



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DENTON, TEXAS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 11, 2025

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

Fanfare from Five Pieces for Organ

Healey Willan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures
and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might be to our God forever and ever!

Amen."

OPENING PRAYER

Lisa Patterson

*HYMN 413

Come into God's Presence

COME INTO HIS PRESENCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, your love is boundless and your grace exceeds our imaginations. You keep finding ways to be among us, even when the doors of our hearts are locked. Graciously, you seek us out. We cannot hide, but we can confess that sin has us in its grip. It has led us from your ways and corrupted our best intentions, tempting us to believe that you don't notice, that you aren't even present. Correct our vision. Cleanse our hearts. Create in us a place where we can welcome you and receive the fullness of what you have given us in Jesus Christ. In Christ's name, we pray. 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.

*SUNG RESPONSE

Hymn 589

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Now the Lord is risen indeed.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lynda Schupp

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 10:22-30

New Testament, page 98

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Awake My Heart
Chancel Choir with Daeun Kim, Organ

Jane Marshall

*Awake my heart, and render
To God thy sure defender,
Thy Maker, thy preserver,
A Song of love and fervor.*

*Confirm my deeds and guide me:
My day, with thee beside me,
Beginning, middle, ending,
Will all be upward tending.*

*My heart shall be thy dwelling,
With joy and gladness swelling;
Thy word my nurture giv'n
To bring me on toward heaven.*

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 9:36-43

New Testament, page 120

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Expectations

Richard B. Culp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 231

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

SUO GAN

*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.

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 & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine
Landon Beatty, Bass-Baritone with Daeun Kim, piano

arr. William Cutter

*DOXOLOGY

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

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

During Easter we celebrate and affirm that “Christ is risen indeed!”

This is good news because Christ’s resurrection is not only for him, it is for us as well.

Through Christ’s resurrection, God offers us a new life in which sin and death no longer hold power over us.

Claiming this new life, we are called to follow the risen Christ into the world, sharing the good news of resurrection for all people.

With the Spirit’s help, let us join together in this life of discipleship.

*HYMN 187

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Finale Jubilante from Five Pieces for Organ

Healey Willan

Bold Text indicates congregational participation.

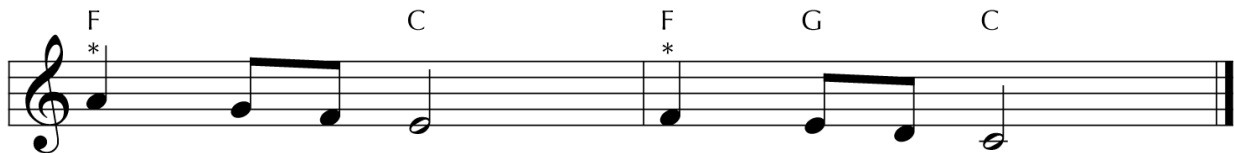
The flowers in the chancel this morning are given to the Glory of God on Mother’s Day in memory of loving mother, Margie Barber Ball, and in honor of her heavenly reunion with dear father, Dr. Flamen “David” Ball, on April 14, 2025 by their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

The rosebud in the chancel announces the birth of Denton Caleb Campbell, born to parents Rachel and Ian Campbell. Grandparents are Gay and Scott Campbell. Congratulations!

Come into God's Presence 413



- 1 Come in - to God's pres-ence sing - ing "Al - le - lu - ia,
- 2 Come in - to God's pres-ence sing - ing "Je - sus is Lord,
- 3 Praise the Lord to - geth - er sing - ing "Wor - thy the Lamb,
- 4 Praise the Lord to - geth - er sing - ing "Glo - ry to God,



al - le - lu - ia,	al - le - lu - ia."
Je - sus is Lord,	Je - sus is Lord."
wor - thy the Lamb,	wor - thy the Lamb."
glo - ry to God,	glo - ry to God."

**May be sung as a canon.*

This anonymous worship chorus is thought to have been created extemporaneously during the 1960s and was one of the earliest songs of that kind. The opening line of the text is a paraphrase of Psalm 100:2, and the very act of singing this song fulfills that verse's invitation.

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Alleluia

Aleluya

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Now the Lord is risen in - deed.
A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers 231

1 Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers; Christ has ris-en where hope died,
 2 Christ has ris-en for the peo - ple whom he died to love and save;
 3 Christ has ris-en and for ev - er lives to chal-enge and to change

as he said and as he prom-ised, as we doubt-ed and de - nied.
 Christ has ris-en for the wom-en bring-ing flowers to grace his grave.
 all whose lives are messed or man-gled, all who find re - li - gion strange.

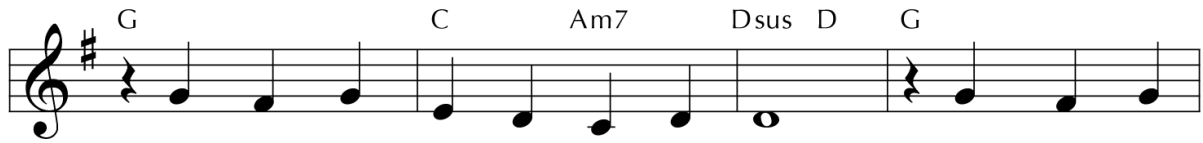
Let the moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus-tain the cheer;
 Christ has ris - en for dis - ci - ples hud-dled in an up - stairs room.
 Christ is ris - en, Christ is pres - ent mak - ing us what he has been:

let the world con-firm the ru-mor: Christ is ris - en, God is here!
 He whose word in-spired cre-a-tion can't be si-lenced by the tomb.
 ev - i - dence of trans-for-ma-tion in which God is known and seen.

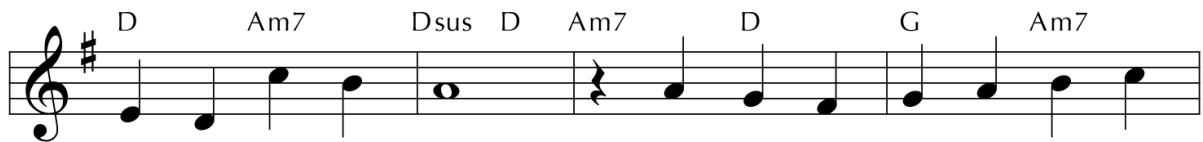
Beginning with rather conventional Easter imagery, this text moves into unexpected territory by declaring that Christ's Resurrection is for "all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange." The name of this traditional Welsh melody simply means "lullaby."

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all



peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -



more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988
MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 2008
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Music © 2008 Hal H. Hopson

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)
LM

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 187

1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
 2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.

In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.
 Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a-stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
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This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1–18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.

John 10:22-30

At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, **23** and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. **24** So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah,^[a] tell us plainly." **25** Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me, **26** but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. **27** My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. **28** I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. **29** My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. **30** The Father and I are one."

Acts 9: 36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas.^[a] She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. **37** At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. **38** Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." **39** So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. **40** Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. **41** He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. **42** This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. **43** Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Theology on Tap
Monday, May 12

Theology On Tap will meet on Monday, May 12, 6:30pm, at Denton County Brewing Company (in the back room). Our topic is, "What Does 'Holy Spirit' really mean to you?" David and Robin Hines will be leading the discussion. We hope you will join us for the conversation!

Fellowship with St. Andrew at Twilight Tunes!
Thursday, May 15
Meet at 6:00pm

The Communications and Administration committee is trying something new in May! We're inviting everyone to join us on the courthouse lawn for Twilight Tunes with Lady Cass & the Fellas! Wear your favorite St. Andrew spirit wear and meet us at the corner of Oak and Locust streets at 6:00pm on Thursday, May 15. Look for our St. Andrew-specific event on Facebook and let us know if you're coming. We're really looking forward to hanging out with you and seeing Cassandra Berry!

Vacation Bible School 2025

This year's curriculum is titled "Waves of Wonder VBS: Living in God's Light." At Waves of Wonder VBS, we will explore scriptures in which God provides water for plants, animals and people. Through worship and drama, story, art, science, games, music and mission, our campers will deepen their understanding of the importance of water and be invited to join God in caring for this precious natural resource.

Join us for VBS, June 23 - 27, 9:00am-Noon. Registration kicks off the week at 8:45am on Monday, June 23 in the Narthex. We'll also have a VBS wrap-up Event on the evening of Friday, June 27. Questions? Contact Alison McStravick, alison.mcstravick@gmail.com, or Sarah Anne Adams, sarahanneadams@me.com. Sign up your student today using the link below!

standrewdenton.com/vbs

Summer Guide Announcements Requested
Deadline: Today!

It's time for the Summer Guide! The Summer Guide collects all of the events and activities that will be happening at St. Andrew and shares them in a single publication so that we can share the information with members and visitors. If you lead a group that will be leading an activity or class during the summer, please submit a 3-4 sentence announcement by Sunday, May 11, to Lou Korom, lou@standrewdenton.com. The guide will be published by the week of May 25!

Chancel Flower Giving Opportunities Are Available!

Celebrating an anniversary or a birthday? Celebrating a person's or ministry's contribution to the church? Wanting to remember a loved one? Consider giving chancel flowers! Chancel flowers provide an ideal opportunity to commemorate that event, loved one, or ministry during a worship service at St. Andrew. A sign up sheet is available outside the church office. Questions? Please contact the coordinator, Lynn Carrico, lwcarrico@gmail.com.

Footsteps of Paul in Greece
October 8-21, 2025

Registration closes: June 21, 2025

Join the group from St. Andrew on a guided tour designed to experience the earliest home of Christianity outside of Israel. This 14-day pilgrimage traces the footsteps of Paul across Greece, including the ruins of Ephesus, Philippi, Thessaloniki, Berea, and more. On the way to Athens, we will spend time in the Meteora region, with its Byzantine monasteries, and we will explore the Acropolis, Roman Forum, Mars Hill, ancient Corinth. The pilgrimage concludes with a 3-night cruise including Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, and Santorini. Questions? Pickup a brochure in the narthex or contact Lisa Patterson or Richard Culp.

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: travel size shampoo, travel size body wash, ethnic hair care products, women's new underwear (sizes S, M, L), men's new underwear (all sizes), sports bras (all sizes), food safe rubber gloves, napkins.

Give-a-Meal - \$2.29

St. Andrew donated \$286.90 to the Give-a-Meal program in April! 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

Suzanne Pettit	Sunny Hueholt
Connie Charat	Scott Walker
Karyn Nelson	Ray Speir
Chuck Smith	Beverly Noah
Perry McNeill	Diann Arthur
Harriet Laney	Steve Davis

Eva Rusk, mother of Stephanie Raesz
 Sophia Lilley, mother of Lisa Haddad
 Rosemary Meals, friend of Lisa Haddad
 Lori Garrett, sister of Shim Garrett
 Mary Joan Fallon, family member
 of Trish and Glenn Highland
 Ryker Elliott, grandson of Sue Elliott
 Cindy Fisher, sister of Harriet Laney
 Lee Barnett, cousin of Mike Barnett

Brian "Peanut" Anderson, friend of Scott Campbell
 Jon Conway, friend of Scott Campbell
 Charlene Simpson and family, niece of Jan Lewis
 Tecla Chavira, mother of Frank Chavira
 Carole Hatcher, sister in law of Chuck Smith
 Shannon Fronz, friend of Barnett family
 Bill Tilley, uncle of Sara Armstrong
 Keren Billyack, friend of Connie Charat
 Richard Gascoyne, friend of Chuck Stoughton
 Carol Syverson, mother-in-law of Karen Raabe
 Peter DiClenti, cousin of Steve Pickett
 Laura Bruening, mother of Lisa Dorr
 John Tillman, brother of Russ Tillman
 Debbie Kyzer, mother of Dan Kyzer
 Ed Simpson, brother of Jan Lewis
 Karen Whitson Ansley, niece of Lynn Carrico
 Norma Watts, mother of Jill Richmond
 Rylen Lewis, grandson of Mark Lewis
 Ben Reynolds, relative of Clarice Luce
 Lynn and Charlie Davis, friends of Chuck Smith
 Megan Terry Crawford,
 friend of Betty Sue and Mike Grandey
 Kim Hundley Owens, niece of Barbara Sims
 Family of Margaret Hastings Owens

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 Time with Young Disciples.

The Good Shepherd

Kirsten Trachsel and Andy Trachsel

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 3/31/25

Income (pledges + other income)	\$269,296
Expenses	\$242,562
Difference	\$26,734

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St. Andrew Presbyterian Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

Stephen Ministers are trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing situations such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation. Please contact Richard Culp or Lisa Patterson to connect with Stephen Ministry.