



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DENTON, TEXAS

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 28, 2021

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 166

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Day

ST. FLAVIAN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, to trusting in our own powers to guide us, rather than your power to transform our lives. We ask for signs, but turn away from you and ignore your call to be changed. We prefer what we know and the rules we create, instead of your power to sweep us away to new places and understandings. Give us the vision to see your signs and the courage to accept 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.

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

Romans 6: 1-4

See Insert

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

"Denn es gehet dem Menschen" (*Four Serious Songs*)
Chris Curcuruto, bass-baritone and Stephen Carey, piano
Text from Ecclesiastes 3: 19-22

Brahms

For it goes with man as with the beasts, as they die, so he dies too; and all have the same breath; and man has not more than the beast: for all is vanity. All go to one place; all are made of dust and to dust will return. Who knows if the spirit of man goes upward, and the breath of the beast goes downward under the earth? Therefore I saw that there is nothing better than that people be joyful in their work, for that is their lot. For who can bring them back to see what will come after them?

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 14 :10-31

See Insert

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Postcards from the Wilderness: Crossing the Red Sea

Richard B. Culp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN 476

Crashing Waters at Creation

CRASHING WATERS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)

(Belonging to God: A First Catechism)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Amen.

LENTEN MOMENT

COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS

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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 313

Lord, Make Us More Holy

LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

BENEDICTION

Dr. Culp will be out of the office from Thursday afternoon, March 4th through Saturday, March 13th.

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

Twila Kimbrough
Harriet Laney
Andrea Godwin-Stremmler

The Barnhill Family
Steve Shirley
Pat Hiler

Helen Harrison
Scott Hendrix
Suzanne Baroody

Graham Coleman, family member of Lisa Haddad
Gavin Griffin, nephew of Pat Reinke
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 Bertina Hildreth Combes

THE COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS

February 28, 2021

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.

PRESENTATION OF STEPHEN MINISTERS (on video)

Stephen Leader Karen Dower: On behalf of the Stephen Ministers of St. Andrew, I present *Adele Stewart, Steve Pickett, Robin Hines, and Karen Raabe*. They have completed Stephen Ministry training and now commit to engaging in these ministries, just as our Lord Jesus did: serve those in our congregation and community who need to be comforted; be responsive to the needs of others; be a friend to those who are burdened under the stress of life; be a patient listener in a hurried world; heal divisions and strive to make people whole; use your skills and talents to help those people for whom you serve and pray for them; help our community grow in its care as you share your care; and share your personal experiences of faith with others so that they may celebrate the presence of Christ in our world.

REMARKS FROM STEPHEN MINISTERS

QUESTIONS FOR THE STEPHEN MINISTERS

Robin, Steve, Karen, and Adele, do you commit to the ministries for which you been trained? (*I do, with God's help*)

Will you nurture the skills you have learned and use them in service to other – to support, encourage, build up and comfort people in all their needs? (*I will, with God's help*)

Will you serve as a Stephen Minister from St. Andrew Presbyterian Church? (*I will, with God's help*)

QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

Will you open your hearts to the ministry of these Stephen Ministers and pray for them? (*We will, with God's help*)

Will you accept their ministry in your own life when you find yourself in need of support? (*We will, with God's help*)

COMMENDATION OF THE STEPHEN MINISTERS

PRAYER (unison)

Almighty God, we ask that you take Steve, Adele, Karen, and Robin into your care. We give thanks for the gifts and talents you have provided them and ask that you guide their work as Stephen Ministers. We pray for all the Stephen Ministers this day, that they may be guided by your Holy Spirit, be quick to serve, patient in listening, and willing to share themselves with others. Keep the Stephen Ministers strong in the faith you have given them for the sake of Jesus, who cares for all of us in every way. In his name, we pray. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Lord, Who throughout These 166 Forty Days

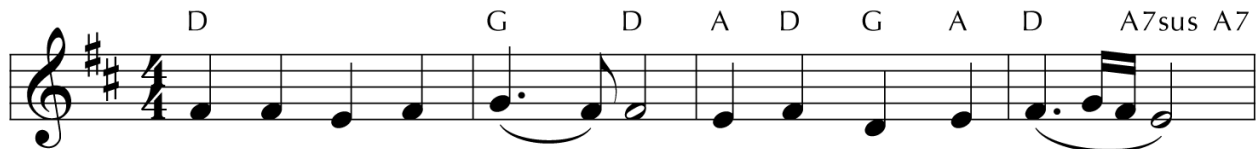
1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and
 2 As you with Sa - tan did con - tend and did the vic - tory
 3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas - sion -
 4 A - bide with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be

pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
 win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con - quer sin.
 tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
 past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.

Like many of this author's hymns, this text was written primarily for children but works equally well in reminding adults how Lent connects us with Christ's temptation in the wilderness and prepares us for Easter. The 16th-century English psalm tune provides sturdy support.

There Is a Redeemer

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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.

476 Crashing Waters at Creation

Capo 1: (Em) (F#dim7) (Em)
 Fm Gdim7 Fm



1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered
 2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the
 3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a -
 4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the

(D#dim7) (Em)
 Edim7 Fm



by the Spir - it's breath, first to wit - ness
 cap - tives passed on through, wash - ing off the
 round the One fore - told, o - pened to re -
 thirst and flood the soul. Well - spring, Source of

(F#dim7) (Em) (Am) (B) (Em)
 Gdim7 Fm Bbm C Fm



day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.
 chains of bond - age: chan - nel to a life made new.
 veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.
 life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness; make us whole.

Like the Thanksgiving Over the Water in the rite of Baptism, this text by a United Church of Canada minister recalls significant events in salvation history involving water. The final stanza is a prayer to Christ, the Living Water (John 4:10, 14), to quench our spiritual thirst.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff has a G chord above the first measure, C above the second, Am7 above the third, Dsus above the fourth, D above the fifth, and G above the sixth. The second staff has D above the first, Am7 above the second, Dsus above the third, D above the fourth, Am7 above the fifth, D above the sixth, G above the seventh, and Am7 above the eighth. The third staff has G above the first, C above the second, Am7 above the third, G above the fourth, Am7 above the fifth, D above the sixth, and G above the seventh. The lyrics are: 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit ever - more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.'

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all
peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -
more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988
MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 2008
Text © 1990 Neil Weatherhogg
Music © 2008 Hal H. Hopson

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)
LM

313 Lord, Make Us More Holy

1 Lord, make us more ho - ly; Lord, make us more ho - ly;
 2 Lord, make us more lov - ing; Lord, make us more lov - ing;
 3 Lord, make us more pa - tient; Lord, make us more pa - tient;
 4 Lord, make us more faith - ful; Lord, make us more faith - ful;

Lord, make us more ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain:
 Lord, make us more lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain:
 Lord, make us more pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain:
 Lord, make us more faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain:

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain.
 lov - ing, lov - ing, lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain.
 pa - tient, pa - tient, pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain.
 faith - ful, faith - ful, faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain.

Like many African American spirituals, this one creates a framework for almost endless expansion beyond the four stanzas given here. This sung prayer is notable as an affirmation of God's active care for the once-gathered community while dispersed and of hope to be reunited.

Scripture Lessons

Romans 6: 1-4

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

Exodus 14: 10-31

¹⁰ As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. ¹¹ They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? ¹² Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." ¹³ But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. ¹⁴ The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

¹⁵ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. ¹⁶ But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷ Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. ¹⁸ And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers."

¹⁹ The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰ It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²² The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³ The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴ At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵ He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

²⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." ²⁷ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹ But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

³⁰ Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹ Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Get on the list!

We are inviting you to get on the list to receive the Zoom invitation sent immediately prior to individual studies that are taking place at St. Andrew. These are individual groups that send the Zoom link by email. It is easy to get on this list. Simply email the contact person listed below, and your name will be put on the list to receive the Zoom invitation. You are not committing to attend; instead, you are expressing an interest in receiving an invitation so that you can participate. Questions? Contact Lisa Patterson at lisa@standrewdenton.com.

Men's Study Group

Email Jim White at acewalton1965@gmail.com

Wednesdays, 8:00am

The Men's Study Group continues to meet each Wednesday morning from 8:00am-9:00am on Zoom. We are continuing our study of the book of Acts, where we are using source material from Acts for Everyone Part 2, by noted New Testament theologian N.T. Wright. Please contact Jim White, acewalton1965@gmail.com, to be added to emails for meetings of the Men's Study Group.

Presbyterian Women

Email Sylvia Hobdy at snowbunny50@verizon.net

Presbyterian Women meets the Second Tuesday of each month. Both Circles meet together on Zoom from 9:30am-11:00am. Specific dates will be listed in the bulletin and the Shield. Contact Sylvia Hobdy for more information.

Women's Lenten Book Study

Email Lisa Patterson lisa@standrewdenton.com

Wednesdays at Noon

Ash Wednesday through Holy Week | February 17-March 31

Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion through Ten Objects,

Jill J. Duffield

Theology on Tap

Email Kirsten Brown at brownke@lisd.net

St. Andrew's Theology on Tap discussion group has thrived during the past months! Despite being forced to transition to virtual meetings, the group continues to meet bi-monthly via ZOOM to share in conversation, fellowship, and faith formation. Although each participant joins from his or her own safe space, TOT has engaged in many spirited discussions, with topics related to COVID-19 and others that would intrigue us even if we weren't living through a global pandemic. If you are interested in finding out more about TOT or getting your name on the mailing list, please email Kirsten Brown at brownke@lisd.net.

Tuesday Afternoon Women's Bible Study

Email Terry Widmer tbwidmer@gmail.com

Tuesdays at 1:30pm. This group is intentional about rigorous bible study. It is a group that shares leadership, and the conversation is faithful and thoughtful. To sign up to receive the Zoom invitation link, email Terry Widmer at tbwidmer@gmail.com.

Return to In-person Worship

At its February Session meeting, the Session affirmed its previous decision to return to limited, in-person worship on March 14, 2021 (barring unforeseen circumstances). We will begin again the RSVP process for worship services. Sign up for in-person worship on March 14 on St. Andrew Connect.

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 | through March 31

Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion through Ten Objects,

Jill J. Duffield

Book Cost: \$13

(available at the church office on February 9 or on Amazon)

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.

Super Wednesday Meal
Wednesday, March 3
Menu by Denton Independent Hamburger

Meal Choices*

- Hamburger - \$8.75
 - Cheeseburger - \$9.75
 - Grill Chicken Sandwich - \$9.75
 - Chili Burger - \$10.25
 - Hickory Burger - \$9.75
 - Large garden salad with Chicken Breast or Beef Patty - \$9.00
- *drinks not included

Reservation Deadline: Sunday, February 28 at midnight. Please remember that your reservation has been recorded only if you receive a confirmation email. Let us know if you need help with registering. Pay at Denton County Hamburger. Pickup: Wednesday, March 3 at 5:00pm at Denton County Independent Hamburger Register for March 3's Meal on St. Andrew Connect.

Super Wednesday Classes

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
 Mar. 3: Christopher Curcuruto,
 bass-baritone
 6:30pm

Parenting Class

Dr. Lisa Elliot, PhD
 7:30pm

Grace Presbytery

Postponed: Presbytery Virtual Gathering

Grace Presbytery's presbytery-wide virtual gathering, originally scheduled to take place next Tuesday, February 23, has been postponed by one week and will now take place Tuesday, March 2 at 4:00pm. Congregations do not need to elect delegates to attend. This is a fellowship opportunity for all presbytery members.

Registration remains open online. If you have already registered to attend, there is no need to register again. The new deadline to register to participate is March 1 at 12:00pm. Zoom link/passwords are sent within 24 hours of registration.

Please make plans to join us Tuesday, March 2 at 4:00pm

By the Numbers: As of 1/31/20

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

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