



**ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

DENTON, TEXAS

REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 25, 2020

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**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

"Toccata in e"

JOHANN PACHELBEL

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 96)

God is our dwelling place from year to year, age to age.

**Yet, we become complacent, forgetting who we are.**

God reforms us,

**and makes prosperous the work of our hands!**

God's life surges forth through creation, like grass that renews every morning.

**Yet we prefer to be dust, swept away in the wind of every new idea and new fad.**

God reforms us,

**and makes prosperous the work of our hands!**

God turns to us, and has compassion on us,

**so the great work of our lives manifests Christ's glorious love to the world.**

God reforms us,

**and makes prosperous the work of our hands!**

OPENING PRAYER

Richard B . Culp

SPECIAL MUSIC

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

*(The handbell choir will play the hymn 275, and then the congregation will join in singing it)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Living God, you are the One who is always on the move, always creating and re-creating, always doing a new thing. We confess, O Lord, that our lives can become static, routinely paralyzed by doubt and fear. We remain ossified in patterns of greed, covetousness, and self-interest. We doubt your promises of abundant, everlasting life and so we live in dread of our neighbors, our friends, and our enemies. Our souls remain still. We do not love as you love. Nor do we live as you would have us live, with courage, generosity or the boldness of the gospel. In the silence of our hearts, we offer up to you those things we have done and those we have left undone. *(short silence)* Forgive us, O God. Renew us by your Spirit, and reform us with your compassion, remaking us more fully in to the image of Christ, and as nimble servants of your reign. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

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 Proverbs 22:1-9 See Insert  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

Anthem Craig Courtney  
What Shall I Render to the Lord? (Psalm 116)  
Rachel Nyetam, mezzo-soprano and Stephen Carey, piano

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 25:31-46 See Insert  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON Richard B. Culp  
*Involved and Included*

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN 699 FILL MY CUP  
Fill My Cup

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison) (*Confession of Belhar*)

**We believe that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged; that God calls the church to follow him in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind; that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly; that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering; that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right; that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream; that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others. Amen.**

## Scripture Lessons

### Proverbs 22: 1-9

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.

<sup>2</sup>The rich and the poor have this in common:

the Lord is the maker of them all.

<sup>3</sup>The clever see danger and hide;

but the simple go on, and suffer for it.

<sup>4</sup>The reward for humility and fear of the Lord is riches and honor and life.

<sup>5</sup>Thorns and snares are in the way of the perverse;

the cautious will keep far from them.

<sup>6</sup>Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray.

<sup>7</sup>The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender.

### Matthew 25: 31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup> and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup> And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup> And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, <sup>41</sup> you did it to me.’ <sup>41</sup> Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ <sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

## ADORATION

## I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art 624

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art,  
 2 Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace,  
 3 Thou art the life, by which a-lone we live,  
 4 Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness;  
 5 Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee;

my on-ly trust and Sav-ior of my heart,  
 reign-ing om-ni-po-tent in ev-ery place:  
 and all our sub-stance and our strength re-ceive;  
 no harsh-ness hast thou and no bit-ter-ness.  
 our faith is built up-on thy prom-ise free;

who pain didst un-der-go for my poor sake;  
 so come, O King, and our whole be-ing sway;  
 sus-tain us by thy faith and by thy power,  
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,  
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.  
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.  
 and give us strength in ev-ery try-ing hour.  
 that we may dwell in per-fect u-ni-ty.  
 that in thy strength we ev-er-more en-dure.

The original French text, sometimes attributed to John Calvin, seems to be a Protestant reworking of a Roman Catholic hymn, not a typical practice for him. Yet this text and tune (adapted from GENEVAN 124) clearly date from the early years of the Reformed tradition.

TEXT: *Psalms*, Strasbourg, 1545; trans. Elizabeth Lee Smith, 1868  
 MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

TOULON  
 10.10.10

## 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 &amp; 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

## HYMN 624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

## POSTLUDE

"Tocatta and Fugue in D minor, BWV 565

. S. BACH

*The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God by Fred Patterson and family in loving memory of Patsy Patterson.*

## WELCOME!

**W**e 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.

*If you wish to join St. Andrew today, please contact one of the ministers.*

## 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.

*Taste and See*  
"Pies, Please!"

**Wednesday, October 28th at 6:30 pm**

Join the group to taste five different kinds of pies all boxed up with a surprise! There will be five tiny pie included - each pie in its own 3-inch gold ramekin. The pies are homemade by Deanie Willis and Katie Willis, the mother-daughter owners of At The Table, located in Argyle. Deanie grew up at St. Andrew, and she and Katie are coming back to do this special event for us.

Cost: \$18      Deadline: Sunday, October 25th

Pickup: Wednesday, October 28 at 4:00 pm, St. Andrew parking lot

RSVP to Lisa Patterson at [lisa@standrewdenton.com](mailto:lisa@standrewdenton.com)

**Fall Festival of Faith Coming to Zoom**  
*Saturday, November 14, 6:30pm*

Individual Pizzas and Puppet Program for Children at 5:30pm on Zoom

Adults will feast together on Classic Café's Blue Plate Special, then join our speaker, The Rev. Dr. Tom Currie, Professor Emeritus of Theology, Union Seminary, at 6:30pm on Zoom

*More details coming soon!*

**All Saints' Day Taize Service**  
*Sunday, November 1, 7:00pm*

The Denton Taize Community planning team invites you to a Fall Taize worship, to be held on All Saints Day, Sunday, November 1, at 7:00pm! We look forward to you joining us! Follow us on our Facebook page or visit our webpage [www.dentontaize.org](http://www.dentontaize.org) to find the link to the service and some tips for preparing for Taize worship in your home. As this service is on All Saints' Day, one way is to begin remembering and reflecting on those in your life who have guided you on your walk of faith. If you would like to submit the name of a loved one to be remembered, please email [rvanhoose@fccdenton.org](mailto:rvanhoose@fccdenton.org).

**Mission Mixer on Zoom!**

*Tuesday, October 27 at 5:30pm*

Join the mission partners of St. Andrew on Zoom as they share the mission statement of their social service agency with the gathered group. We will hear from agencies like *The Junction (new partnership of Our Daily Bread and Monsignor King Outreach Center), Ann's Haven VNA, CASA, Cumberland Children's Home, Denton Christian Preschool, Denton City-County Day Nursery, Denton Food Center, Faith Presbyterian Hospice, Fred Moore Child Care Center, Friends of the Family, Goodland Academy, Hearts for Homes, Interfaith Ministries, Presbyterian Children's Services, and New Revelations Collegiate Mission.*

We will also hear from our mission partners an update on how they are doing in the midst of the pandemic, and wonder with them on the question of *what are the most pressing needs post-pandemic?*

Our St. Andrew Brainstorming Team will be joining the Zoom meeting to listen in and ask questions. You might remember that it was from just such a conversation as this that Our Daily Bread was conceived over twenty years ago, as well as The Treehouse.

We hope to see you on screen!

**Give-a-Meal - \$2.29**

St. Andrew donated \$1,485 to the Give-a-Meal program in September! 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](http://standrewdenton.com/give) and be sure to choose Give-a-Meal from the fund options to the right of your monetary donation.

The Denton Community Food Center (DCFC) is open two days a week from 1pm-3pm. Families are only able to pick up food once a month. DCFC is asking for online donations so it can purchase essentials and limit how many people handle food items. Thank you so much for supporting this program since the number of people who are needing this service is only growing due to the economic fallout during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**699 Fill My Cup**

Refrain

Fill my cup; let it o-ver-flow; fill my cup; let it o-ver-flow; fill my cup; let it

The refrain of this gospel song by a well-known Presbyterian pastor and musician can be understood as a meditation on Psalm 23:5, while the stanzas reflect an updated and easily accessible interpretation of the prayer often attributed to St. Francis of Assisi (see no. 753).

TEXT and MUSIC: Isaiah Jones Jr., 1969  
Text and Music © 1970 Davike Music Company, assigned 1986 Fricout Music Company

FILL MY CUP  
8.7.8.7 with refrain

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

o-ver-flow; let it o-ver-flow with love.

1 Lord, let me be your in-stru-ment, spread-ing  
2 It's my de-sire to live for you and to

sun-shine in the land; let peo-ple see your  
al-ways walk up-right; give me the strength to

works in me; help me live the best I can.  
face each day; stay with me through each dark night.



# 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er  
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the  
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and  
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from  
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for  
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

TEXT: Martin Luther, 1529; trans. Frederick Henry Hedge, 1852  
 MUSIC: Martin Luther, 1529, alt.

EIN' FESTE BURG  
 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.6.7

## Prayer Concerns

Sara Armstrong  
 Betty Sue Grandey  
 Judy Cherry  
 Pat Hiler

Berniece Condry  
 Myrtle Muehlenbeck  
 Helen Harrison  
 Scott Hendrix

Suzanne Baroody  
 Carol Hill

Friend of Chris Curcuruto  
 Sa-hwan and Stephanie Kim, friends of Stephen Carey  
 Drennan Fuller and Family, friend of Caitlyn Coyner  
 Steven Purser, brother of John Purser  
 Terrell King, father of James King  
 John Pierce, father of Bekah Barnett  
 Jane and Ron Fletcher, friends of Sunny Hueholt  
 Jason and Anne Moody, friends of Sunny Hueholt  
 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, cousins of Barbara Sims  
 Kathy Torneo Whatley, cousin of Barbara Sims

Julie Goldston, sister of Steve Goldston  
 Darryl Speigel, brother of Sandy Speigel  
 Meghan and Tristan, Caitlin Coyner's sister and nephew  
 Claudia and Alex Hanania, cousins of Rafat Haddad  
 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  
 Charlie Leavell, grandfather of Shannon Konkle  
 John Mallouf, friend of the Konkle family  
 Family of Jeff Curnow  
 Family of Elizabeth Quinn, mother of Pat Reinke

### Changes to Meal Train

As the pandemic continues, the deacons are adjusting how we do Meal Train. The deacons have decided on two new ways in which we can be of help. The first is that deacons will be providing a meal initially for the family in need. After the deacons provide a meal, we will then ask if the family is interested in being on the meal train. However, we will not be offering home cooked meals as we want to be as careful as possible and don't want anyone infected. Therefore, we ask others to purchase a meal and either deliver it themselves or use a service like GrubHub, UberEats, or Doordash. It is your choice in how you go about providing the much needed meal.

We hope this will continue to be a way that the deacons can help out and serve the congregation.

### 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](mailto: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.

### By the Numbers: As of 9/30/20

Income (pledges + other income)	\$668,436.53
Expenses	\$658,365.59
Difference	\$10,070.94

Attendance 10/11/20 **337 Views**

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