



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DENTON, TEXAS

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 15, 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

Élevation - Carillon

Gaston Bélier

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 90)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands—O prosper the work of our hands!

OPENING PRAYER

Lisa Patterson

HYMN 49

The God of Abraham Praise

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lisa Patterson

We confess, O God, our tendency to toss them aside relationships when we do not see any purpose in them. We cut off contact with people who are difficult to love, or are needy, or are hard to spend time with, or people who confront us. We confess we are more concerned with people seeing the truth we believe is in us, than welcoming those who challenge us. We find ourselves demanding others agree with us, instead of witnessing to our faith in ways that extend hospitality. Forgive us our dogmatic approach to life, and shape us into followers of Christ whose ways of living invite others to know him. 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

Ronnie Van Atta

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 1: 1-18

See Insert

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

On Eagle's Wings
Jeffrey Snider, baritone and Stephen Carey, piano
(Based on Psalm 91)

Joncas/arr. Hayes

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 61: 1-4

See Insert

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Connected to our Jewish Heritage

Richard B. Culp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN 770

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

WELCOME TABLE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)

(Confession of 1967)

God expressed God's love for all humankind through Israel, whom God chose to be God's covenant people to serve God in love and faithfulness. When Israel was unfaithful, God disciplined the nation with God's judgments and maintained God's cause through prophets, priests, teachers, and true believers. These witnesses called all Israelites to a destiny in which they would serve God faithfully and become a light to the nations. The same witnesses proclaimed the coming of a new age, and a true servant of God in whom God's purpose for Israel and for humankind would be realized. Out of Israel God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world. 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.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Gaston Bélier

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of, and in gratitude to God for the life and faith of Margaret Currie Plunkett, given by Steve Plunkett, her children and grandchildren.

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.

Prayer Concerns

Steve Shirley
Steve Plunkett
Betty Sue Grandey
Judy Cherry

Pat Hiler
Myrtle Muehlenbeck
Helen Harrison
Scott Hendrix

Suzanne Baroody
Carol Hill

Shirley Graham, mother of Natalie Garcia
James Earp, friend of Paden Neeley
Valerie Nevil, sister-in-law of Sharon Lunsford
Friend of Chris Curcuruto
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
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 Spiegel, brother of Sandy Spiegel
Rachel Moore, mother of Sharon Lunsford
Ouida Henderson, mother of Joyce Kain
Matthew McIntyre, son of Linda and Jim McIntyre
John Murphy, faculty member at UNT
J. B. Fincher, friends of Barbara Sims
Charlie Leavell, grandfather of Shannon Konkle
Roger Schell, Pat Reinke's brother-in-law
Allison Burk, Kendall Young's grandmother
Nancy Burk, Kendall Young's mother
Ashley Burk, Kendall Young's uncle
Family of Olga Fincher, friend of Barbara Sims

**Super Wednesday Meal and
the 2020 Advent Supply Bag Pickup**
Wednesday, November 18 at 5:30-6:30pm
St. Andrew Parking Lot

Order and pick up a Super Wednesday meal from the St. Andrew parking lot and at the same time pick up your Advent bag of supplies. The bag contains: an Advent wreath and candles, Christmas Eve candlelight candles, devotional from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, a new directory, a paper lantern with battery-operated votive, and Advent card sharing service times and information. Families with children will receive their Advent calendar for home. Come and pick up your Advent bag even if you can't do dinner!

Dinner is from Denton Independent Hamburger Company. All dinner options are priced at Super Wednesday prices, \$5 for adults, \$2 for children, with a \$10 family maximum price. Deadline to order is Monday, November 16 at midnight. Pick up is at St. Andrew on Wednesday, November 18 at 5:30pm. Order online at standrewdenton.com/standrewconnect.

Meal Choices

Garden salad with grilled chicken breast

Chargrilled burger and potato chips

Cheeseburger and potato chips

Chicken Fried Steak, mashed potatoes, green beans

All meals served with a brownie

Thanksgiving Donations for Treehouse Families

The Treehouse Advisory Committee is once again asking for your help in providing assistance to our Treehouse families when purchasing their Thanksgiving meals. With generous donations from the St. Andrew congregation, families of Treehouse students are traditionally given grocery gift cards that they can use to help buy their turkey, rolls, pies, and whatever else they need to celebrate and give thanks to God on Thanksgiving Day. Donations can be made through the church office or on St. Andrew Connect by choosing the Treehouse option. Thank you for supporting these families, especially during this difficult year. Please contact Stephanie at treehouse@standrewdenton.com if you have any questions.

Save the Date

Christmas Pageant and Goodland Academy
Sunday, December 13, 5:30pm

Pizza pick up at 4:00pm from the church provided by the Deacons

We will continue St. Andrew's Christmas Pageant night tradition with a recorded version of the Christmas pageant and a meal shared together with our church family and Goodland Academy. We want to continue this St. Andrew tradition for the children of the congregation as well as the students of Goodland Academy, although it will look a little different than in years past. Look for the online reservation coming in an upcoming edition of The Shield. We hope you can join!

Red Cross Blood Drive
November 21, 2020

The American Red Cross Blood Drive is November 21, 2020 from 9:00am-3:00pm in the Rec Center. You can register online at redcross.org or walk ins are welcome.

Goodland Angel Tree 2020

Providing Christmas gifts for the Goodland Academy is an important annual mission of St. Andrew, and a tradition we have carried out for many years. Although our Angel Tree will look different this year, St. Andrew will still be providing gifts for the students at Goodland. Just like everything else in 2020, our Angel Tree is going virtual. Please follow the link in Thursday's edition of the Shield to purchase from the Amazon Wish List.

After selecting the gift you would like to purchase, please do the following when checking out:

- Ship the gift directly to Goodland Academy, 1216 N. 4200 Rd., Hugo, OK 74743;
- Fill out the gift card option with the name of the boy for whom you purchased the gift;
- To avoid duplicate gifts, please contact Linda Fite as soon as your order is placed to let her know what you ordered. She will then remove it from the wish list. Linda can be reached via text (preferred) at 940-882-5426 or email at emma121045@gmail.com.

In order for gifts to arrive at Goodland without anticipated shipping delays and to give us time to purchase anything not ordered by the congregation, we ask that you please place your order before Monday, November 23. Thank you for once again helping us to provide a merry Christmas for our mission partners at Goodland Academy. Questions??? Contact Stephanie Raesz in the church office or Linda Fite as listed above.

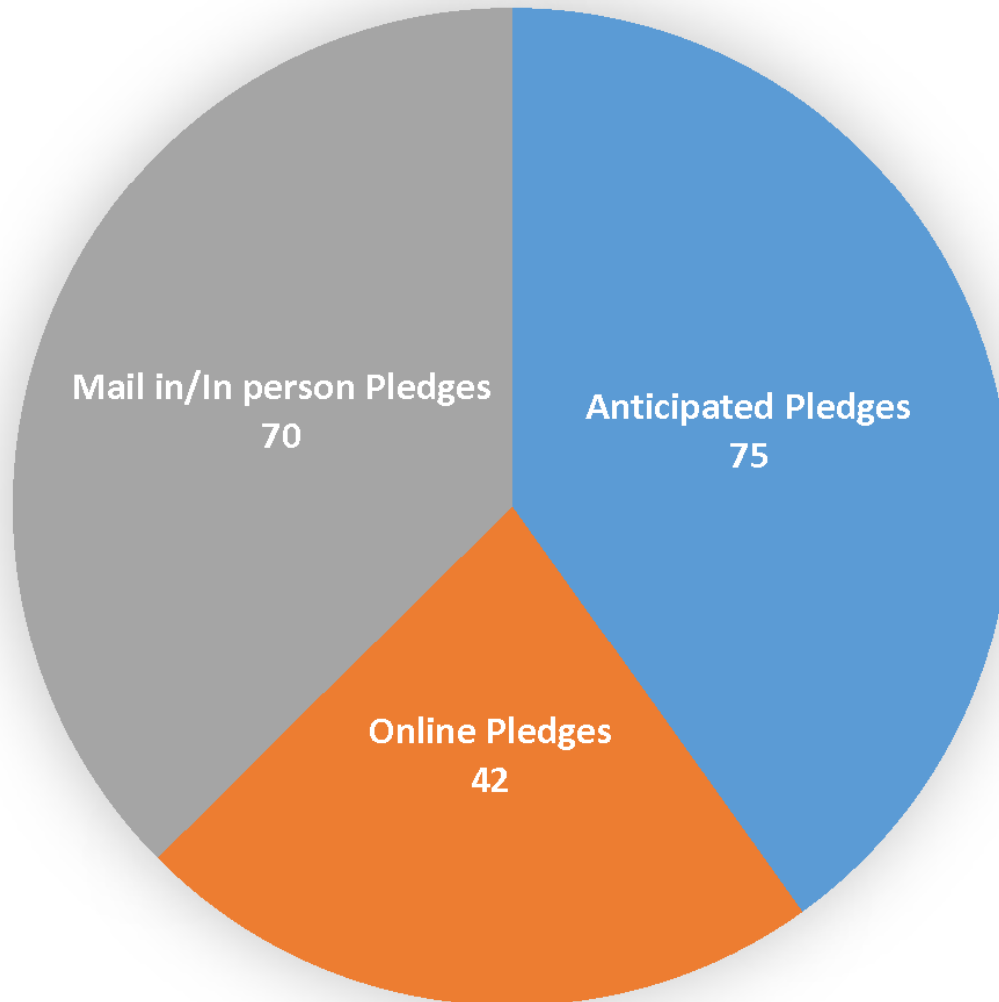
Give-a-Meal - \$2.29

St. Andrew donated \$735 to the Give-a-Meal program in October! 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.

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.

Dedication of Pledges for 2021

*187 Pledges Received in 2020



By the Numbers: As of 10/31/20

Income (pledges + other income)	\$745,397.33
Expenses	\$733,387.68
Difference	\$12,009.65

Attendance 11/8/20 301 Views

Give online at: standrewdenton.com/give

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Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

49 The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;

the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,
 Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:

we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

770 I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

1 I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble;
 2 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus;
 3 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers;
 4 Here all the world will find a wel - come;
 5 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey;

I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble, Al - le - lu - ia.
 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus, Al - le - lu - ia.
 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers, Al - le - lu - ia.
 here all the world will find a wel-come, Al - le - lu - ia.
 we're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey, Al - le - lu - ia.

I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble; I'm gon - na
 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus; I'm gon - na
 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers; I'm gon - na
 Here all the world will find a wel - come; here all the
 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey; we're gon - na

eat at the wel - come ta - ble, Al - le - lu - ia.
 eat and drink with my Je - sus, Al - le - lu - ia.
 join with sis - ters, broth - ers, Al - le - lu - ia.
 world will find a wel - come, Al - le - lu - ia.
 feast on milk and hon - ey, Al - le - lu - ia.

The image of a great feast showing God's welcome of all people was part of Jewish tradition (Isaiah 25:6-9) and underlies Jesus' parable of the Great Banquet (Luke 14:15-24). Such equality remains as unknown to many people today as it was to the slaves who created this spiritual.

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Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

Scripture Lessons

John 1: 1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own,^[a] and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son,^[a] full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Isaiah 61: 1-4

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
²to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
³to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.
⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.