

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Denton, Texas

Second Sunday after Epiphany January 17, 2021

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 139

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

OPENING PRAYER

Hymn 29 O God, You Search Me

O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen (time of silent confession).

SUNG RESPONSE

Hymn 110, third stanza of Love Has Come

Love has come and never will leave us! Love is life everlasting and free. Love is Jesus within and among us. Love is the peace our hearts are seeking. Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Declaration of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

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

Call to Faithfulness

(Titus 2:11-14)

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

SUNG RESPONSE

Hymn 112, On Christmas Night All Christians

All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night; all out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night: "Glory to God in highest heaven; peace on earth and goodwill. Amen!"

Proclaiming God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 139: 7-12

See Insert

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Courtney

Alison McStravick, soprano, Jeffrey Snider, baritone, and Stephen Carey, piano

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

I Corinthians 6: 12-20

See Insert

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON Lawful or Beneficial

Richard B. Culp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn 468 In My Life Lord, be glorified

Apostles' Creed (ecumenical version) (unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elders and Deacons

See Insert

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 108, Of the Father's Love Begotten

Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be. Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore! Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Hymn 686 God of Our Life SANDON

Prayer Concerns

Andrea Godwin-Stremler The Barnhill Family Liz Whitaker Barbara Kindred Rafat Haddad Steve Shirley Steve Plunkett Pat Hiler Helen Harrison Allyn Harrison Scott Hendrix Suzanne Baroody

Howard Shaw, friend of Susan Conn Danelle Smith, daughter-in-law of Chuck Smith Ruth Whiddon, mother of Justin Barnhill Rosie McIntyre, daughter-in-law of Linda and Jim McIntyre Corbin Fanning, grandson of Mary Jo North Betty Slinker, grandmother of Olympia and Warren Kepke Don and Sandi Parker, friends of the Campbells Suzanne Benson, sister in law of Lisa Patterson Gino Curcuruto, uncle of Chris Curcuruto Don Samuelson, husband of Gini Samuelson Barbara Smith, sister of Linda Heilig Shirley Graham, mother of Natalie Garcia James Earp, friend of Paden Neeley Valerie Nevil, sister-in-law of Sharon Lunsford Friends of Chris Curcuruto Drennan Fuller and Family, friend of Caitlyn Coyner

Steven Purser, brother of John Purser
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
Sharon and Johnny Miller, cousins of Barbara Sims
Kathy Torneo Whatley, cousin of Barbara Sims
Darryl Speigel, brother of Sandy Speigel
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
Charlie Leavell, grandfather of Shannon Konkle
Nancy Burk, mother of Kendall Young
Ashley Burk, uncle of Kendall Young

Super Wednesday Meal Wednesday, January 20

Sign up for January 20's Super Wednesday Meal from the Classic Cafe at Roanoke below.

Menu: German jagerschnitzel- pork cutlet that is breaded, seared and served with a mushroom brown gravy, polenta cake, braised red cabbage, and blueberry buttermilk pie.

Cost: \$14 payable to St. Andrew Pick up at 4:00pm in the parking lot

Next week, January 27: Liz Whitaker will prepare our meal at Super Wednesday prices. Menu: tomato basil soup with green salad, homemade chicken salad sandwiches, chips, and dessert.

Super Wednesday Classes January 20

Children

Puppet Ministry and Children's Time 6:00pm

Youth

Youth Group 7:30pm

Adults
The Wave
(College Group)

6:30pm

Series on Conducting Andy Trachsel January 20-February 3 6:30pm Parenting Class Dr. Lisa Elliot, PhD January 20-February 24 7:30pm

THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS AND DEACONS

January 17, 2020 (Virtual service)

Words of Preparation

There are varieties of gifts.

But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways for serving God.

But it is the Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way,

But it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift by the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination and Installation

We are called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism, and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit. This is our common calling, to be disciples and servants of our servant Lord. Within the community of the church, some are called to particular service as deacons, as ruling elders, as teaching elders, and also as ministers of Word and Sacrament. Ordination is Christ's gift to the church, assuring that his ministry continues among us, providing for our ministries of caring and compassion in the world, ordering the governance of the church, and preaching the Word and administering the sacraments.

Presentation of Candidates

Representing the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church, the Session of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Denton, Texas, now ordains and installs Donna Barnhill, Maria Baylock, Tara Brindle, Gay Campbell, Mike Ishee, and Nelson Muna to the ordered ministry of Deacon and Karen Dower, John Gibson, Alison McStravick, and John Richmond to the ordered ministry of Ruling Elder.

The Session also installs Jay Carradine, Leslie Culp, and Arminta Jacobson to active service as Deacon and DeLila Bergan to active service as Ruling Elder.

We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God's particular call to our brothers and sisters.

In baptism, you were clothed with Christ, and now are called by God through the voice of the church to enter into ministries of service and governance, announcing in word and deed the good news of Jesus Christ.

Constitutional Questions

To the Candidates (virtually)

To the Congregation

Prayer of Ordination

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Eternal God, we give you thanks for your steadfast faithfulness to us. For your servants in every age and for the church of Jesus Christ, we give you all thanks and praise.....

Prayer for Deacons

God of grace, pour out your Holy Spirit on Nelson, Mike, Gay, Tara, Maria, Donna, Arminta, Jay and Leslie that they may be faithful deacons in the church. Give them openness to the Holy Spirit's leading that they may see and serve wherever there is need. Train them in the school of prayer that they may express the compassion of Christ for the poor and the friendless, the sick, the grieving, and the troubled. Equip them with courage to bear the gospel into the halls of power, and to communicate your presence and might among those who are powerless. In everything, give them the mind of Christ, who did not grasp at greatness but emptied himself, to become a servant of your reign. Give them joy in their walk of faith and a sure sense of your abiding presence for their work of ministry.

Prayer for Ruling Elders

God of grace, pour out your Holy Spirit on John, Alison, DeLila, John, and Karen, that they may be your faithful ruling elders in the church. Give them prudence and sound judgment, wisdom and courage to order the life of the church in obedience to your Word. Nourish them in the life of the Holy Spirit, that they may exercise the ministry of discipline with humility and compassion. Guide them in governance on this Session and in every court of the church, that they may be servant leaders following Christ who came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life to set others free. Give them joy in their walk of faith and a sure sense of your abiding presence for their work of ministry.

Gracious God, pour out your Spirit of power and truth upon the whole church that we may be for you a holy people, baptized to serve you in the world. Sustain this congregation in ministry. Ground us in the gospel, secure our hope in Christ, strengthen our service to the outcast, and increase our love for one another. Show us the transforming power of your grace in our life together, that we may be servants of the gospel, offering a compelling witness in the world to the good news of Christ Jesus our Lord. In his name, we pray. Amen.

Declaration and Charge

You are now deacons and ruling elders in the church of Jesus Christ and for this congregation. Be faithful and true in your ministry so that your whole life will bear witness to the crucified and risen Christ. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him.

Welcome!

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.

Church Office Closed Monday, January 18

The church office will be closed in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. day holiday on Monday, January 18. The church office will reopen on Tuesday, January 19 at 8:30am.

Super Wednesdays | January 20-February 24 Parenting Class on Zoom with Dr. Lisa Elliot, PhD Wednesdays at 7:30-8:30pm

Join this Denton counselor for an hour with her and other parents, and be part of a group that will grow in the knowledge of parenting with an expert and with one another. Questions? Ask Lisa Patterson at lisa@standrewdenton.com.

Grace Presbytery Sign up for Race in America

Rev. Dr. Michael Waters, who led Grace Presbytery in the Race in Dallas seminar in 2020, returns in 2021 to lead Race in America, a 5-part follow-up, that will begin Thursday, January 28 at 7:00pm on Zoom.

Race in America is a course of study on systemic racism and the Black experience. Its purpose is to cultivate anti-racists. Rev. Waters is the event's creator and lead facilitator.

This virtual event/training will take place on five consecutive Thursday nights, via Zoom, at 7:00pm.

There is no cost to attend, but advance registration is required by Monday, January 18, 2021.

We hope you'll consider joining us for one (or all) of these offerings.

Rev. Thomas Gibbons

Co-Chair, Social Justice Task Force, Grace Presbytery

By the Numbers: As of 12/31/20

 Income (pledges + other income)
 \$910,090.07

 Expenses
 \$895,427.21

 Difference
 \$14,662.86

Attendance 1/10/21 260 Views

Give online at: standrewdenton.com/give

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

Save the Date!
Pagosa Women's Retreat
July 24-30, 2021

More details to come. . .

Questions? Ask Lisa Patterson at lisa@standrewdenton.com.

Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 31

Details forthcoming in future issues of The Shield and the bulletin.

St. Andrew Member Portal

If you have been looking for a link to St. Andrew Connect, or if you're looking for a way to update your email address with St. Andrew's churchwide email system, or if you're looking for a way to give online, visit St. Andrew's new member portal at standrewdenton.com/members. You'll be able to find links to each of these systems on that page. You can also find the link to the member portal on the right hand side of the menus at the top and the bottom of the website.

Give-a-Meal - \$2.29

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

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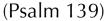
Richard B. Culp, Senior Pastor Lisa Patterson, Associate Pastor Jeff Snider, Director of Music Parker Hinnenkamp, Organist Stephanie Raesz, Youth Director CJ Prater, Seminary Intern



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O God, You Search Me

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Psalm 139 is one of the most introspective and most intimate of all the psalms, showing an acute mindfulness of God's presence in all aspects of one's life. Sometimes resisted, this omnipresence ultimately becomes a ground of hope, a promise that we never stray beyond God's care.



Here is a chance to sing a familiar French carol tune with new words, the most important clearly being "Love." The senses "seen and heard" (as in Acts 4:20 and elsewhere) organize the first two stanzas, while the third holds the summary statement: "Love is the gift of Christmas."

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing 112



The words of this carol first appeared in 1684 in a collection by an Irish bishop, Luke Wadding. Whether they were his own work or something gleaned from popular use is not clear. The tune name recalls that the tune was collected in 1904 from Mrs. Verrall of Monk's Gate, Sussex.

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In My Life Lord, Be Glorified



This praise song can be understood as a sung version of the first part of the answer to the first question of the Westminster Catechism: that a human being's "chief end is to glorify God." Numerous related Scriptures can be cited, including 1 Corinthians 6:20 and 10:31.

Of the Father's Love Begotten 108



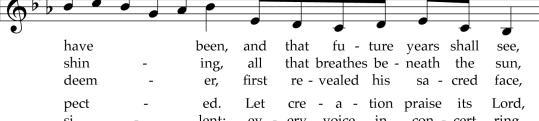
- 1 Of the Fa-ther's love be got ten, ere the worlds be gan
- 2 By his Word was all cre-at-ed; he com-mand-ed; it
- 3 O, that birth for ev er bless ed when the Vir gin, full
- 4 This is he whom seers in old time chant-ed of with one
- 5 O ye heights of heaven, a dore him. An gel hosts, his prais -
- 6 Christ, to thee with God the Fa ther, and, O Ho ly Ghost,



be, he is Al - pha and to O - me the ga; was done: heaven and earth and depths of cean, u - ni by Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv grace, ing, bore the cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets ac prom-ised sing. Powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore hymn and chant and high thanks-giv ing to and un -



he, things that source, the end ing of the are, that three all that sees the moon's soft verse of in one, Sav ior our race, and the babe, the world's Re their faith ful word. Now shines, the in he long -God and King. Let tongue on earth tol our no be Hon - or, wea - ried prais be. glo - ry, and do es



si - lent; ev - ery voice in con - cert ring, min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry, (after stanza 6)



Seldom has the wonder of the Incarnation been expressed so beautifully as in this text, created in the era when the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds were being codified and mindful of similar theological affirmations. It is set here to a plainchant melody from the late Middle Ages.

God of Our Life

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This text was created for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, by its pastor. He wrote these words especially for this tune, originally composed for John Henry Newman's text "Lead, Kindly Light."

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 139: 7-12

Where can I go from your spirit?

Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there;

if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

If I take the wings of the morning

and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

10 even there your hand shall lead me,

and your right hand shall hold me fast.

11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,

and the light around me become night,"

12 even the darkness is not dark to you;

the night is as bright as the day,

for darkness is as light to you.

I Corinthians 6: 12-20

¹² "All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³ "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴ And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.