



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DENTON, TEXAS

Transfiguration Sunday

February 15, 2026

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

Moderato

J. A. Guilain

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Amen Siakudumisa (Amen, We Praise Your Name, O God)
Handbell Choir

arr. Mogleburst

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lisa Patterson

On a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured,
and God said, "This is my Beloved Son."
As God spoke, calling light out of darkness,
God's glory shines in the face of Jesus Christ.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 406

We Are Standing on Holy Ground

HOLY GROUND

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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.

CALL TO FAITHFULNESS

(John 1:1)

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.

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 132, Vs. 3)

IN DULCI JUBILO

*Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!*

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lenora McCroskey

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Exodus 24:12-18

Old Testament, page 68

ANTHEM

O Thou, the Central Orb

Charles Wood

O thou, the central orb of righteous love
Pure beam of the Most High, eternal light
Of this our wintry world; thy radiance bright
Awakes new joy in faith: hope soars above

Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move
As stars about thy throne, set in the height
Of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight
Gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine;
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine

Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin:
Our nature all shall feel eternal day
In fellowship with thee, transforming ray
To souls, erewhile unclean, now pure within.
Amen.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Matthew 17:1-9

New Testament, page 17

SERMON

"We Can't Stay on the Mountain"

Chrissy Stevens

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 662

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

*NICENE CREED (unison)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
Handbell Choir

arr. Mogleburst

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 143, Vs. 4)

REGENT SQUARE

*All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son, evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 79

Light Dawns on a Weary World

TEMPLE OF PEACE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude in G Major BWV 550

J. S. Bach

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

Eleanor Armstrong is serving as acolyte for the worship service.

GATHERING

406 We Are Standing on Holy Ground

Holy Ground

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is accompanied by guitar chords indicated above the staff. The lyrics are: "We are stand - ing on ho - ly ground, and I know that there are an - gels all a - round; let us praise Je - sus now; we are stand - ing in his pres - ence on ho - ly ground." The chords used are G, D, A, D, G, D, Em, D, G, F#m, F#m7, B7, E, Gm, D, A7, D, G, D, Em, F#m7, G, D, G, D, Em7, D, G, and D.

The phrase "holy ground" resonates with the experience of Moses at the burning bush, where he had an encounter with God (Exodus 3:5; also quoted in the martyr Stephen's sermon, Acts 7:33). The reference to angels may recall Jacob's vision (Genesis 28:12-17) or Hebrews 12:22.

132 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;

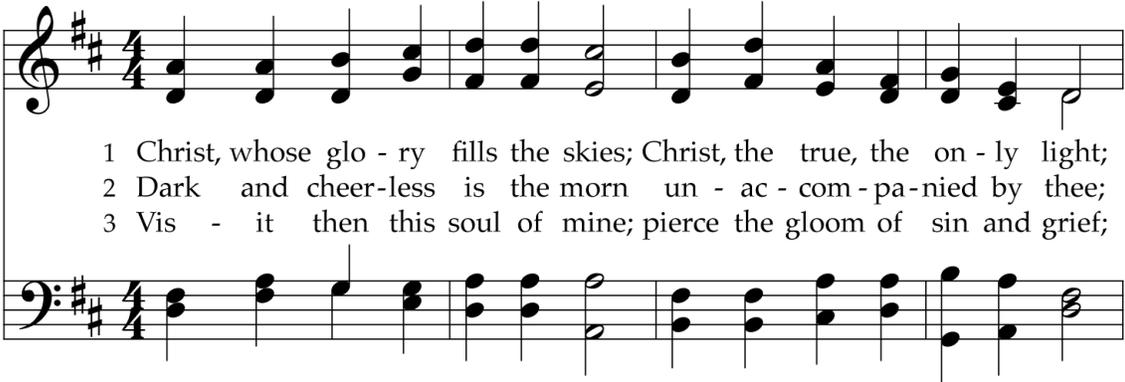
give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

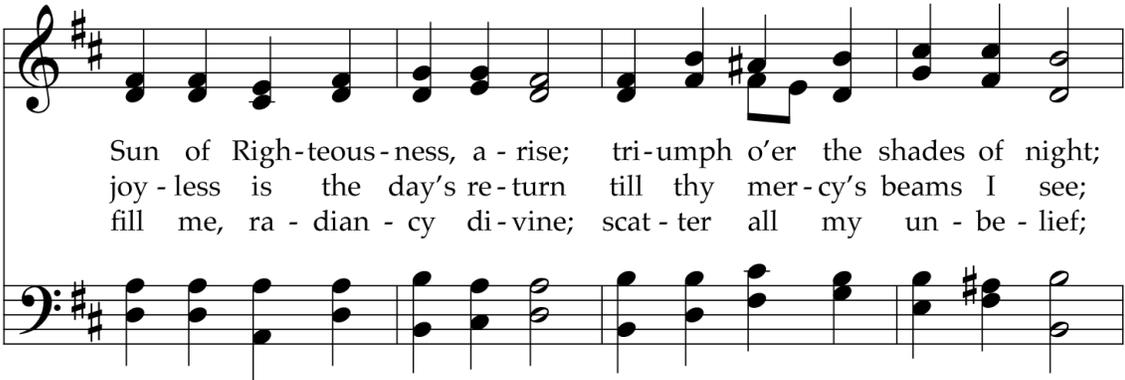
Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Carols using two languages, like this one dating from at least the 14th century, belong to a special group called "macaronic," the original languages here being German and Latin. Though the present version is only in English, it is sung to the traditional German folk melody.

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies 662



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies; Christ, the true, the on - ly light;
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa-nied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of Righ-teous-ness, a - rise; tri-umph o'er the shades of night;
joy - less is the day's re - turn till thy mer - cy's beams I see;
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

This well-crafted morning hymn opens by celebrating daylight as an image of Christ, the true Light, then ponders life without light, and culminates in a prayer for inward light. The tune's name honors its German roots: Ratisbon is the former English name for Regensburg.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1740

MUSIC: German folk melody; adapt. Johann Werner, 1815; harm. William Henry Havergal, 1847

RATISBON

7.7.7.7.7

143 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,

all the earth; you, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing;
 beam a - far; seek the great de - sire of na - tions;
 Spir - it, Son, ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 yon - der shines the in - fant light: come and wor - ship,
 you have seen his na - tal star:
 to the e - ter - nal Three in One:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king!

This familiar carol was first published as a poem in the Christmas Eve 1816 issue of a newspaper the author edited in Sheffield, England. The tune name celebrates the location of a prominent Presbyterian Church in London, sometimes called the "Presbyterian cathedral."

79 Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

This is a hymn whose tune came first. Upon hearing it, the author recalled the watered garden of Isaiah 58:11, which in turn led to Isaiah 55:12, paraphrased in the refrain. Then came the stanzas, organized around their first two words: Light dawns, Love grows, Hope blooms.

Exodus 24:12-18

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Matthew 17:1-9

The Transfiguration

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Aging with a Plan Series

Sundays, February 15, 22, & March 1

Noon - 1:30 p.m., Room 206/208

Lunch at Super Wednesday Prices

If you want to learn more about common aging issues, have questions, and want to create a plan for your future, join us for this three-part Lunch and Learn series from noon to 1:30pm on February 15, 22, & March 1.

On February 15, we will learn about residence and care options available in our community, what they cost and possible ways to pay those costs (Medicare, Medicaid, VA, long-term care insurance). Next week, February 22, we will cover all the legal documents -- Powers of Attorney, Guardianship, Wills/Trusts -- as well as the powers and duties of an agent under a Power of Attorney. Our final week, March 1, we will discuss those difficult end-of-life care choices family members often must make and we'll also talk about funeral options (ranging from traditional to becoming part of a tree).

These legal questions are important for people of all ages! The series will be led by our own DeLila Bergan, a retired elder law attorney and a practicing bioethicist/mediator who works with families who are dealing with aging concerns. Bring your questions! For more info, contact DeLila Bergan at dtbergan@verizon.net. No aging experience required to attend! Sign up for lunch in Realm.

Women's Lenten Book Study

to begin on Ash Wednesday at Noon

Classes will continue on

February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1

Led by Lisa Patterson

Book discussion on *Always a Guest*,

by Barbara Brown Taylor

You are invited to join the group for any number of class sessions, depending on your schedule. We will complete the book begun during the Advent class sessions. This is an ecumenical group of women who read, discuss, think, and respond theologically from our personal experiences, as we share our lives together. If you would like to be on the email list for updates, please let Lisa Patterson know at lisa@standrewdenton.com.

The Children's Place Summer Registration Is Open

Summer@TCP 2026 registration is now open! We hope you will consider enrolling your children ages 2 - exiting kindergarten. 7 weeks will be offered through June and July. We have made some changes to enrollment and attendance for this year. Please see the info. sheets and registration information attached to this email for more information. Classes may fill quickly so don't delay! Any open spots will be made available to the public on February 1st.

Let me know if you have any questions. We look forward to another fantastic summer at The Children's Place!

Supply Drive for Denton Christian Preschool

We are beginning to gather supplies needed for the students at the Denton Christian Pre-school. These items will be collected in February through the end of March and include the following: glue bottles, Play Doh, 9X7 composition books, washable markers, dry erase markers, red or green pocket folders, watercolors, crayons, toilet paper, white construction paper, AA batteries, 9 Volt batteries.

You may either donate supplies or give financial donations for supplies. Your financial donations can be made via Realm by visiting the GIVE page and choosing "Denton Christian Preschool" from the fund down menu.

These items may be placed in the marked bin in Fellowship Hall or in the Narthex designated bin. If you have questions, please contact Jim White at: acewalton1965@gmail.com. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Andrew Habitat for Humanity Build

St. Andrew is helping to fund and build a Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build in 2026. We need your help! Tentative dates for building activities are posted below and there is something for everyone to participate. We usually need 2 to 3, volunteers each week. Presented below is the first round of opportunities, others will come later in the semester. We will likely work from 8:00am-2:00pm with lunch provided.

Sign up for the OSB date via this link: General Volunteers: February 14 – Install OSB | Interfaith Build St. Andrew Presbyterian Sign Up; currently there is one spot for Framing on 2/7. Please email or text Scott Campbell if you can help: untcampbell@gmail.com or 214.683.8956. Thanks to the Missions Committee for getting this started and to all at St Andrew for your support.

Framing 2/7

OSB 2/14

Exterior Paint March TBD

Interior Paint April TBD

Landscaping April TBD

Framing day, also known as walls up, is a fun experience! OSB are the 4x8 sheets of wood that are put on the interior and exterior walls. Painting, inside and out, and landscaping in the Spring are truly universal helping opportunities.

Chancel Flower Roster Update!

There are still a number of opportunities still open in 2026 to give chancel flowers. To sign up, use the roster outside the church office. Our new chancel flower coordinator, David McCullar, will coordinate with you regarding any questions you may have and the language that will be used in the bulletin. Questions? Contact David, macs50@verizon.net.

Super Wednesday

Wednesday, February 18

Dinner at 5:30pm

Menu: Italian Sausage Spaghetti, Garlic Bread and Salad
\$7 for individuals, \$15 for families.

Ash Wednesday Worship Service

6:15pm, Sanctuary



Please register for the meal using this QR code!

Ed Moorehead Scholarship

We are pleased to announce that a scholarship fund for graduating high school seniors has been established in memory of Ed Moorehead by his wife, Mary. Those of you who knew Ed will undoubtedly remember him as a mentor who inspired countless young people through his genuine interest and involvement in their lives. We are grateful for Mary's generosity in establishing this meaningful endowment as a lasting legacy and fitting tribute to Ed's life of service to others.

St. Andrew's seniors are encouraged to apply for this renewable scholarship, which will be available for the first time this spring. Students who wish to be considered will need to complete an application, write an essay, and provide two adult references – one from St. Andrew and one from their high school. More than one student may be eligible to receive this scholarship in any given year. Apply using the application below. Please send completed applications to Darhyl Ramsey, d.ramsey2@verizon.net.

Giving statements on Realm

Giving statements have been mailed, but if you would like to print your own giving statement from Realm, you can still do so. Click on the "Giving" link on the left side of the page. Then, click the button located between the "Scheduled" and printer buttons in the main part of the page. Choose "Last Year" from the "Gift Date Range" dropdown menu. Then, click the "Filter" button. You will be able to see your giving from the past year here. To print the giving statement, simply click the printer button and continue with the prompts.

Home Communion Teams Needed

The Home Communion Committee of the Diaconate is looking for teams of two to serve homebound communion beginning Sunday, January 11. We will be serving shut-ins, members in the hospital or rehabilitation centers. If interested or if you need additional information, please contact Linda Heilig, at l.heilig@verizon.net or 940-390-7918.

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

\$2.29 Feeds One Person in Need for a Week

St. Andrew donated \$537.90 to the Give-a-Meal-a-Month program in January which fed about 235 people for a week. Thank you for supporting the needs of those who are experiencing food insecurity during this time. Donations can be made by mail or online. Please write Give-a-Meal 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

Roger Lewis
Kit McRae
David McCullar
Jim Major
Reca Oliver
Sue Rose
Stephanie Long
John Todd
Evans Odei

Jim Griffin
Renee Poinboeuf
Billye Akin
Diana Dunklau
Steve Pickett
Harriet Laney
Diann Arthur
Steve Davis

Darlene Doyle, mother of Tanya Holley
Charlotte Ellis, niece of Reca Oliver
The Smith Family
Sean Fuller, brother of Christina Sims
Bill Tilley, uncle of Sara Armstrong
Tracy Barnett, relative of Mike Barnett
Jim Elliott, husband of Sue Elliott
Kay Rockwell, friend of Susan Conn
Dixie McMath, friend of Sandra Giesler
David Agawu, friend of the Haddad Family
Danny Higginbotham, daughter of TJ and David Strutton
Blaine Smith, grandson of Connie Charat
Leo Perez, friend of Steve Davis
Heather Baker, sister-in-law of Diana Dunklau
Ami Gray, friend of Mike Barnett
Meredith Tompkins, friend of the McCullars
Marilyn Boots, friend of many at St. Andrew
Laura Whitaker, daughter of Liz Whitaker
Parker Riggs, brother of Beth Ann Black
Barry Wachal, friend of Chuck Smith
Sophia Lilley, mother of Lisa Haddad
Rosemary Meals, friend of Lisa Haddad
Lori Garrett, sister of Shim Garrett
Ryker Elliott, grandson of Sue Elliott
Cindy Fisher, sister of Harriet Laney
Carol Syverson, mother-in-law of Karen Raabe
Peter DiCleri, cousin of Steve Pickett
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
Meghan Terry Crawford,
friend of Betty Sue and Mike Grandey
Laura Hill, friend of Lauri Goldston
Kim Hundley Owens, niece of Barbara Sims

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.

Ezekiel

Karen Raabe and Nursery Staff

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 11/30/25

Income (pledges + other income)	\$1,042,804.10
Expenses	\$974,785.56
Difference	\$68,018.54

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