



## ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DENTON, TEXAS

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 21, 2021

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### GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Lisa Patterson

Our Lenten journey takes us through the wilderness to discover you anew, O God.

**The wilderness is a place where we find the building stones of faith.**

The wilderness is a place where we have to step out in faith to get to a new place.

**The wilderness is a place of longing, lament, and miracles.**

The wilderness is a place where we discover rules to shape us.

**The wilderness is a place where we worship God.**

Find us in the wilderness, O God.

**May the wilderness be for us a place of discovery and renewal of faith.**

#### OPENING PRAYER

#### HYMN 167

Forty Days and Forty Nights

AUS DER TIEFE RUFTE TICHE

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Most merciful God whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness: we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will. In Jesus' name and for his sake, 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.**

#### CALL TO FAITHFULNESS

(John 13: 34-35)

**Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."**

#### SUNG RESPONSE

Hymn 443, There Is a Redeemer

*There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son; precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.*

*Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son, and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.*

### PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

C.J. Prater

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1: 12-15

See Insert

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

All Night, All Day

arr. Patsy Ford Simms

Rachel Nyetam, mezzo-soprano, Ben Johnson, tenor, Stephen Carey, piano

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Joshua 4: 8-24

See Insert

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*Postcards from the Wilderness: Stones of Gilgal*

Richard B. Culp

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN 291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

SPIRIT

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)

*(The Scots' Confession)*

**But the people of God fight against sin; sob and mourn when they find themselves tempted to do evil; and, if they fall, rise again with earnest and unfeigned repentance. They do these things, not by their own power, but by the power of the Lord Jesus, apart from whom they can do nothing. Amen.**

LENTEN MOMENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*During Lent, we will be using a Bidding Prayer. When the leader says, "your kingdom come," the congregation responds by praying, "your will be done."*

**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

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

Hymn 608, *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.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN 314

Long for Light, We Wait for Darkness

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

BENEDICTION

## 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.

### Prayer Concerns

Twila Kimbrough  
Harriet Laney  
Andrea Godwin-Stremler

The Barnhill Family  
Steve Shirley  
Pat Hiler

Helen Harrison  
Scott Hendrix  
Suzanne Baroody

Margie and Flamen Ball, parents of Marissa Glasschroeder  
and Michael Ball

Alberto Canas, friend of Alison and Kevin McStravick

Sandy and Woody Franks, friends of Stephen Carey

Ray Hundley, brother of Barbara Sims

Howard Shaw, friend of Susan Conn

Danelle Smith, daughter-in-law of Chuck Smith

Rosie McIntyre, daughter-in-law of Linda and Jim McIntyre

Sandi Parker, friend of the Campbells

Gino Curcuruto, uncle of Chris Curcuruto

Don Samuelson, husband of Gini Samuelson

Barbara Smith, sister of Linda Heilig

Shirley Graham, mother of Natalie Garcia

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

Family of Chuck Dory, father of Christy Purser

## Super Wednesday Meal

Wednesday, February 24

### Menu by The Classic Cafe in Roanoke

Shrimp, chicken and andouille sausage gumbo with steamed rice and green beans

or

Beef bourguignon with mashed potatoes and green beans

### Dessert

Blueberry buttermilk pie

Reservation Deadline: Sunday, February 21 at midnight on St. Andrew Connect. *Please remember that your reservation has been recorded only if you receive a confirmation email. Let us know if you need help with registering.*

Cost: \$14. Please pay St. Andrew

Pickup: Wednesday, February 24 at 4:00pm in the St. Andrew Parking Lot

### Super Wednesday Classes

February 10

#### Children

Puppet Ministry and  
Children's Time

6:00pm

#### Youth

Youth Group  
7:30pm

### Adults

The Wave

(College Group)

6:30pm

Jeff Snider and Soloists'  
Song and Conversation

Feb. 17: Stephen Carey

6:30pm

Parenting Class

Dr. Lisa Elliot, PhD

January 20-February 24

7:30pm

### Jeff Snider and Soloists' Song and Conversation

February 17-March 31

6:30pm

From the Music Director:

I am so grateful for the wonderful team of musicians we have who provide music for our worship services each week. For the next few weeks, one of them will be featured each week as a part of Super Wednesday. In addition to musical performances, you'll have the chance to get to know them as they discuss their "musical journeys," what else they're working on now, and what their hopes are for the future. They're scheduled on the following dates:

February 17 – Stephen Carey, piano

February 24 – Christopher Curcuruto, bass-baritone

March 3 – Rachel Nyetam, Mezzo-soprano

March 24 – Parker Hinnenkamp, organ

March 31 – Benjamin Johnson, tenor

April 7 – Ashley Traugher, soprano

### School Supply Drive for Denton Christian Preschool

The Diaconate is collecting for the Denton Christian Preschool! Their greatest needs right now are construction paper and glue sticks. Items can be dropped off in the church office. If you want to make financial contributions for supplies, please make checks out to "Preschool Supply Drive". You can also give online through Realm. For any questions, please contact Natalie Green at nataliegreen@yahoo.com.

### Women's Lenten Book Study on Zoom

Wednesdays at Noon

Ash Wednesday through Holy Week | February 17-March 31

Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion through Ten Objects,

Jill J. Duffield

Book Cost: \$13

(available at the church office)

Leader: Lisa Patterson

Join this group as we travel together through the Lenten journey using a book that looks at the ordinary to reveal epiphanies, salvation, revelation, and reconciliation. Many times it is through the mundane that we hear God's quiet voice. Questions? Ask Lisa Patterson at [lisa@standrewdenton.com](mailto:lisa@standrewdenton.com).

### Give-a-Meal - \$2.29

St. Andrew donated \$453.90 to the Give-a-Meal program in January! 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.

# 167 Forty Days and Forty Nights

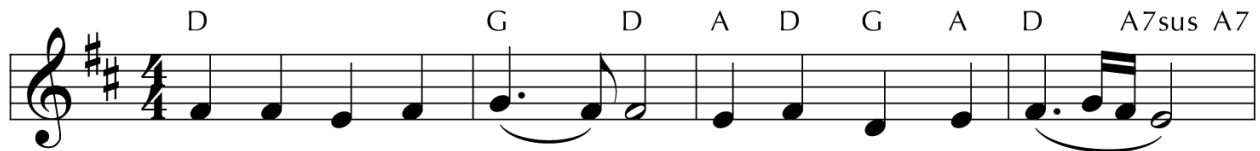
1 For - ty days and for - ty nights you were fast - ing in the wild;  
 2 Shall not we your sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,  
 3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, flesh or spir - it to as - sail,  
 4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;  
 5 Keep, O keep us, Sav - ior dear, ev - er con - stant by your side,

for - ty days and for - ty nights temp - ted, and yet un - de - filed.  
 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with you to suf - fer pain?  
 vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant that we not faint nor fail!  
 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as served you faith - ful - ly.  
 that with you we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

This text, given sharper focus by being reduced from nine stanzas to five, reflects both on Christ's temptation in the wilderness and on the purpose and goal of Lent as preparation for Easter. It pairs well with a 17th-century German chorale setting for Psalm 130.

## There Is a Redeemer

443



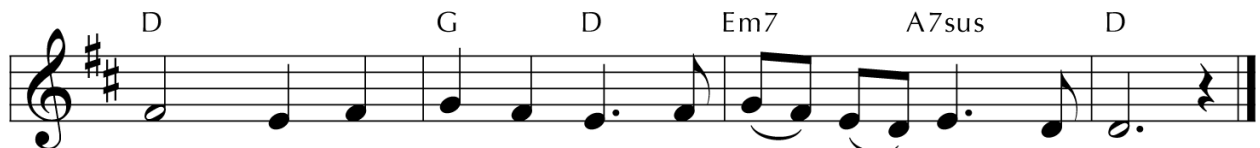
1 There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son;  
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names,  
 3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see his face;



pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - ly One.  
 pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, hope for sin - ners slain.  
 there I'll serve my King for - ev - er in that ho - ly place.



Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us your Son, and



leav - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

Although the refrain of this piece names all three Persons of the Trinity, the stanzas emphasize references to Jesus Christ under various titles. There is also a shift in tone between the stanzas and the refrain: the former speak about God and the latter speaks to God.

# 291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain

Spirit

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the  
wil - der - ness, call - ing and free. Spir - it,  
spir - it of rest - less - ness, stir me from plac - id - ness,  
wind, wind on the sea.

- 1 You moved on the wa - ters; you called to the  
2 You swept through the des - ert; you stung with the  
3 You sang in a sta - ble; you cried from a  
4 You call from to - mor - row; you break an - cient

deep; then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the  
sand; and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a  
hill; then you whis - pered in si - lence when the  
schemes; from the bond - age of sor - row the

As the author/composer reminds us in the refrain, the Spirit is both gentle and restless. The stanzas reinforce a sense of the Spirit's activity through a wide range of verbs, initially in the past tense; but they become more urgent in the present tense of the fourth stanza.

GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

E A D G

val - leys of sleep; and o - ver the e -  
 law and a land. When they were con - found -  
 whole world was still. And down in the cit -  
 cap - tives dream dreams. Our wom - en see vi -

A G D

ons you called to each thing, "A -  
 ed with i - dols and lies, then you  
 y, you called once a - gain when you  
 sions; our men clear their eyes. With

Bm G

wake from your slum - bers and  
 spoke through your proph - ets to  
 blew through your peo - ple on the  
 bold new de - ci - sions your

A D G/A D A to Refrain

rise on your wings."  
 o - pen their eyes.  
 rush of the wind.  
 peo - ple a - rise.



# Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

608

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a G chord and contains the lyrics 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;'. The second staff continues with 'praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit ever-'. The third staff concludes with 'more; praise Tri-une God, whom we adore.' and ends with a double bar line. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: G, C, Am7, Dsus, D, G, D, Am7, D, G, Am7, G, Am7, D, G.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;      praise Christ, all  
people here below;      praise Holy Spirit ever-  
more;      praise Tri-une God, whom we adore.

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988  
MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 2008  
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Music © 2008 Hal H. Hopson

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)  
LM

# Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness 314

## Christ, Be Our Light

Em Am7 Bm7 Esus Em

1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for  
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for  
 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for  
 4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

Am7 Bm7 Esus Em Am7

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

D G C Am Dsus D

your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

*Refrain* G C G Em Bm Em

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the

Am7 D G Dsus D Em Em7

dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your

C Am7 D G Am7 G

church gath - ered to - day.

By blending biblical images and current vignettes in the present tense, this hymn connects Christ's promise that he is the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) and his charge to his followers to be the light of the world (Matthew 5:14). This is part of the church's servant calling.

# Scripture Lessons

## Mark 1:12-15

<sup>12</sup> And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup> He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,<sup>15</sup> and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

## 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6

<sup>8</sup> The Israelites did as Joshua commanded. They took up twelve stones out of the middle of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, as the LORD told Joshua, carried them over with them to the place where they camped, and laid them down there. <sup>9</sup> (Joshua set up twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the covenant had stood; and they are there to this day.)

<sup>10</sup> The priests who bore the ark remained standing in the middle of the Jordan, until everything was finished that the LORD commanded Joshua to tell the people, according to all that Moses had commanded Joshua. The people crossed over in haste. <sup>11</sup> As soon as all the people had finished crossing over, the ark of the LORD, and the priests, crossed over in front of the people. <sup>12</sup> The Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh crossed over armed before the Israelites, as Moses had ordered them. <sup>13</sup> About forty thousand armed for war crossed over before the LORD to the plains of Jericho for battle.

<sup>14</sup> On that day the LORD exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they stood in awe of him, as they had stood in awe of Moses, all the days of his life.

<sup>15</sup> The LORD said to Joshua, <sup>16</sup> "Command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, to come up out of the Jordan."

<sup>17</sup> Joshua therefore commanded the priests, "Come up out of the Jordan." <sup>18</sup> When the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the LORD came up from the middle of the Jordan, and the soles of the priests' feet touched dry ground, the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and overflowed all its banks, as before.

<sup>19</sup> The people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and they camped in Gilgal on the east border of Jericho. <sup>20</sup> Those twelve stones, which they had taken out of the Jordan, Joshua set up in Gilgal, <sup>21</sup> saying to the Israelites, "When your children ask their parents in time to come, 'What do these stones mean?' <sup>22</sup> then you shall let your children know, 'Israel crossed over the Jordan here on dry ground.' <sup>23</sup> For the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan for you until you crossed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red Sea,<sup>[b]</sup> which he dried up for us until we crossed over, <sup>24</sup> so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the LORD is mighty, and so that you may fear the LORD your God forever."

### By the Numbers: As of 12/31/20

Income (pledges + other income)	\$56,128
Expenses	\$64,944
Difference	-\$8,816

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