



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DENTON, TEXAS

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 20, 2020

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

In person worshippers: please remain seated throughout the service, wear masks, and sing or speak softly to yourself.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 145)

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.

One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

On your wondrous works, we will meditate.

The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and we will declare your greatness.

We shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

OPENING PRAYER

Lisa Patterson

HYMN 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We turn to you, O God, knowing you are a God of presence, who joins with us in our challenges, our failures, our joys, and our celebrations. Forgive us for how we have turned away from being present for others: the hungry, whom we have chosen not to feed; the weeping, whose tears we have refused to wipe away; the powerless, whom we have left to face the world alone; the hopeless, with whom we have failed to share the good news; the oppressed, whom we have left alone to face their oppressors. Forgive us; God, for our failure to join with you in your care and concern for all your people, and send us to be present with them. In Christ's name we pray. Amen (Time of silent confession.)

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

THE READING OF THE LAW

(Exodus 20)

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

SUNG RESPONSE

Hymn 582, *Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

CJ Prater

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Galatians 4: 1-4

See Insert

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Come, ye blessed of my Father

John Prindle Scott

(Text: Matthew 25: 34-36)

Benjamin Johnson, tenor and Stephen Carey, piano

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 1: 18-25

See Insert

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The Crosses We Wear: Into the Circle

Richard B. Culp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN 137

He Came Down

HE CAME DOWN

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

(from Confession of 1967)

In Jesus of Nazareth true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful people. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them he took upon himself the judgment under which all people stand convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all people. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

SUNG RESPONSE

Hymn 607, *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BENEDICTION

During the last hymn, in-person worshippers will exit the building as directed by ushers.

POSTLUDE

Prayer Concerns

Pat Hiler
Berniece Condry
Myrtle Muehlenbeck

Helen Harrison
Dr. John Bryant
Scott Hendrix

Suzanne Baroody
Carol Hill

Lee Speir, brother of Ray Speir
Sally Kyser, friend of Belle and Ray Speir
Alice Condry, mother of Berniece Condry
Jane Stroud, sister of Lynn Carrico
Rodney McGrath, friend of Doug Waring
Sharon and Johnny Miller, cousin of Barbara Sims
Kathy Torneo Whatley, cousin of Barbara Sims
Jim Beckham, brother of Bill Beckham
Julie Goldston, sister of Steve Goldston
Marcia Freeman, mother of Margo Bean
Nancy Morris, friend of Barbara Sims
Darryl Spiegel, brother of Sandy Spiegel

Meghan and Tristan, Caitlin Coyner's sister and nephew
Claudia and Alex Hanania, cousins of Rafat Haddad
Ann Barnett, sister of Jim Hobdy
Rachel Moore, mother of Sharon Lunsford
Ouida Henderson, mother of Joyce Kain
Jacob McIntyre, son of Linda and Jim McIntyre
Matthew McIntyre, son of Linda and Jim McIntyre
John Murphy, faculty member at UNT
J. B. and Olga Fincher, friends of Barbara Sims
Mike Demers, brother-in-law of Chuck Stoughton
Charlie Leavell, grandfather of Shannon Konkle

WELCOME!

We proclaim that ALL people are created in the image of God and affirm that each person is a beloved child of God, worthy of God's love and grace. We welcome all, celebrating our differences while finding unity in Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God by Doug Boyd, Ann Boyd Merritt, and Bonnie Boyd McCormick in loving memory of their parents, Dick and Betty and their brother, David.

Register Online for Your Place for In-person Worship

In order to plan for the appropriate amount of social distancing for in-person worship services, St. Andrew is asking that people planning to attend register their place for in-person worship.

Registrations are being collected via St. Andrew Connect. You can login to St. Andrew Connect and find the registration by navigating to the Events link on the left part of the page and then finding the "Worship Service RSVP" page and following the prompts to register. **Please note that there are three different screens to the registration process. Registration is not complete until you hit the blue "Register" button on the third page.**

A brief online tutorial is available via September 1's COVID-19 update (beginning at the 4:15 mark). Questions? Please contact the church office.

The Pathfinders Class

Sunday, September 20

9:00am

The Pathfinders Class resumes this Sunday, September 20, at 9:00am. We'll begin our study of Dr. Amy-Jill Levine's recent book, Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven. Class starts at 9:00am and will wrap up at 10:00am. Sunday's class will cover the Introduction, Who Wants to Read a Sermon? The DVD doesn't include a video for the introduction, so we will watch an interview with Dr. Levine titled Jesus the Misunderstood Jew.

The book is available from Amazon in Kindle format (\$9.99) and paperback (\$14.24), not including tax and shipping. It arrives in one day with Amazon Prime.

Super Wednesday Taste and See Class with Denton Brewing Company Wednesday, September 23!

Cost is \$18 plus tax, which includes three beers and one cheese for pairing.

Please pay at pickup.

Order by Sunday night at midnight
from lisa@standrewdenton.com

Pickup will be curbside or walk in on Wednesday, September 23 from 3:00pm-6:00pm

Seth Morgan from Denton County Brewing Company will talk about the history of beer's relationship with Christianity and share more history about this relationship throughout the centuries. Join the group as Seth covers tasting notes for the three beers included as well as information on what cheese to pair with one of the beers. The monks' influence on beer brewing will be explored, too!

Denton County Brewing Company
200 E. McKinney St.
Denton, TX 76201
214-298-5500

Outreach Committee –Diaper Drive

Thank you Saint Andrew family. Your contributions of \$155 will help people in need within our community. We will continue to take donations over the next several weeks. This year the Outreach Committee Diaper Drive benefitting Interfaith Ministries is being conducted online. Every year Saint Andrew has collected diapers of all sizes and given them to Interfaith Ministries. This year we are asking for monetary donations through St. Andrew Connect, via the mail or in person drop-off. If you have any questions please email Randy Whipple, rwhipple@racethewind.com. Thank you.

Diaconate Outreach

In a effort to continue to minister to St. Andrew during this time of separation and COVID-19, the deacons would like to extend helping hands. If you are in the high-risk category or immune suppressed and find yourself saying "I need someone to run to the store...pick up my medications...grab my kitty some kibble." Email the deacons at diaconate@standrewdenton.com. Indicate your needed item, pick up instructions, payment method, your address and phone number and we will help locate a volunteer to courier your item to you. This will be a no contact delivery. The volunteer will ring your doorbell and leave the item for you on your porch.

Want to participate? Email the deacon email your contact information if you are willing to participate in this ministry as a volunteer.

Give-a-Meal - \$2.29

St. Andrew donated \$1,098 to the Give-a-Meal program in August! Thank you for supporting the needs of those who are experiencing food insecurity during this time. A monetary donation of \$2.29 feeds a person in need for a week. Donations can be made by mail or online. Please write Give-a-Meal-a-Month on your envelope or check when giving by mail. To give online, visit standrewdenton.com/give and be sure to choose Give-a-Meal from the fund options to the right of your monetary donation.

By the Numbers: As of 7/31/20

Income (pledges + other income)	\$589,471.80
Expenses	\$593,115.35
Difference	-\$3,643.55

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Give online at: standrewdenton.com/give



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St. Andrew Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Descant

4 Ho - ly,

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

ho - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

ho - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

He Came Down

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He came down that we may have love; he

came down that we may have love; he came down that we may

have love; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.

Leader: Why did he come?

Additional stanzas:

... that we may have light
 ... that we may have peace
 ... that we may have joy

Because this traditional Cameroon piece begins with the refrain, it does not initially reveal that it is cast as a call-and-response song. Assigning the answers to the congregation rather than to the leader is a notable affirmation of the corporate wisdom of God's people.

749 Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



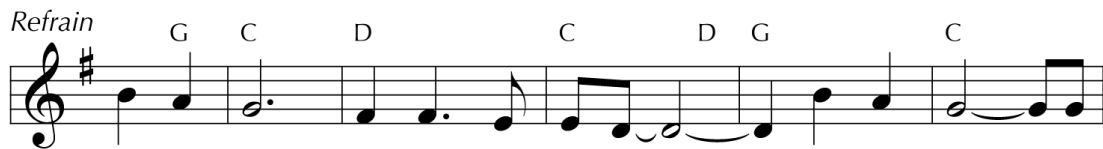
joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Scripture Lessons

Galatians 4: 1-4

My point is this: heirs, as long as they are minors, are no better than slaves, though they are the owners of all the property; ²but they remain under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. ³So with us; while we were minors, we were enslaved to the elemental spirits of the world. ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Matthew 1: 18-25

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." ²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.