



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DENTON, TEXAS

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 7, 2024

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

Das alte Jahr vergangen ist (The Old Year Passed Away) BWV 614 Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 29)

Bravo, God, bravo! Gods and all angels shout, "Encore!"

In awe before the glory, in awe before God's visible power. Stand at attention! Dress your best to honor God!

God thunders across the waters, brilliant, God's voice and God's face, streaming brightness - God, across the flood waters.

God's thunder tympanic, God's thunder symphonic.

Above the floodwaters is God's throne from which God's power flows, from which God rules the world.

God makes God's people strong. God gives God's people peace.

OPENING PRAYER

Lisa Patterson

*HYMN 664

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, to being easily satisfied with where we are, even when we know it is not where you desire us to be. We prefer the places we know over the unknown. We would rather wither away in the familiar than venture into the unfamiliar. Forgive us our unwillingness to trust that you will be with us as we move to new places in our lives, and help us to hear your call as we move into the new year. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 1: 16-17)

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

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Susan Danbom

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 19: 1-7

New Testament, page 130

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

What Can I Give Him

arr. Wayne Fisher

Chancel Choir with Daeun Kim, Piano

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1: 4-11

New Testament, page 32

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Baptism: Jesus Did It

Richard B. Culp

BAPTISMAL REFLECTION

(For a few minutes, you are invited to share with someone on a pew near you an experience of baptism you have had.)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 485

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ENGELBERG

*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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Robert Robinson arr. Christina Mathis

*SUNG RESPONSE

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.*

THE SEALING OF GOD'S WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Therefore, with all creation we sing your praise:

Sanctus #552

Holy, Holy, Holy

Land of Rest

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
2. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Even as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Memorial Acclamation

Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Lifting of the Cup

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN 259

The God of Heaven

GLORY

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

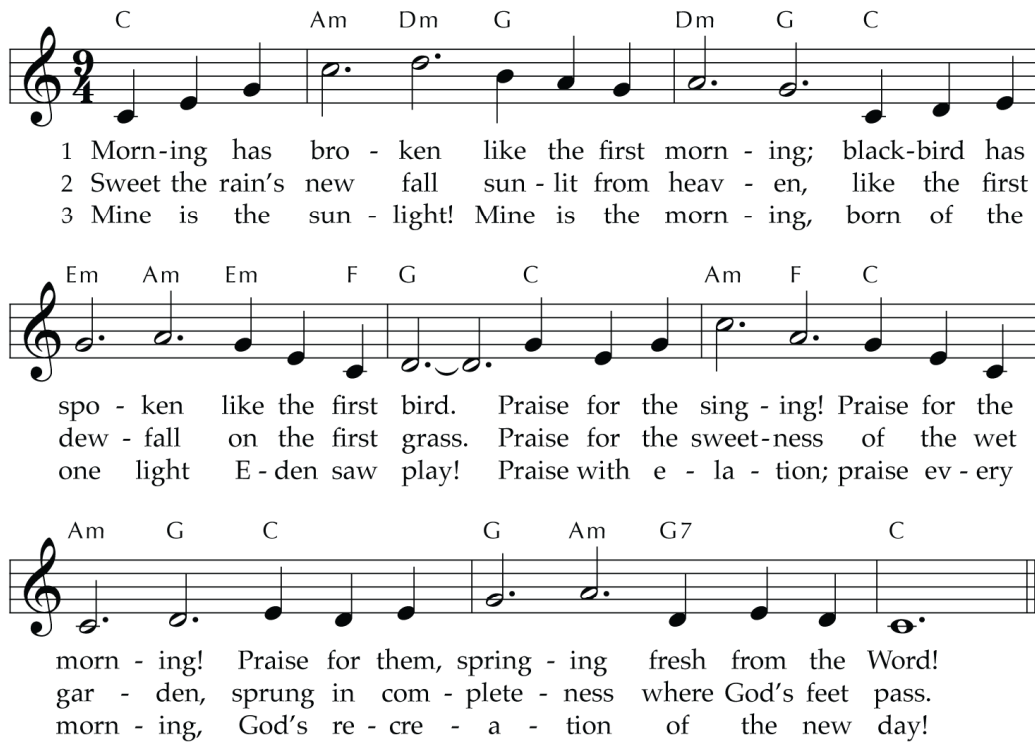
Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir (Lord God, We Praise You)

Johann Pachelbel

*Bold Text indicates congregational participation. *Those who are able are asked to stand.*

Morning Has Broken

664



C Am Dm G Dm G C

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

Em Am Em F G C Am F C

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery

Am G C G Am G7 C

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

This 20th-century text was created to provide words for this traditional tune named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. Through repeated use of "new" and "first," each morning is treated as a re-creation of the promise of the original day.

We Know That Christ Is Raised 485

Capo 3: (D) (Asus) (A) (A/G) (D/F#)

F Csus C C/B^b F/A



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows

(D) (A) (D) (E7) (A)

F C F G7 C



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold,
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life
 The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the church of God.
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.

(Am) (D) (G) (Em) (Bm)

Cm F B^b Gm Dm



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.
 The u - ni - verse, re - stored and whole, will sing:

1-3 4

(Em) (D) (Asus) (A) (Em) (D)

Gm F Csus C Gm F



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Beginning with an allusion to Romans 6:9, this exuberant baptismal hymn unfolds the implications of our incorporation into Christ's new life, making us "a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17). The text was written to fit this expansive tune by a distinguished British composer.

132 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to-day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.
 He has o-pened heav-en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Carols using two languages, like this one dating from at least the 14th century, belong to a special group called "macaronic," the original languages here being German and Latin. Though the present version is only in English, it is sung to the traditional German folk melody.

143 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,

all the earth; you, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing;
 beam a - far; seek the great de - sire of na - tions;
 Spir - it, Son, ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 yon - der shines the in - fant light: come and wor - ship,
 you have seen his na - tal star:
 to the e - ter - nal Three in One:

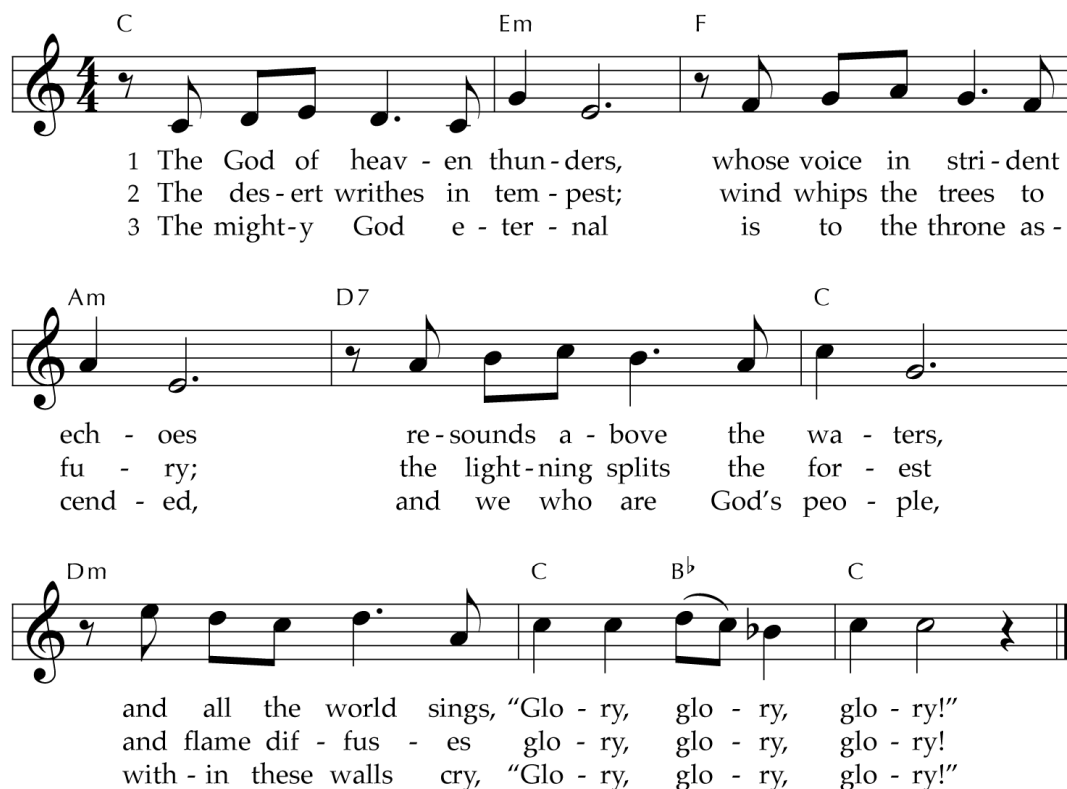
come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king!

This familiar carol was first published as a poem in the Christmas Eve 1816 issue of a newspaper the author edited in Sheffield, England. The tune name celebrates the location of a prominent Presbyterian Church in London, sometimes called the "Presbyterian cathedral."

The God of Heaven

259

(Psalm 29)



C Em F

1 The God of heav - en thun - ders, whose voice in stri - dent
 2 The des - ert writhes in tem - pest; wind whips the trees to
 3 The might - y God e - ter - nal is to the throne as -

Am D7 C

ech - oes re - sounds a - bove the wa - ters,
 fu - ry; the light - ning splits the for - est
 cend - ed, and we who are God's peo - ple,

Dm C B^b C

and all the world sings, "Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry!"
 and flame dif - fus - es glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry!
 with - in these walls cry, "Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry!"

This rather telegraphic paraphrase of Psalm 29 effectively conveys the psalm's recurring contrast between the mighty voice of God heard in thunder and tempest and the awestruck response of creation. Above this tumult, God reigns in peace, and the people of God sing praise.

Acts 19: 1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” ³Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” ⁴Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— ⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

Mark 1: 4-11

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Baptismal Reflection

During our preaching series on baptism, each week a member will share a baptismal reflection. This week, we read Karen Jones’ reflections: *Of the sacraments, I love the encompassing connectedness of baptism. Upon baptism, you are tethered to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In infant baptism, God’s grace comes first, God claims us before we comprehend the meaning. Both my daughters were baptized at St Andrew. For both, family and friends joined us at worship. Vivian was baptized on my husband’s birthday and Mackenzie was baptized on Vivian’s birthday. They both wore the same white lace dress my Nana purchased. My best friend and sister Brandi was the Ruling Elder at each of their baptisms. Dr Lisa Patterson baptized both girls and walked them around the sanctuary. For these two women, who hold meaningful places in my own life and faith journey, to have been intricately involved in this sacrament for my children, is so special to me. It’s so beautiful to look back on these memories and see the similarities, the greatest was the love surrounding my family. “Who stands with this child” is a phrase that echoes in my heart and reflects the promise of the church to walk in the Christian journey of raising my girls within our St Andrew community.*

Super Wednesday

Wednesday, January 10

Dinner at 5:30pm

Menu: Spaghetti and Meat Sauce, Salad, Cookies and Ice Cream

Meals by Mike and Bekah Barnett

Meal prices changing on January 17. \$7 for individuals, \$15 for families.

Register on Realm by Monday, January 8 or buy a season pass!

New this semester: Super Wednesday Season Pass!

The Super Wednesday Season Pass is here! Season pass holders will have a standing reservation and will pay for 13 of the 15 Super Wednesday meals. Priced at \$84 for an individual or \$180 for a family, you can sign up using Realm. Payment may be made through Realm or by payment in the church office. Please note that meals are non-transferable.

Activities for Children

Nursery for infants & preschoolers,
Room 102, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Noel Choir, grades K-1st, Children's Choir Room,
Kirsten Trachsel, 6:00pm

Covenant Choir, grades 2nd-5th,
Children's Choir Room,
Kirsten Trachsel, 6:20pm

Recreation Grades K-1st
Malicia Curran, 6:20pm

Activities for Youth

Middle School and High School
Rec Center and The Den @ 6:00pm-7:30pm

Classes for Adults

Ancient Roots of Abrahamic Hostilities' from the Jewish Wars Up Through the Origins of the Ottoman Empire
Reid Ferring

January 10 and January 17

As the three Near Eastern monotheistic traditions evolved, intolerance marked the relations among Jews, Christians and Muslims. Relations in the Holy Land were complicated by outsiders, including Romans and Crusaders, and most importantly the spread of Islam in the 7th and 8th centuries, all of which contributed to diasporas of Jews and Christians. Ironically, however, tolerance among the Abrahamic traditions created the unstable patchwork of cultural-religious groups that still inhabit the Near East.

Women's Book Study
The Five People You Meet in Heaven
by Mitch Albom
Amy Cole and Amy Fair, Library

The Wave
Terah Hatter and Wade Hatter
Room 205

Chancel Choir Practice
Adult Choir Room
7:30pm

TOT Meets Monday, January 8

Theology On Tap will meet Monday, January 8, 6:30pm, at Denton County Brewing Company (in the back room). Our topic this week is "Ebenezer Moments from 2023 and Remembering God's Faithfulness in 2024." I hope you will join us for this discussion of God's past and future faithfulness!

Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, January 20

Sign up on redcrossblood.org.

Items Needed for Our Daily Bread

The diaconate is collecting items for Our Daily Bread. Items may be donated in the box in the Narthex. Current needs are: bottle water, canned vegetables, canned soup, canned Chef Boyardee, canned stew, mac and cheese cups, Rice-a-Roni cups, sugar, Gatorade, travel size shampoo, travel size conditioner, travel size toothpaste, travel size deodorant, cough drops, chapstick, tissues, men's pants (size 36W), men's shirts sizes (2XL and up).

Give-a-Meal - \$2.29

St. Andrew donated \$403.60 to the Give-a-Meal program in November! 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.

Screen Printed St. Andrew Items Available Now!

St. Andrew is partnering with online retailer Bonfire to make these screen-printed offerings available anytime through their online store. A small amount of each item will go toward communications projects in the future. Visit the link in the Shield to see our storefront!

Dr. Richard Culp Out of Office

Dr. Culp will be out of the office from Wednesday, January 10 - Tuesday, January 16. Please contact Dr. Patterson or the church office with any pastoral needs. Dr. Culp will be checking emails periodically.

Prayer Requests

WELCOME!

Steve Davis	Catherine Mitchell
Norma Rockenbach	Jan Lewis
Ed Moorehead	Hudson Barnhill
Kendall Hallford	Phillip Young
Jane Loveall	Sunny Hueholt

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.

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

Scott Shepherd Halbach,
grandson of Betsy and Bob Halbach
Rylen Lewis, grandson of Mark Lewis
Sharon Schuyler, friend of the Fair family
Jim Sims, friend of the Culp
Sharice Modester, Treehouse parent
Jery Eaton, friend of Chuck Smith
Richard Jacobs, friend of the Strowe family
Ben Reynolds, relative of Clarice Luce
Carolyn Brown, sister-in-law of Janette Hindman
Amy Langford, sister-in-law of Leslie Culp
Bonnie Owens, mother of Michelle La Spata
Jane Jacobek, aunt of Michelle La Spata
Karin Diaz, friend of Harriet Laney
Mary Marcello, friend of Betty Culp and Elaine Martin
Beth Eaton, friend of Chuck Smith
Ben Pierce and Family, brother of Bekah Barnett
Rosario Garza, friend of Clarice Luce
Lynn and Charlie Davis, friends of Chuck Smith
Margie Ball,
mother of Marissa Glasschroeder and Michael Ball
Megan Terry Crawford,
friend of Betty Sue and Mike Grandey
Kim Hundley Owens, niece of Barbara Sims
John Pierce, father of Bekah Barnett
Sophia Lilley, mother of Lisa Haddad

Children's Chapel

During the worship service, children ages three years through kindergarten are invited to go to chapel immediately following the Children's Sermon.

Epiphany

Marybeth Doyle and Pat Reinke

Godly Play seeks to tell the stories of the faith so that children hear and remember these stories and become engaged in them. It also provides a place and opportunities for children to begin exploring the purpose and meaning of worship. Parents may come upstairs to the Children's Chapel to pick children up following the worship service.

By the Numbers: As of 11/30/23

Income (pledges + other income)	\$858,111
Expenses	\$904,909
Difference	-\$46,798

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