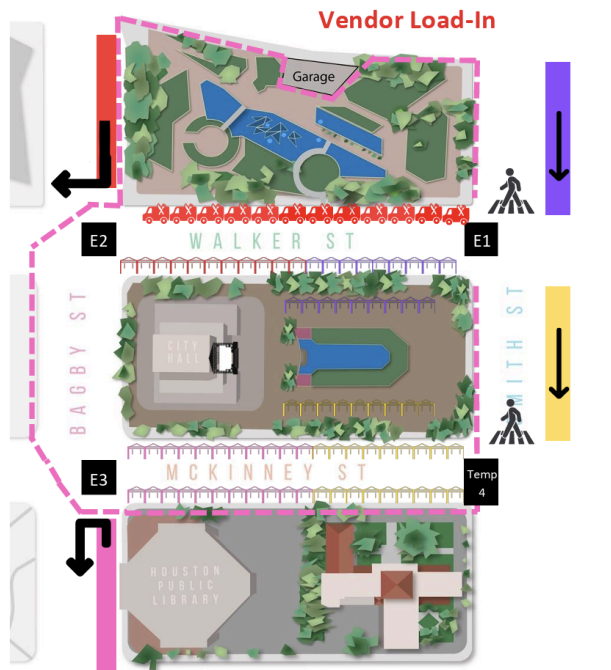
What NOT to Bring: NO GLITTER, NO STICKERS, NO SHARP OBJECTS of any kind. There is a whole long story behind this, but suffice it to say save yourself the hassle and find other ways to shine on this day.

DETAILS FOR VOLUNTEERS

“Is there still time to Volunteer for the Booth?”- YES! We encourage it! Check out our [sign up sheet](#) and find a slot that works for you. (Note you still will need to pay for entry to the festival).

Volunteer Positions for the Festival:

Set Up (7:00am-9:00am)- These four individuals will be responsible for picking up and transporting the items for our booth to the festival grounds and setting things up. Our Load In Group is **E3** and we will load in at the Purple Zone near Entrance 1 off of Smith and Walker:



Our Load in and Set Up between 8:00 and 9:00 am on Saturday June 6th. However, we are setting the start time at 7:00 because we will be parking at the Cathedral Garage and walking to the booth. Volunteers for this position are encouraged to bring a wagon or trolley. Also, a person will need to stay until 10:30 to greet the first wave of booth volunteers when they arrive.

Clergy (10-Noon, Noon-2, 2-4)- At least three clergy members will need to be onsite in some kind of visible representation of their calling that is also heat-appropriate and comfy. They will offer prayers for any interested people and generally act as a strong statement of our identity as queerly beloved Proud Episcopalians.

Booth Volunteers (10:30-12, 12-2, 2-4)- These folks get to have fun with and engage passers by! They will do this by handing out our Zines and buttons and running the Prize Wheel as well as the Prayer Lattice Wall. We are looking for at least 1 and no more than 7 people per shift.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6th: PRIDE PARADE 2:00PM-9PM
(Captains) 5:00 PM-9:00 PM (Walkers)

DETAILS FOR WALKERS AND PROCESSORS:

This year we are going to be without a car or truck and so we have decided to do a queer version of a religious procession complete with thurifers, torches, aspergilli, and signs proclaiming God's love for God's queer children. We will therefore not only have positions for general walkers but also for these special roles as follows:

Captains (2-5:30PM)

Advance Team (Arrive by 5 to establish our group presence)

Crucifer

Torch Bearer

Thurifer

Medic

Banner Carrier

Walkers

LOCATION, TIMING, & TRANSPORTATION:

- We are entry #115. Theoretically...entries are lined up in order with their number displayed.
- 5PM: Hearty Snacks, 6PM: Gather & Eucharist, 8PM: Parade begins
- PARKING is available for free at Trinity - Midtown or street parking downtown (note tow away zones, applicable meters, etc). You can walk to our location from there. PRO TIP: Park strategically with the end in mind. The parade route ends at Milam & Pease. Typically, it's nice to walk further to the starting location than at the end of the parade. Also, there will likely be pedicabs around and they can be really helpful with these short stretches - they take cash or digital pay methods. FYI: It is a 1.2 mile walk/rideshare from the end of the parade route back to Trinity.

- Even though the parade begins at 8 PM, **we absolutely must be lined up by 6PM**. Entries are lined up **along the outbound side of Allen Parkway between Montrose and Bagby. We're entry # 115 which will be somewhere in the middle**. Our suggestion is to start downtown and walk down Allen Parkway toward Montrose until you find us. We will also send an email to those who have signed up on Sign Up genius with more up-to-date details on the day of.
- At the end of the parade, the truck will go South/straight on Milam and walkers must go either West/left or East/right. **Have a plan for after the parade**. If you're traveling with friends, know where you'll meet up and how you're getting home. If you stashed any personal items in the truck, make sure to grab them in the final blocks of the route. You will not be able to follow the truck past that point.
- You can find a map of the full route here: <https://pridehouston365.org/2022-celebration/>

WHAT TO BRING & PRO-TIPS:

Stay hydrated! You can bring reusable water bottles (we will have extra water with our parade float), and don't forget the sunscreen, bug spray, maybe a cooling neck towel or a little battery-powdered or sassy fan, and comfy walking shoes. Strollers, wagons, or well-controlled scooters and hoverboards are welcome for the kiddos.

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

- **NO** glitter or stickers can be passed out (you know there's a whole long story behind this rule, but we're trying to keep it short here). We will provide all the fun stuff to "throw." Only pre-approved items can be distributed (for us, that's flower petals, wristbands, and beads, beads, and more glorious beads)
- No alcohol, nudity, or obscenity (it's the rules, but also our values for this event).

WHAT TO WEAR:

- Our entry theme is "Queerly Beloved" as part of the larger Pride theme "All You Need is Love." **Please wear the Queerly Beloved T-shirt if you ordered one, or another green shirt if you did not**. This is a night-time parade, so if you've got fun light-up accessories, bring 'em on! This is the time to go all out! You may also choose to wear some on theme wedding cosplay—but remember to dress coolly.
- **ORDAINED LEADERS:** Please wear your clerical collar, rainbow stoles (optional) and/or other signs of your office.

Houston Parade LGBT+ June Celebration Map



Thanks for being a part of this incredibly meaningful and super fun day!