

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Beaumont TX

From the office of the Rector, The Rev. Steven M. Balke, Jr.

We give thanks that no one was harmed by device detonated outside our church office building. While no one was on the campus at the time of the explosion we know it has been a time of fear and uncertainty. Our staff has done an amazing job cooperating with law enforcement and will continue to do so while they conduct their investigation.

While we cannot comment on the matter during law enforcement's ongoing work, we can offer our thanks to those across the world who keep us in their thoughts and prayers. There is a great power in holding one another in love. It is at times like these that we are particularly mindful of how our faith gives us hope and keeps us strong throughout the most difficult of times.

As the pastor of this community, I offer you all God's blessing in peace and grace as we continue to support one another. I invite you to pray for all the members of our church and school, for those who keep us safe, for all those who live in fear or danger, and please pray as well for the person who carried out this act. It is my hope that all may know God's love for them.

Yours faithfully,

The Rev. Steven M. Balke, Jr.
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