



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DENTON, TEXAS

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 21, 2024

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

I Come to the Water

Janice Kapp Perry, arr. Laurel Pedersen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 62)

God, the one and only—I'll wait for God as long as God says.

Everything I hope for comes from God, so why not?

God is solid rock under my feet, breathing room for my soul, an impregnable castle: I'm set for life.

My help and glory are in God — granite-strength and safe-harbor-God.

So we trust God absolutely and lay our lives on the line for God.

God is a safe place to be.

OPENING PRAYER

Lisa Patterson

*HYMN 10

Sing Glory to the Name of God

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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.

*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

Karen Jones

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 16: 25-34

New Testament, page 130

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

How Firm a Foundation
Chancel Choir with Daeun Kim, Organ

arr. Bill Gregory

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

I Corinthians 1: 11-17

New Testament, page 155

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Baptism: When and How?

Richard B. Culp

BAPTISMAL REFLECTION

(For a few minutes, you are invited to share what you find meaningful in an infant baptism and an adult baptism.)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 489

Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed

PENTECOST (BOYDI)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)

(The Heidelberg Catechism)

How does baptism remind and assure you that Christ's one sacrifice on the cross benefits you personally?

In this way: Christ instituted this outward washing and with it promised that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so certainly his blood and his Spirit wash away my soul's impurity, that is, all my sins.

Should infants also be baptized?

Yes. Infants as well as adults are included in God's covenant and people and they, no less than adults, are promised deliverance from sin through Christ's blood and the Holy Spirit who produces faith. Therefore, by baptism, the sign of the covenant, they too should be incorporated into the Christian church and distinguished from the children of unbelievers. This was done in the Old Testament by circumcision, which was replaced in the New Testament by baptism.

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

Streite, siege, starker, Held! from BWV 62
Christopher Curcuruto, Bass-Baritone with Dauen Kim, Piano

J. S. Bach

*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.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 492

You Belong To Christ (2 times)

YOU BELONG TO CHRIST

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren
(Praise the Lord, the Mighty King of Honor)

Johann Gottfried Walther

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

10 Sing Glory to the Name of God

(Psalm 29)

Unison

1 Sing glo - ry to the name of God, whose ho - ly splen - dor shines a -
 2 The name of God is full of might: re - sound - ing thun - der, flash - ing
 3 The name of God is wild and free, a - whirl in ho - ly mys - ter -
 4 May God for - ev - er be our peace; may hymns of glo - ry nev - er

Harmony *Unison*

broad.
 light.
 y.
 cease:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

En - throned a - bove the
 The wil - der - ness can -
 A se - cret wrapped in
 Let all the faith - ful

crash - ing waves, the God of grace and glo - ry saves.
 not con - tain the ech - oes of the great re - frain:
 smoke and fire, still chant - ed by the tem - ple choir:
 peo - ple come; sing praise to God, the Three - in - One:

This sweeping paraphrase of Psalm 29 conveys a sense of the Jewish reverence for the sheer power of God's name, regarded as too holy for mortal tongues to pronounce. In keeping with its appointment for Trinity Sunday, the final stanza gives the psalm a Christian interpretation.

THE TRIUNE GOD

Harmony

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia,

This musical system is for the Harmony part. It consists of two staves, treble and bass, in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia,' are written below the treble staff. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some rests and ties.

Unison

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

This musical system is for the Unison part. It consists of two staves, treble and bass, in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the treble staff. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some rests and ties.

Glory Be to the Father

581

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is primarily homophonic, with chords moving in parallel motion. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men." The score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano part uses a simple harmonic accompaniment style with chords and moving lines. The final system ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

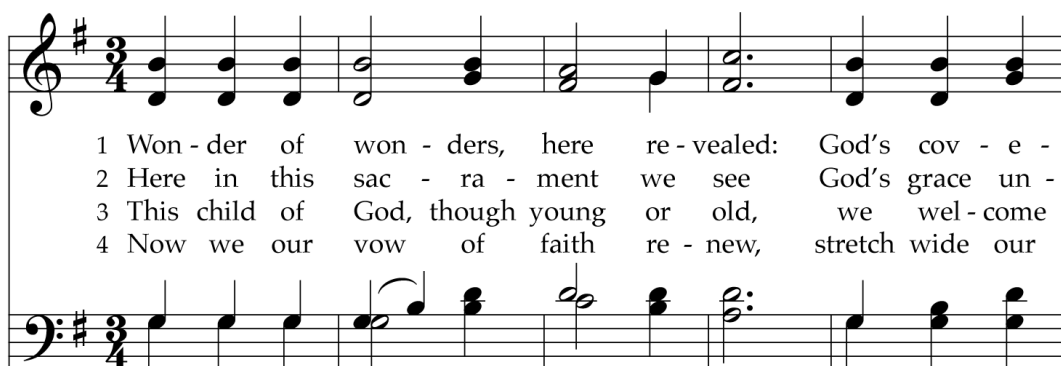
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Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

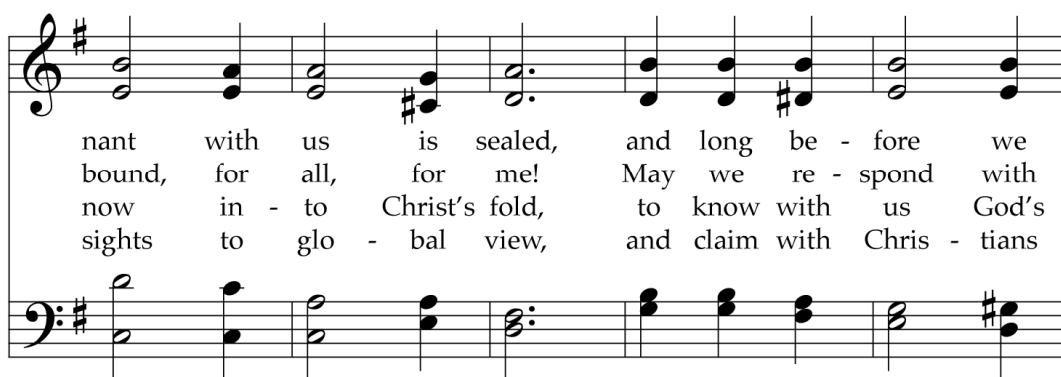
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.


Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed 489



1 Won - der of won - ders, here re - vealed: God's cov - e -
 2 Here in this sac - ra - ment we see God's grace un -
 3 This child of God, though young or old, we wel - come
 4 Now we our vow of faith re - new, stretch wide our



nant with us is sealed, and long be - fore we
 bound, for all, for me! May we re - spond with
 now in - to Christ's fold, to know with us God's
 sights to glo - bal view, and claim with Chris - tians



know or pray, God's love en - folds us ev - ery day.
 joy - ful praise in lov - ing ser - vice all our days.
 lov - ing care, and all our joys and sor - rows share.
 far and near a larg - er fam - i - ly held dear.

In creating this text (for which she chose this existing tune as its setting), the author wished to emphasize two themes: that God loves us before we know how to love in return, and that through baptism we become part of a worldwide family unbounded by space or time.

You Belong to Christ

492

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts. The lyrics are: 'You be-long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized. al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The score includes a final double bar line at the end of the third line.

In the rite of baptism provided in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* this text appears as one of the optional congregational responses after each person is baptized. It represents an adaptation of recurring scriptural images and closely resembles the language of Galatians 3:27 and 29.

TEXT: *Holy Baptism and Related Rites*, Renewing Worship, vol. 3, 2002

MUSIC: Robert A. Hobby, 2003

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YOU BELONG TO CHRIST

Irregular

Acts 16: 25-34

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

I Corinthians 1: 11-17

¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)

¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. 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 Ray Speir's reflections:

In my youth growing up in the fifties in Austin, I owe my grandfather and aunt for my early church experiences. On occasions one of them would swing by the house and pick me up and we would drive downtown to First Southern Presbyterian Church. My parents or they would give me a quarter or so to place in the collections plate. I was too young to understand a lot of what was going on but I enjoyed the experience. Later my aunt and uncle would take me to a new startup church Covenant Presbyterian. During high school I attended somewhat more often and became a charter member. The pastor, Dr. Carl Eaton became a spiritual mentor to me. Years later Belle and I became charter members of Westminster Presbyterian in Missouri City, Texas and our attendance increased. Upon moving to the Denton area in 2000 we joined St. Andrew and for the first time given opportunities to serve the Church and Christ.

Procrastinating for years, I became suddenly aware of the importance of baptism and asked for the rite **ASAP!** And on Sunday August 2, 2011 was baptized! What a long time coming! My emotions were not expected. Upon returning to my seat I was engulfed by every positive human emotion. Security, Safety, Compassion, Wholeness, Enlightenment, Gratitude, Forgiveness, Acceptance, Peace and more. But the most powerful of all, an all-encompassing unconditional love! I had a lump in my throat which was followed by flowing tears. I just could not stop. The church, I felt, was filled with Christ's love! Not of course just for me, but for all of us. Of course I had no hankey but finally a lady in the row ahead of me reached back and handed me some Kleenex. That was really appreciated!

Belle and I have been so grateful for St. Andrew, our pastors, our congregation and the opportunities to serve in its missions.

Super Wednesday

Wednesday, January 24

Dinner at 5:30pm

Menu: Beef or Chicken Tacos, chips, guacamole, salsa, cookie, ice cream

Meals by Mike and Bekah Barnett

\$7 for individuals, \$15 for families.

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

**Swords & Plowshares: Geopolitics, War,
and Peace in the Middle East**

Dr. Michael Greig, UNT

January 24, February 7, and February 21, Fellowship Hall

In this series of discussions, we will explore the roots of violence, the risks of conflict escalation, and the challenges for peace in the Middle East. We will examine the network of relationships between countries in the region that make it both a critical area of interest for American foreign policy as well as a tremendously volatile region of the world. As part of our discussion, we will seek to understand why the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has been proven so resistant to efforts to establish a lasting peace. No background knowledge in the politics or history of the Middle East is expected for participants in this series, so all are welcome!

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

Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, January 20

10:00am-4:00pm

Sign up on redcrossblood.org.

Save the Date!

Presbyterian 101

Beginning Sunday, February 11

9:15am, Parlor

TOT Meets Monday, January 22

Theology On Tap will meet Monday, January 22, 6:30pm, at Denton County Brewing Company (in the back room). We will be conducting our first ever Biblical All-Star Draft! If you wish to participate (spectators, too, are welcome), please come ready with a slate of draft picks. We hope to make it through three rounds (snake draft style), so come prepared with five or more picks. You may want to consider more obscure biblical figures since well known All-Stars will go early in the draft. Be prepared to explain why you think your picks are worthy of All-Star status.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Sunday, January 28

Following the Worship Service

Please join us following worship for lunch and a presentation from the Session about 2023's year in ministry. Turkey, Pulled Pork, and Baked Beans from Smoke and Fire in Krum is on the menu; however, all families are also invited to bring a side dish and a dessert to share. Register by Thursday, January 25. Sign up using the link in the Shield!

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).

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 and be sure to choose Give-a-Meal from the fund options to the right of your monetary donation.

Prayer Requests

WELCOME!

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

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.

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.

Enrichment: Jonah

Vera Odei and Rachel Odei

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.

Rylen Lewis, grandson of Mark Lewis
Sharon Schuyler, friend of the Fair family
Jim Sims, friend of the Culps
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
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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