



## ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DENTON, TEXAS

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 28, 2024

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### GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

Pastoral BWV 590

J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 111)

Hallelujah! I give thanks to God with everything I've got

**I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

The good life begins in the fear of God - do that and you'll know the blessing of God.

**God's praise endures for ever.**

OPENING PRAYER

Lisa Patterson

\*HYMN 626

As the Deer

AS THE DEER

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)*

Lord have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

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)*

Lord have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

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)*

Lord have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

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)*

Lord have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

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. **Christ have mercy.**

In baptism you gave us the Holy Spirit to teach and guide us but we rely on ourselves and refuse to trust your direction. We spurn your eternal wisdom, preferring, instead, the luring ways of the world. *(Silence)*

Lord have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

Remember the promises you made to us in baptism,

**Forgive our sinful ways and heal our brokenness. Set us free from all that enslaves us, and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ, that we may be your faithful servants, showing forth your healing love to the world, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

\*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

Finley Graves

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 8: 9-13

New Testament, page 118

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

When in Our Music God Is Glorified  
Chancel Choir with Daeun Kim, Piano, Maria Baylock, Cello

James Eakin III

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 43: 1-7

Old Testament, page 631

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Baptism: from womb to tomb

Richard B. Culp

BAPTISMAL REFLECTION

(For a few minutes, you are invited to share how baptism impacts your life.)

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN 488

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

WATERLIFE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)

*(The Confession of 1967)*

By humble submission to John's baptism, Christ joined himself to humans in their need and entered upon his ministry of reconciliation in the power of the spirit. Christian baptism marks the receiving of the same Spirit by all his people. Baptism with water represents not only cleansing from sin but a dying with Christ and a joyful rising with him to new life. It commits all Christians to die each day to sin and to live for righteousness. In baptism the church celebrates the renewal of the covenant with which God has bound God's people to God's own self. By baptism, individuals are publicly received into the church to share in its life and ministry, and the church becomes responsible for their training and support in Christian discipleship. When those baptized are infants, the congregation, as well as the parents, has a special obligation to nurture them in the Christian life, leading them to make, by a public profession, a personal response to the love of God shown forth in their baptism. 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

Shall We Gather at the River  
Maria Baylock, Cello, and Daeun Kim, Piano

Lowry, arr. Burswold

\*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 296

Go in Grace and Make Disciples

WONDROUS LIGHT

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

In dich hab ich gehoffet, Herr (In Thee, Lord, Have I Put My Trust)  
*Bold Text indicates congregational participation. \*Those who are able are asked to stand.*

J. C. Bach

## ADORATION

626

## As the Deer

As the deer pants for the wa - ter, so my  
soul longs af - ter you. You a - lone are my  
heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.  
You a - lone are my strength, my shield; to you a - lone  
may my spir - it yield. You a - lone are my  
heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.

Chords: D, A, Bm, Dsus, D, G, A7sus, A7, D, A, Bm, Dsus, D, G, Asus, A7, D, Bm, Bm/A, G, D/F#, G, Bm, Em, F#sus, F#, D, A, Bm, Dsus, D, G, A7sus, A7, D.

This praise chorus begins as a paraphrase of Psalm 42:1 and later incorporates parts of Psalm 28:7. In some early Christian communities, people chanted or sang Psalm 42 on their way to be baptized, and many early Christian baptisteries were decorated with deer drinking water.

# Glory Be to the Father

581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

The first system of the musical score is in 4/4 time, featuring a treble and bass staff. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, while the accompaniment consists of chords and single notes.

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

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff includes a half note and a quarter note, while the bass staff provides harmonic support with chords.

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

The third system features a more active melody with eighth notes in the treble staff, accompanied by chords in the bass staff.

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

The final system concludes the piece with a sustained melody in the treble staff and a bass staff ending with a double bar line and a fermata. A large '8' is visible at the end of the bass staff, likely a page or measure marker.


# 488 I Was There to Hear Your Born-ing Cry

1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry; I'll be there when  
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word, I was there to  
 3 "In the mid-dle a-ges of your life, not too old, no  
 you are old. I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to  
 cheer you on. You were raised to praise the liv-ing Lord to  
 lon-ger young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-  
 see your life un-fold. I was there when you were but a  
 whom you now be-long. If you find some-one to share your  
 plete what I've be-gun. When the eve-ning gent-ly clos-es  
 child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of  
 time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to  
 in and you shut your wea-ry eyes, I'll be there as  
 light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."  
 make your vers-es rhyme from dusk till ris-ing sun."  
 I have al-ways been with just one more sur-prise."  
 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry; I'll be there when you are old.  
 I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un-fold."

Originally created to accompany a video series on baptism, this hymn speaks in the imagined conversational voice of God, assuring the person being baptized of God's presence throughout the changing stages of life. It offers a reminder that baptism is a once-in-a-lifetime event.


## 296 Go in Grace and Make Disciples

Capo 3: (D) (A) (G) (A) (D) (A)  
F C B $\flat$  C F C



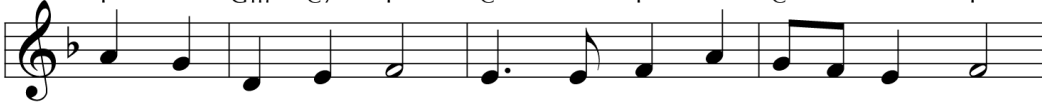
1 Go in grace and make dis - ci - ples. Bap - tize in God's  
2 Go and fol - low Christ's ex - am - ple, not to van - quish,  
3 Go in Pen - te - cos - tal spir - it, man - y tongues and

(Em7) (A) (D) (G) (D) (G)  
Gm7 C F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$




ho - ly name. Tell of death and res - ur - rec - tion; Eas - ter's  
but to heal. Mend the wounds of sin's di - vi - sions. Ser - vant  
man - y gifts. Feed the hearts of hun - gry peo - ple. Spread the

(D) (Em) (A7) (D) (A) (D) (A) (D)  
F Gm C7 F C F C F




vic - tory now pro - claim. Christ's com - mis - sion sends us forth  
love to all re - veal. Roles and ranks shall be re - versed;  
gos - pel that up - lifts. Till the day of Christ's re - turn,

(B) (Em) (B) (E) (A) (D)  
D Gm D G C F



to the na - tions of the earth. Go in grace and  
jus - tice flow for all who thirst. Go and fol - low  
as dis - ci - ples, teach and learn. Go in Pen - te -

(G) (D) (G) (Em) (D) (A7) (D)  
B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  Gm F C7 F



make dis - ci - ples, mid - wives for the world's re - birth.  
Christ's ex - am - ple. Forge a world of last made first.  
cos - tal spir - it: let God's flame of wit - ness burn.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This text based on Jesus' Great Commission (Matthew 28:19–20) emphasizes that engaging in mission according to the model of Christ's life and ministry inspires service rather than conquest. The gospel message is a gift of life and hope made known in healing, justice, and peace.

## **Acts 8: 9-13**

Now a certain man named Simon had previously practiced magic in the city and amazed the people of Samaria, saying that he was someone great. All of them, from the least to the greatest, listened to him eagerly, saying, "This man is the power of God that is called Great." And they listened eagerly to him because for a long time he had amazed them with his magic. But when they believed Philip, who was proclaiming the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Even Simon himself believed. After being baptized, he stayed constantly with Philip and was amazed when he saw the signs and great miracles that took place

## **Isaiah 43: 1-7**

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup>For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; <sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— <sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."



## Baptismal Reflection

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

Several years ago, I woke up one day in a cold sweat. I rushed to my parents' room with newfound haste, which I hadn't known since the days of my youth. It was early in the morning; my mom and dad hadn't even gotten out of bed yet. I shook them awake and asked, "Why don't we go to church?" Both of my parents responded with "We have tried several churches in the area, son, and they just don't seem to fit." I sat there disappointed and begged them time and time again with determination only possibly seeded by the Lord in heaven. I remember my dad finally caving and suggested that we try going to the church he grew up going to. With that suggestion from her beloved, my mom's stubborn nature gave in and finally she admitted saying: "Okay we'll give it a shot!" That is the story of how we're here and a part of this wonderful congregation and how I can live and walk a life with those that share my similar passions, a gift no short of a miracle.

Not even a year after us joining I rushed to talk to my pastors and my parents. I just knew that the next best step for me was to be baptized, I didn't even know it was part of the joining process at that time. That day when I walked up to the font with Pastor Richard watching as I grew into a new spiritual existence was nothing short of heavenly. I felt a new overwhelming sense of pride, not one of the flesh but rather pride of the father. I was part of the church, part of his body, part of his people. That was the best feeling one could ask for. As I walked around looking at my new brothers, sisters, mothers, and fathers I was beyond overjoyed, and far more terrified than I could describe. I was not only walking through a new crowd of strangers but also into a new life entirely. Yet, something in my gut told me that it was all for the best and that feeling of confidence is what has kept me going all my life. This month's preaching seriously reignited that feeling, the one of confidence and power that I had been blessed with several years ago, and I pray that everyone both in and out of our congregation will be guided to being claimed by the light of the Lord. For such a feeling is ineffable in beauty, and brings about indescribable happiness.

# **Super Wednesday**

## ***Wednesday, January 31***

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

Menu: Pot roast, corn bread, apple sauce, pie

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-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**

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

*Dr. Michael Greig, UNT*

*January 31 and February 7, 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*

### **Prime Time**

Prime Time, an opportunity for fellowship and learning for our older adults, will next gather on Friday, February 2, at 11:30am at Denton Independent Hamburger's new location, 507 W. University Drive. Hope you can join us there for a great lunch and conversation. Please RSVP to Brad Dunn, [acapulcosunset@gmail.com](mailto:acapulcosunset@gmail.com), by January 31.

### **Dr. Culp out-of-office**

Dr. Culp will be in Longboat Key, FL, next week-end (out of office Thursday - Monday) to participate in a Peace River Presbyterian Service of Installation for Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont, a colleague and good friend.

### *Save the Date!*

#### **Presbyterian 101**

*Beginning Sunday, February 11*

*9:15am, Parlor*

### **The Children's Place Is Now Hiring!**

The Children's Place preschool at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church is hiring a teacher for the Pre-Kindergarten classroom. Desirable candidates will:

- Be Ambitious and energetic.
- Carry out developmentally appropriate play-based activities with children on a daily basis.
- Possess excellent communication and problem-solving skills.
- Be experienced in compassionate instruction and development of 1- to 5-year-old students.
- Be committed to encouraging children toward empathy by teaching them to share and be attuned to one another's feelings.

And

- Be dedicated to making a difference in the lives of children by providing them with a safe and nurturing environment that encourages their social, emotional, physical, and intellectual development.

If you would like to learn more about our half-day preschool, or are interested in applying, please send an email to [thechildrensplacedenton@gmail.com](mailto:thechildrensplacedenton@gmail.com) and we will be in touch soon.

### *Save the Date!*

#### **Women's Retreat**

*March 22-23 | Lone Oak Retreat Center*

Cost: \$135 per person for 4, 5, or 6 to a room; \$210 for single occupancy.

Questions? Ask Lisa Patterson at  
[lisa@standrewdenton.com](mailto:lisa@standrewdenton.com)

### **Photos Requested for the Church Directory**

If you were not able to have your photo taken in November by Re:Member, you can submit your photo to the church directory. Re:Member, the company producing the directory, allows for photos to be submitted for \$20 apiece. Unfortunately, due to the policy of Re:Member, we can only accept photos that are self-taken. Professional photos from another company or those taken in the last church directory are not allowed. Please send photos to Lou Korom, [lou@standrewdenton.com](mailto:lou@standrewdenton.com) no later than Sunday, February 18!

### **Drumset Needed**

The Westminster Youth Ensemble is looking for a drum set to borrow for Youth Sunday and weekly rehearsals leading up to Youth Sunday. Do you have a set gathering dust somewhere in your house that we could use? Please contact Kirsten Trachsel - [kirsten@standrewdenton.com](mailto:kirsten@standrewdenton.com).

### **Volunteer as a Greeter or in the Kitchen**

Click the link below to sign up to help make Super Wednesday successful each week by volunteering as a kitchen helper or as a greeter. Slots are available using the signugnugenius link below!

### **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!

**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.*

### Enrichment: The Prophets

Karen Raabe

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.

Merritt Morin  
Steve Davis  
Norma Rockenbach  
Ed Moorehead  
Kendall Hallford  
Jane Loveall  
Catherine Mitchell  
Jan Lewis  
Hudson Barnhill  
Phillip Young  
Sunny Hueholt  
Sherry Olivas, Cousin of David McCullar  
Mary Ann Bosnos, Friend of Caia and David McCullar  
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  
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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J. Christine Le, Director of Music



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