



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DENTON, TEXAS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21, 2024

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

Jesus, meine Zuversicht (Jesus Christ, my sure Defense)

Johann Gottfried Walther

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 23)

Stacy Hays

We come to God, our holy shepherd, as we come to a green meadow.

God prepares a place for us, and we give glory in God's presence.

How excellent is this dwelling place under the eyes of God's care.

We turn to God in joy. Our good shepherd provides for all our needs.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 250

In a Bulb There Is a Flower

PROMISE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your holy ways. Too often we have followed the desires of our hearts, strayed from your sacred path. This has separated us from you and from those we love. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done things we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us our sins and call us to repentance. Restore your image in us, and make us new creations, ready and willing to serve you. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen. (Time of silent confession).

SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 578)

ORE PORIAJU VEREKO

O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.

O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

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

CALL TO FAITHFULNESS

(Adapted from Ephesians 5)

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.

*SUNG RESPONSE

Hymn 240, (Refrain)

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Stacy Hays

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 10: 11-18

New Testament, page 97

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Mack Wilberg

Chancel Choir with Alison Parker, Flute, Kimberly Luevano, Clarinet, Daeun Kim, Piano

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2: 43-47

New Testament, page 112

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

New Relationships

Richard B. Culp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna

ODE TO JOY

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)

(Adapted from *The Confession of 1967*)

God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In God's reconciling love, God overcomes the barriers between brothers and sisters and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic difference, real or imaginary. The church is called to bring all people to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life: in employment, housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church, and the exercise of political rights. Therefore, the church labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination and ministers to those injured by it. Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians who exclude, dominate, or patronize other people, however subtly, resist the Spirit of God and bring contempt on the faith which they profess. 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

Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us William Batchelder Bradbury. Arr. la ruah

*SUNG RESPONSE

Hymn 609, *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 236

The Strife Is O'er

VICTORY

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Christ lag In Todesbanden (Christ lay in death's bonds)

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God by Anne and Tyler Keever in celebration of their 10th anniversary.

In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D) (Em)
F Gm

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7) (D)
C7 F

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7) (G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (F#) (Bm)
F7 Bb Gm F Dm Gm A Dm

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)
Bb Gm F Dm Gm C7 F

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning."
Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.

O Lord, Have Mercy

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*Kyrie eleison**Oré poriajú verekó*

Capo 2: (G) (C) (D) (G)
A D E A

1 O Lord, have mer - cy; O Lord, have mer - cy; O
2 O Christ, have mer - cy; O Christ, have mer - cy; O

Greek 1 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son; Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son; Ky - ri -
2 Chri - ste e - le - i - son; Chri - ste e - le - i - son; Chri -

Guarani 1 O - ré po - ria - jú ve - re - kó, Ñan - de - ya - ra. O -
2 O - ré po - ria - jú ve - re - kó, Je - su Cris - to. O -

(E) (Am) (D) (G)
F# Bm E A

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.
Christ, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

e e - le - i - son; Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
ste e - le - i - son; Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

ré po - ria - jú ve - re - kó, Ñan - de - ya - ra.
ré po - ria - jú ve - re - kó, Je - su Cris - to.

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248

1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."

609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

D A D

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures

Bm A D G D Bm E A D

high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise

D

God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it

G A D Em A Bm

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

Em D G A Em G A D

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

The Strife Is O'er

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Refrain (before stanza 1 and after stanza 4)

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

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped; Christ ris - es
 4 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shouts of ho - ly
 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 sting thy ser - vants free, that we may live, and

has be - gun.
 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ris - en Head!
 sing to thee:

The Latin text from which this hymn has been translated may well be older than its earliest printing in a 17th-century collection published in Cologne. It is set to an adaptation of a portion of the Gloria Patri section from a 16th-century choral version of the Magnificat.

John 10: 11-18

¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Acts 2:43-47

43 Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Super Wednesday

Wednesday, April 24

Dinner at 5:30pm

Menu: Soup, Salad, Bread, 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-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

Final Super Wednesday!
Hymn Sing and Children's Choirs
April 24, Fellowship Hall

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

Vacation Bible School Registration Is Open!

June 17-21, 2024

Registration is currently open to all members of the St. Andrew community using the link below!

<https://standrewdenton.com/vbs>

Theology on Tap

Monday, April 22

6:30pm, Denton County Brewing Company

Theology On Tap will meet Monday, April 22, 6:30pm, at Denton County Brewing Company (in the back room). David and Robin Hines will be leading the discussion. Their topic is, "What's Prayer Got to Do with It?" They've asked the group to come prepared to share their favorite prayer. We hope you'll join us for the conversation!

Denton Association of Christian Women's Meeting

Tuesday, April 30

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, 105 S Wood Street, 76205

Presentation by Sis. Ellen Frenkel on "Mapping Denton's Quakertown history on a quilt.

Summer Sunday School Teachers Needed

For the month of June, St. Andrew will have special Summer Sunday school classes for our children in kindergarten through fifth grades. We need your help to make our exciting plans happen! Please consider volunteering for one or two of the following dates: June 2, June 9, June 16, and June 23. Contact Lisa Patterson, lisa@standrewdenton.com.

Eclipse Glasses Recycling

St. Andrew is collecting used, undamaged solar eclipse glasses to send to children in South America for the October 2024 eclipse. Please bring your used, undamaged glasses to collection baskets in the narthex or the church office. Thank you!

Mother's Day Gift Bags

St. Andrew donates Mother's Day Gift Bags each year to give encouragement and hopefully bring a bright spot into lives of the homeless and less fortunate moms in our community. We are requesting help from the congregation in the form of new personal care and beauty products or if you'd like us to do the shopping, a monetary donation would be appreciated as well! Give online standrewdenton.com/give by selecting "Mother's Day Gift Bags" from the fund drop down menu. Deadline for all donations is Sunday, May 5. For more information, contact Amy Whiting at avickers@hotmail.com or the church office. Thank you for giving!

Parents' Night Out

Saturday, April 27

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.

Denton Christian Preschool

St. Andrew is starting to collect needed items for the students at Denton Christian Preschool. The items will be collected in March-April. The items needed include glue sticks, paper, kleenex, paper towels, watercolors, children's toothpaste, toilet paper construction paper, liquid hand soap, AA batteries, 9V batteries, and crayons. The items may be placed in the bin marked by the fellowship hall. For any questions, contact Rachel Odei at 940-735-6483.

The Children's Place is Hiring a Preschool Director

The Children's Place at St. Andrew is searching for our next Preschool Director! If you are passionate about early childhood education and have the skills necessary to lead a successful preschool program, we encourage you to apply by clicking the link below. Questions and resumes can be sent to: sarahan-neadams@me.com

Texas Panhandle Wildfire Relief Effort

St. Andrew is raising donations for the Palo Duro Presbytery's efforts to support relief efforts from this wildfire by the First Presbyterian Church of Canadian and First Presbyterian Church of Borger. Recently, the Ruth I. Anderson Fund committed to generously match all donations for this relief effort dollar-for-dollar up to \$2,500 in total donations to this relief effort.

There are many ways you can provide your donation to this effort:

- **On-Line:** Visit <https://onrealm.org/StAndrewPresbyt15009/-/form/give/default> and identify your donation in the form section for Panhandle Fire.
- **During Worship:** Donate using an offering envelope and writing Panhandle Fire on the envelope.
- **Office Drop-Off:** Drop your donation off at the front desk at the church office.
- **Palo Duro Presbytery:** Visit <https://paloduropresbytery.org/>.

Prayer Requests

Liam Keever
Lynda Schupp
Jim Kitchens
Mel Fite
Rodney McClain
Merritt Morin
Steve Davis
Norma Rockenbach

Kendall Hallford
Jane Loveall
Catherine Mitchell
Jan Lewis
Hudson Barnhill
Phillip Young
Sunny Hueholt

Madelon Clark, daughter of Joy Wright
Thom Holbrook, friend of Linda Heilig
James, Denton Red Shirt Ambassador
Jessie Werts, grandmother of Kori Miller
Laura Bruening, mother of Lisa Dorr
Rylen Lewis, grandson of Mark Lewis
Sharon Schuyler, friend of the Fair family
Sharice Modester, Treehouse parent
Jery Eaton, friend of Chuck Smith
Ben Reynolds, relative of Clarice Luce
Carolyn Brown, sister-in-law of Janette Hindman
Jane Jacobek, aunt of Michelle La Spata
Karin Diaz, friend of Harriet Laney
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

WELCOME!

We proclaim that ALL people are created in the image of God and affirm that each person is a beloved child of God. 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 Crosses

Arminta Jacobson and Karen Dower

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 3/31/24

Income (pledges + other income)	\$253,268
Expenses	\$238,771
Difference	\$14,497

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