



## ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DENTON, TEXAS

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 25, 2025

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### GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

O Filii et Filiae (O sons and daughters)

Pierre Dandrieu

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lauri Goldston

CALL TO WORSHIP

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. Amen!**

OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN 331

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we equate our judgment with your judgment, and often consider our ways to be your ways. We define peace as the absence of disruption, holding our comfort as your aim and thinking our preferences reflect your way. Too often we act as if we are your authoritative witnesses, believing our worldview corresponds with your vision, and that our narrative contains your hope for the future. O God, dislodge us from our sinful assumptions. Forgive our selfish views. Correct us with your truth and teach us by your Spirit. 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

Lauri Goldston

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 1:2; 1:30; 2:7

Old Testament, page 1

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

O Praise Ye the Lord

Cesar Franck

Chancel Choir with Daeun Kim, organ

Matt Carlson, conductor

*Test based on Psalm 150*

## TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 5:1-5  
Micah 6:8  
James 1: 22-25

New Testament, page 86  
Old Testament, page 816  
New Testament, page 214

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON

Poets of the Word

Brent Hampton

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### \*HYMN 722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

CANONBURY

### \*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

It Is Well

arr. Molly Ijames

Jade Wesley, violin with Daeun Kim, piano

### \*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 340

This Is My Song

FINLANDIA

### \*BENEDICTION

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Willis and Catherine Mitchell by their family.

Dr. Patterson will be out of the office through May 27. She will return on May 28.

Dr. Culp will be out of the office through May 27. In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact the church office and Karen Dower (940-367-1001) and she will coordinate with the Stephen Ministers to provide the necessary pastoral care.

Today we welcome our guest preacher Rev. Dr. W. Brent Hampton. Dr. Hampton is a second career pastor, having served some 20 years in the business world, primarily in the financial services sector. Largely as a result of his experiences serving in various capacities at First Presbyterian Church, Dallas, Brent answered a call to the Ministry of Word & Sacrament, attending Austin Seminary where he met his wife, Kristin, who is now the Senior Pastor of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Denton. In his 25 plus years as a Pastor, Brent has served congregations in Oklahoma, the Texas Hill Country, Brenham, and most recently in Garland. Brent and Kristin enjoy spending time with their three daughters, playing with their grandchildren, and playing *Magic: The Gathering*, all on a regular basis.

## 331 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

(optional)

1 God of the a - ges, whose al-might - y  
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the  
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -  
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil-some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star-ry band  
 past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.  
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de-fense.  
 way. Lead us from night to nev - er-end-ing day.

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,  
 Be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay:  
 Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease.  
 Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.  
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.  
 Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

This hymn was generated by 19th-century centennial celebrations: the words by the Declaration of Independence and the music by the adoption of the United States Constitution. Despite these origins, no specific nation is mentioned in this hymn of praise and prayer for peace.

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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.

## 722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing  
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering  
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious  
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my  
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you

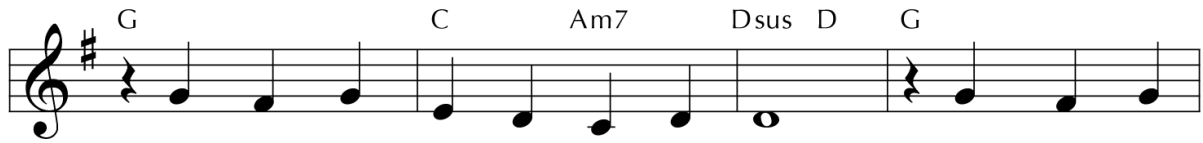
ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so  
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that  
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that  
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and  
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed

let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
 I may feed your hun - gery ones with man - na sweet.  
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.  
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

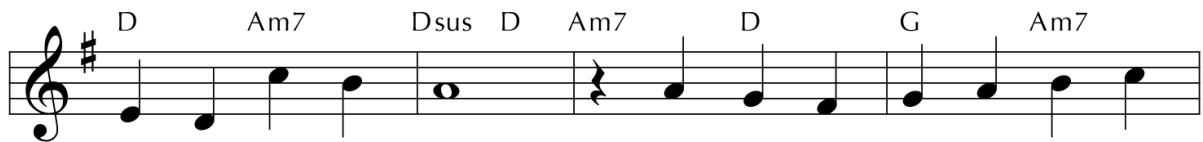
Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

# 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  
Text © 1990 Neil Weatherhogg  
Music © 2008 Hal H. Hopson

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)  
LM

## 340

## This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 2 My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king-doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.  
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.  
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

The first two stanzas of this hymn were written between the 20th century's two world wars and focus on the theme of international peace. The third stanza, by another author and added later, uses the language of the Lord's Prayer to voice a distinctly Christian perspective.

TEXT: Stanzas 1–2, Lloyd Stone; stanza 3, Georgia Harkness, alt.

MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. *The Hymnal*, 1933, alt.

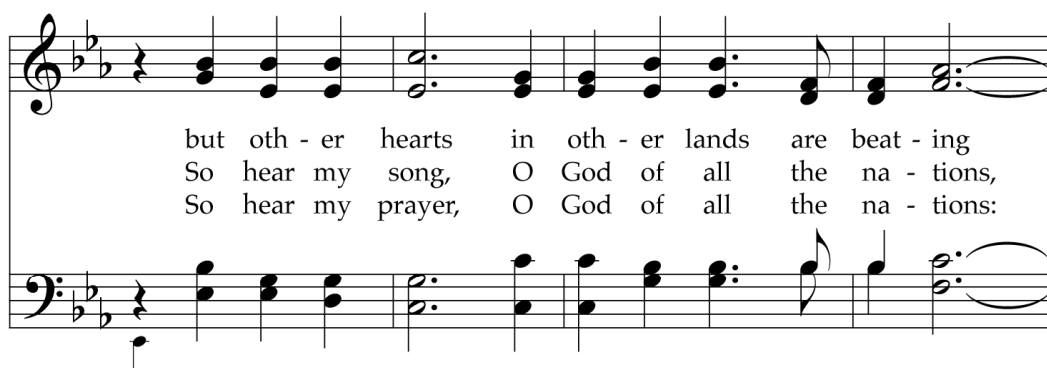
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Music Arr. © 1933, ren. 1961 The Presbyterian Board of Christian Education (admin. Westminster John Knox Press)

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THE LIFE OF THE NATIONS



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

The first system of the musical score is written for a two-part setting. It features a treble and a bass staff, both in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are centered under the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures.



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
 my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

The second system continues the musical setting. It also consists of a treble and a bass staff in the same key and time signature. The melody continues with similar note values. The lyrics conclude with a final period. The system ends with a double bar line.

### **Genesis 1:2**

Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

### **Genesis 1:30**

And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

### **Genesis 2:7**

...then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. (Gen. 2:7 NRS)

### **John 5: 1-5**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4 in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

### **Micah 6:8**

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

### **James 1:22-25**

22 But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. 23 For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; 24 for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. 25 But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act-- they will be blessed in their doing.

### **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](mailto:alison.mcstravick@gmail.com), or Sarah Anne Adams, [sarahaneadams@me.com](mailto:sarahaneadams@me.com). Sign up your student today using the link below!

[standrewdenton.com/vbs](http://standrewdenton.com/vbs)

### **Theology on Tap**

*Monday, May 26*

Theology On Tap will meet on Monday, May 26, 6:30 pm, at Denton County Brewing Company (in the back room). Our topic is, "Biblical Superlatives." In this season of graduations and end-of-school-year celebrations, we will be nominating and voting on the biblical character who best exemplifies our list of Yearbook Superlatives. Come with your nominations for "Best Dressed," "Most Improved," "Cutest Couple," and "Best All-Around." A list of superlative categories will be emailed to the group. To be added to the TOT group, please email Kirsten Brown at [brownk444@aol.com](mailto:brownk444@aol.com). We hope you will join us Monday for this fun conversation!

### **St. Andrew Summer Mini Camp**

**Science All Around**

*Wednesday, June 18*

St. Andrew's Summer Mini Camp, 'SCIENCE ALL AROUND,' is open for registration! Join us on Wednesday, June 18, from 10:00am-Noon. Campers grades K-5th will have a blast at this STEAM-focused camp, where they will explore the wonders of science through interactive experiments. Register using the link below!

[standrewdenton.com/mini-camp](http://standrewdenton.com/mini-camp)

### **Nominate Officers to the Class of 2028**

Nominations are now being accepted for elders and deacons to the class of 2028. Individuals may nominate members who have a proven commitment to Jesus Christ and to the church. Clear evidence of the nominee's involvement in the life of St. Andrew is critical as the calling is not to privilege, but to service. Suggestions are being received for

the nomination of five elders and seven deacons. Please complete your nomination by visiting the link below and submitting by Sunday, June 15.

[standrewdenton.com/officer-nominating-form](http://standrewdenton.com/officer-nominating-form)

### **Church Office Closed on Memorial Day**

*Monday, May 26*

The church office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 26. The church office will reopen by 11:15am on Tuesday, May 27.

### **Apple Tree Project**

For over 25 years, with the help from area churches and places of worship, Interfaith Ministries of Denton (IFM) has assisted thousands of students in Denton ISD. School begins in August so in June the Diaconate of St. Andrew chose to participate in the Apple Tree Backpack Project. The IFM has a goal of 5,000 backpacks for 2025. Our Goal is at least 250 backpacks.

There are three ways St. Andrew can help:

- Donate \$25.00 Amazon gift cards.
- Buy a backpack (must be 17" in size) and bring to church and put in designated box.
- Visit our Give page or donate on Realm. Suggested donation: \$25.00.

Questions? Contact coordinators Linda Heilig, [l.heilig@verizon.net](mailto:l.heilig@verizon.net), or Susan Ramsay, [susanramsay11@yahoo.com](mailto:susanramsay11@yahoo.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: 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](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

Steve Pickett  
Dave McRae  
Joyce White  
Caia McCullar  
Connie Charat  
Karyn Nelson  
Chuck Smith

Perry McNeill  
Harriet Laney  
Sunny Hueholt  
Beverly Noah  
Diann Arthur  
Steve Davis

Laura Whitaker, daughter of Liz Whitaker  
Nancy Noah, mother of John Noah  
Parker Riggs, brother of Beth Ann Black  
Barry Wachal, friend of Chuck Smith  
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  
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 DiCleri, 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  
Megan Terry Crawford,  
friend of Betty Sue and Mike Grandey  
Kim Hundley Owens, niece of Barbara Sims  
Family of Charlie Davis, cousin of Sara Armstrong and friend  
of Chuck Smith

## 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. 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 Great Pearl

Reca Oliver and Heather Guerrero

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 4/30/25

<b>Income</b> (pledges + other income)	<b>\$346,432</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$348,223</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-\$1,791</b>

Give online at: [standrewdenton.com/give](http://standrewdenton.com/give)

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Lisa Patterson, Associate Pastor  
Stephanie Raesz, Youth Director  
Kirsten Trachsel, Director of Children's and Handbell Choirs  
J. Christine Le, Director of Music  
Daeun Kim, Organist



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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.