



## ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DENTON, TEXAS

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 14, 2024

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### GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

#### PRELUDE

"I know de Lord's laid his hands on me"  
"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"  
Christian Luevano, Double Bass, Daeun Kim Piano

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 22)

Here in this great gathering for worship, I have discovered this praise-life.

**And I'll do what I promised here in front of the God-worshippers.**

Down-and-outers sit at God's table and eat their fill.

**Everyone on the hunt for God is here, praising God.**

From the four corners of the earth people are coming to their senses, are running back to God.

**Long-lost families are falling on their faces before God.**

God has taken charge; from now on God has the last word.

**Our children and their children will hear the good news, God does what God says.**

#### OPENING PRAYER

Dan Kyzer

#### \*HYMN 22

God of the Sparrow

ROEDER

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God, in baptism you called us to turn from sin and to turn to Jesus Christ; but we stray from his ways and do not heed your call. *(Silence)*

In baptism you joined us to Christ in his death that we might be raised with Christ in new life; but we cherish old ways and fail to embrace the risen life of righteousness, justice, and love. *(Silence)*

In baptism you united us with all the baptized who confess your name; but we foster division in the church. We refuse to live as one people, and so fail to witness to your reconciling love before the world. *(Silence)*

In baptism you call us to ministry in all realms of life, but we refuse the struggle to know your will; we do not nurture the ways of peace; we allow enmity to grow among us, setting neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse the earth you entrust to our care, and live in discord with all you have made. *(Silence)*

In baptism you sent us to serve with compassion all for whom Christ died; but we ignore the suffering of the oppressed and the plight of the poor. We take bread from the hungry, and stop our ears to cries for justice. *(Silence)*

Lord, have mercy upon us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### 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

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 John 4:7-21

New Testament, page 226

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### ANTHEM

Peace Came to Earth

K. Lee Scott

Chancel Choir with Zachary McKinnon, Horn, Daeun Kim, Organ

### TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 8:26-40

New Testament, page 119

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

Baptism: A New Identity

Lisa Patterson

#### BAPTISMAL REFLECTION

(For a few minutes, you are invited to share with someone on a pew near you how being baptized changes how we see ourselves and others.)

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

#### \*HYMN 484

Out of Deep Unordered Water

RUSTINGTON

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(*The Heidelberg Catechism*)

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**A. That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. Amen.**

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

“Be Thou My Vision”  
Zachary McKinnon Horn, Daeun Kim Piano

arr Lanier

### \*DOXOLOGY

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.*

### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### \*HYMN 475

Come Thou Fount

NETTLETON

### \*BENEDICTION

Every Time I Feel the Spirit  
Christian Luevano, Double Bass, Daeun Kim, Piano

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

# 22

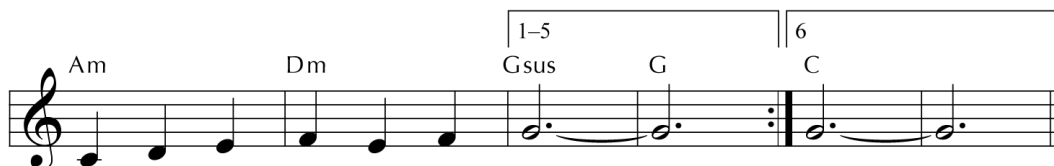
## God of the Sparrow



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the  
 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the  
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the  
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the  
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe God of the  
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand God of the



swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say Awe  
 trum - pet blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe  
 emp - ty grave How does the crea - ture say Grace  
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 prun - ing hook How does the crea - ture say Love  
 lov - ing heart How do your chil - dren say Joy

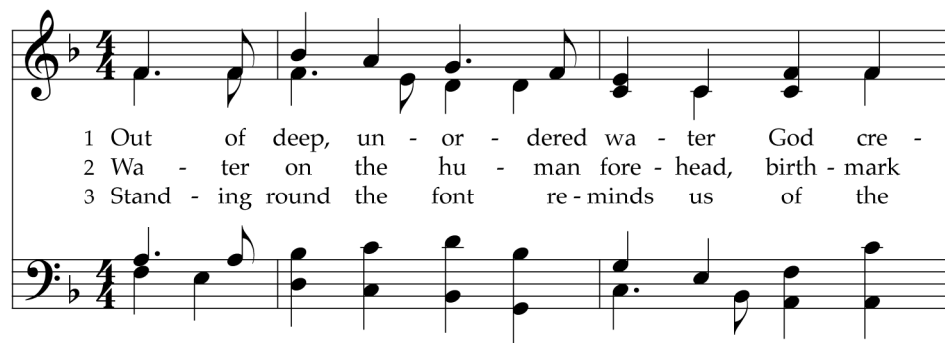


How does the crea - ture say Praise  
 How does the crea - ture cry Save  
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks  
 How does the crea - ture say Life  
 How does the crea - ture say Peace  
 How do your chil - dren say Home

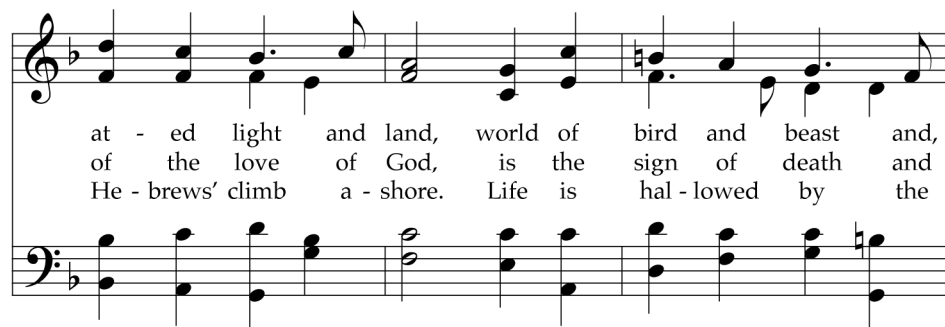
*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Though a lack of punctuation makes this text appear freeform and the flowing tune enhances a sense of movement, each stanza here is firmly anchored by a final weighty word (praise, save, thanks, life, peace, home), a sign of God's eternal presence in an ever-changing world.

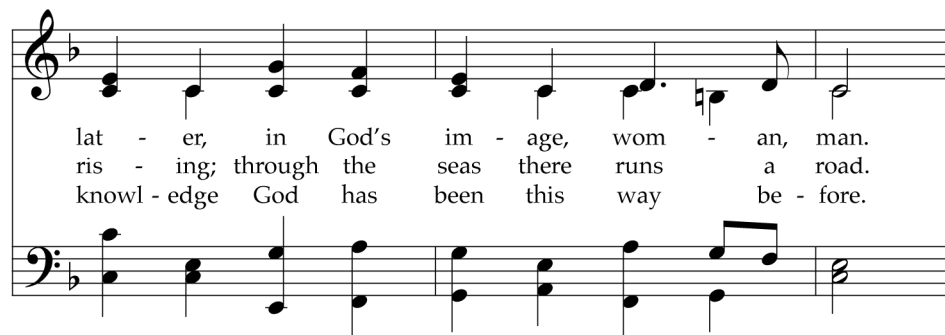
## 484 Out of Deep, Unordered Water



1 Out of deep, un - or - dered wa - ter God cre -  
2 Wa - ter on the hu - man fore - head, birth - mark  
3 Stand - ing round the font re - minds us of the



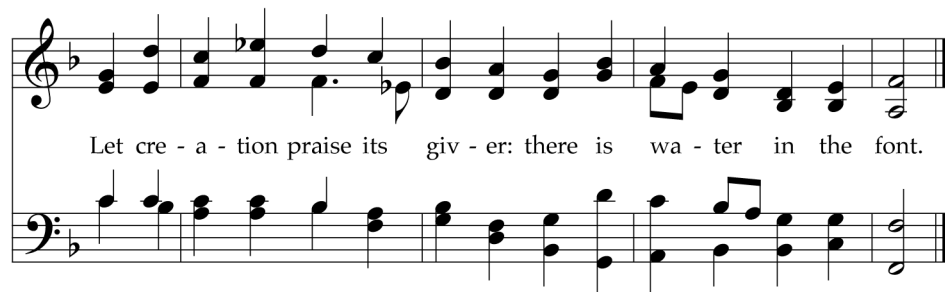
at - ed light and land, world of bird and beast and,  
of the love of God, is the sign of death and  
He - brews' climb a - shore. Life is hal - lowed by the



lat - er, in God's im - age, wom - an, man.  
ris - ing; through the seas there runs a road.  
knowl - edge God has been this way be - fore.

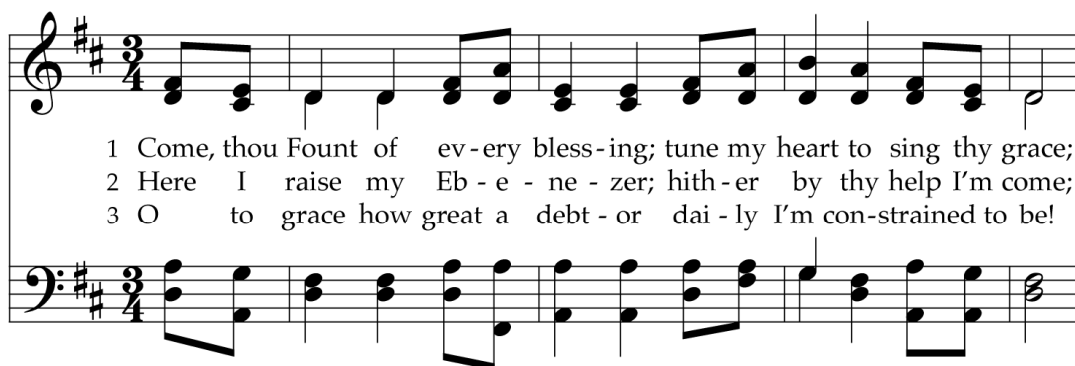


There is wa - ter in the riv - er bring - ing life to tree and plant.

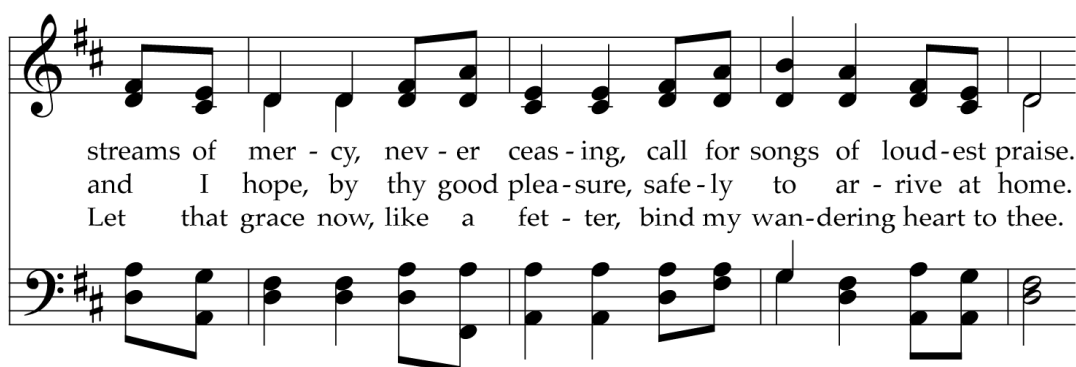


Let cre - a - tion praise its giv - er: there is wa - ter in the font.

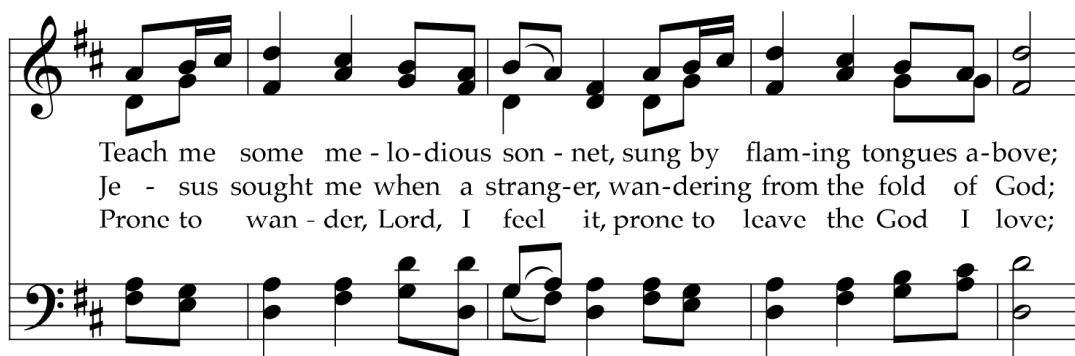
# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



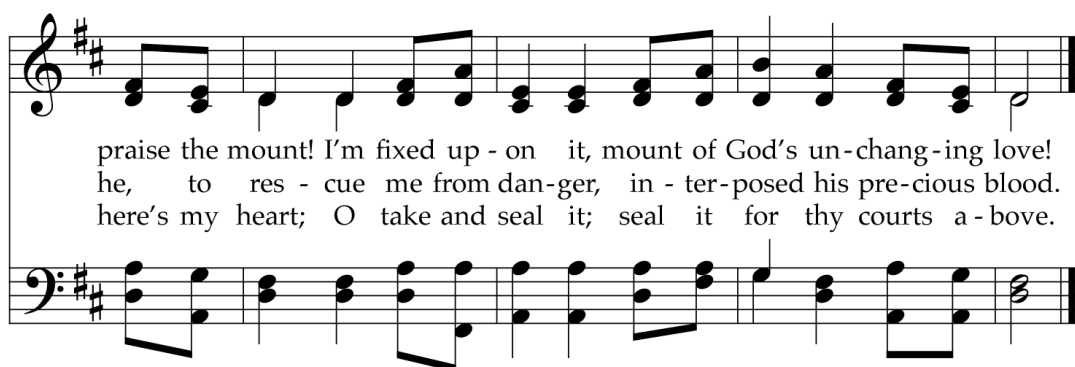
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;  
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.  
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!  
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.  
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

## 1 John 4:7-21

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup> By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

## Acts 8:26-40

<sup>26</sup> Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup>So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' <sup>31</sup>He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth.'

<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

## Baptismal Reflection

*During our preaching series on baptism, each week a member will share a baptismal reflection. This week, we read David Hines' reflections:*

I decided to reflect on my own Baptism, performed just 5 years ago here at SAPC. The reason for this is quite simple – it changed my spiritual life forever. Robin and I will never forget our 3 kids being baptized; those were such a blessing. I even stood with my Confirmand, Eta Tako, a few months before I decided to take that journey. This was profound for me. Baptisms at SAPC are such a joyous occasion, no matter who it is or their age.

My story was conceived when I found out I had never been Baptized in our family church back in Okla. City. I was only “Christened” in a different denomination when I was 6 months old. There is a stark difference and I wanted to have a Presbyterian Trinitarian Baptism. Pastors Richard and Lisa were both so supportive and understanding throughout my journey and decision. I can’t thank them enough, and they still know that.

Listening to Richard last Sunday recalling all his Baptisms made me think I might be his oldest person he ever baptized? This coming Sunday is appropriately titled “Baptism – New Identity”. This is what I feel happened to me – I have been a new person ever since my Baptism. I have dedicated my life to this church in as many ways as possible, because you are my family and as a congregation you stood with me. The Holy Spirit has guided me thus far and will continue to lead me.

# **Super Wednesday**

## ***Wednesday, January 17***

### **Dinner at 5:30pm**

Menu: Smoked Pork Loin, Green Beans, Rolls,, Pound Cake with Whipped Cream and Berries

Meals by Mike and Bekah Barnett

***Register on Realm by Monday, January 15 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-1<sup>st</sup>, Children's Choir Room,  
Kirsten Trachsel, 6:00pm

Covenant Choir, grades 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>,  
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**

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***

**Church Office Closed**

*Monday, January 15*

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 15 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. day holiday. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 16.

**Red Cross Blood Drive**

*Saturday, January 20*

*10:00am-4:00pm*

Sign up on [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

**Parents' Night Out**

Parents' Night Out is a program for the young families of St. Andrew. The program has a two-fold purpose: it gives parents an opportunity to spend quality time together without their children and it gives the children an evening of fun, age-appropriate activities with their friends at St. Andrew. The evening runs from 4:00pm to 8:00pm for infants-5yrs old in the Nursery. In the Rec Center, Kindergarten-elementary age will meet 4:00pm to 9:00pm, with pick-up from the media room in the main church building. Registration is required on Realm or email Karen Raabe at [karen@standrewdenton.com](mailto:karen@standrewdenton.com).

**Spring dates: 1/13, 2/10, 4/20, and 5/18**

**Prime Time**

The next Prime Time meeting will be on Friday, February 2, 2024. Additional details will be provided at a later date. Prime Time is an opportunity for fellowship and learning for older adults. For additional information, please contact Brad Dunn ([acapulcosunset@gmail.com](mailto:acapulcosunset@gmail.com)).

**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 \$516.00 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](http://standrewdenton.com/give) and be sure to choose Give-a-Meal from the fund options to the right of your monetary donation.

## Prayer Requests

## WELCOME!

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

**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.

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

### 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.*

### Holy Baptism

Marissa Glasschroeder and Mark Glasschroeder

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.

Malicia and Phillip Curran  
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

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Kirsten Trachsel, Director of Children's and Handbell Choirs  
J. Christine Le, Director of Music



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