



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DENTON, TEXAS

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE TOMB

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Chrissy Stevens

Through God's miracle of grace, we have come through the night and arrived at this glorious dawn.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

All doors are open, all creation sings, all that was broken is made whole, and we have new life.

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 238

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

AFFIRMATION OF GOD'S LOVE

Lisa Patterson

We lift our voices and proclaim your saving grace.

We marvel at the power of your love, O God.

We proclaim the resurrection and give thanks for the new life you give to us (silent affirmation).....we marvel at how you transform the sorrow of the heavy cross into the surprise and promise of the empty tomb (silent affirmation)....we give thanks for your love that death could not destroy and your invitation for us to join with Christ in his death and resurrection (silent affirmation).... by the power of your Holy Spirit, poured out upon us in baptism, fill us with the joy of resurrection, so that we may be transformed into a living sign of your new heaven and new (silent prayer for transformation)....Christ is risen.

He is risen, indeed. Alleluia. Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE 589

Alleluia

HONDURAS ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. Now the Lord is risen indeed.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Wills Blosser (8:30 a.m.)

Jake Blosser (10:45 a.m.)

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 10: 34-43

New Testament, page 21

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

John Rutter

Christ the Lord is risen again!
 Christ hath broken ev'ry chain!
 Hark, the angels shout for joy,
 singing evermore on high, Alleluia!

Now he bids us tell abroad
 how the lost may be restor'd,
 how the penitent forgiv'n,
 how we too may enter heav'n, Alleluia!

He who gave for us his life,
 who for us endur'd the strife,
 is our Paschal Lamb today!
 We too sing for joy and say Alleluia!

Thou , our Paschal Lamb indeed,
 Christ today thy people feed;
 Take our sings and guilt away,
 that we all may sing for ay, Alleluia!

He who bore all pain and loss
 comfortless upon the cross
 lives in glory now on high,
 pleads for us, and hears our cry, Alleluia!

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

During the worship service, children ages three years through kindergarten are invited stay in the Sanctuary with their parents. St. Andrew's nursery is available for child care for those needing to leave the worship service.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 28: 1-10

New Testament, page 32

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**SERMON**

"Sitting on the Stone"

Richard B. Culp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD***HYMN 233**

The Day of Resurrection

LANCASHIRE

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (10:45 a.m.)***APOSTLES' CREED (ECUMENICAL VERSION) (Unison, 8:30 a.m.)**

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**OFFERTORY**Hallelujah Chorus from *Messiah* Georg Frideric Handel, arr. Connor Bassett***SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 591, Refrain)**

HALLE HALLE

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

THE SEALING OF GOD'S WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.....

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Lifting of the Cup

When communion is served by intinction: You are invited to come to one of the stations at the front of the sanctuary, back of sanctuary, or the balcony (if you are unable to come forward, please send word with someone or notify an usher, and the elements will be brought to you). At each station, you may tear a piece of bread off and dip it into grape juice (red) or wine (white). As you take the bread and the cup, responses include "Thanks be to God!" or "Amen." As you move back to your pew, notice those who have come to the Lord's Table with you and be reminded that as we seek the Risen Christ, we do so with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN 826

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata from Organ Symphony No. 5, Op. 42 No. 1

Charles-Marie Widor

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

Soren Trachsel (8:30 a.m.) and Emily Fair (10:45 a.m.) are serving as acolytes for today's worship services.

We thank the following instrumentalists who are serving today in worship: Joseph Williams, trumpet; Joshua Ramon, trumpet; Bradley Oates, French Horn; Michael Pair, trombone; Eddie Gonzalez, tuba; Brian Cheesman, timpani.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR

ESMEE LUIJKX

APRIL 5, 2026

ST ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DENTON, TEXAS

Words of Preparation

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

In baptism, we are graced with a new beginning. Baptism is a sign and seal of God's covenant of grace still with us today. In baptism we are engrafted into the family of God. It is a relationship that endures for a lifetime and beyond. In baptism we are marked as Christ's own; it is a visible sign of God's continuing faithfulness and proclamation of our intention to dwell in covenant with God and one another. Let us remember with joy our own baptism as we celebrate this sacrament.

Presentation of Esmee Luijkx

Elder Alison McStravick: On behalf of this congregation and its Session, we present Esmee Luijkx to receive the sacrament of baptism and recognize her membership at St. Andrew.

Questions Leading to Baptism and Membership

Do you confess Jesus Christ to be the Son of God, and do you put your faith in him alone as Lord and Savior?

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

Putting your whole trust in the grace and love of Jesus Christ, do you desire to be baptized?

Do you desire to live out your calling as a disciple of Christ at this particular time in this particular community of faith?

Questions for the Congregation

Ruling Elder Alison McStravick: Do we, as members of the body of Christ and of this particular congregation, promise to guide and nurture Esmee by word and deed, with love and prayer?

Will you hold Esmee in your love and prayers and encourage her to know and follow Christ and to be faithful member of his church?

**Profession of Faith (Apostles' Creed)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer Over the Water of Baptism

Baptism

Who stands with Esmee as she enters the waters of baptism?

Esmee, child of the covenant, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

Ruling Elder Alison McStravick: We have just received Esmee into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism and into this particular congregation of St. Andrew. In doing so, we have reaffirmed the covenant God made to Abraham and made to us in the baptism of Esmee.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome Esmee into Christ's church, and we reaffirm our own baptismal vows, committing ourselves to the service of God.

(Words of introduction)

Prayer

232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host,

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing.
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

238 Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con- quering Son; end - less is
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 he greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad - ness
 with - out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con - querors

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

589

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.

233 The Day of Resurrection!

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

The roots of this English text come from a mid-8th century Greek hymn that continues to be used in Orthodox churches at the midnight Eucharist marking the beginning of Easter. The tune is named for the county in northwestern England where the composer was then an organist.

SERVICE MUSIC

591 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Refrain

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah!
hal - le -

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah!
Hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -
hal - le -

lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!
Fine

Lift High the Cross

826

Refrain

Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

to Refrain

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.
 your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.

Acts 10: 34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness^[a] is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Matthew 28: 1-10

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he^[a] lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead,^[b] and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

We are grateful to all those people who have offered these lovely gifts of flowers and music.

In Memory of...

Joe Alford	Bob and Jane Kain
CeeCee	Marvin and Ouida Henderson
Henry "Buster" Foster	Ed Moorehead
Ann Scheel	John and Majorie Hatmaker
Pat Waring	Maxine and Sterling Ramsey
Perry McNeill	John Robert Konkle
Margaret and Steve Plunkett	Norma and Tim Burgess
Glenn J. Langford	Janet and Jem Widmer
Ralph Borden Culp	Helen Culp Schutts
Carol Syverson	Troy and Delma Fite
Jon Raabe	Arthur and Hazel Powell
Larry and Betty Schwoyer	Norine Dewey
Frank and Lou Branham	Linda Fite
Phil and Cynthia Hooper	Jeanie Fite
Melvin Swenson	Ken Johns
Lois C. Williamson	Mr. and Mrs. Don Spiegel
Hal H. Williamson	Donna Spiegel Jones
AJ and LaWayna Smith	Patsy and Fred Patterson

If you made a contribution for Easter flowers, you will be able to take a lily following the worship service.

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In Honor of...

Vivian and Mackenzie Jones

Richard Culp

Lisa Patterson

Will, Jessie, Kacen and Karson Hooper

Laurie LaMonica and Jackson Cheatham

Bailey and Carol Whilden

Katie Raabe

The Children and Grandchildren of Bill and Karen Dower

The children and grandchildren of Bob and Terry Widmer

The family of Betty Culp

Earline Johns

Mel Fite

Jackson Fite

Caitlin Kim

James Fite

Courtney Macy

Andrew Fite

Benjamin Lindsey-Boeck

Sophia Lindsey-Boeck

Charlotte Fite

Kasai Jacari Prince Holmes

Stella Barfield

Esmee Luijkx

Will, Walker, and Ann Patterson

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Super Wednesday

Wednesday, April 8

Dinner at 5:30pm

Menu: Sausage and Odette's Beans, Rolls, and Salad

\$7 for individuals, \$15 for families.

Activities for Children

Nursery for infants & preschoolers,
Room 102, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Covenant Choir, grades 2nd-5th,
Children's Choir Room,
Kirsten Trachsel, 6:20pm

Noel Choir, grades K-1st, Children's Choir Room,
Kirsten Trachsel, 6:00pm

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

High School Only
The Den @ 7:30pm-8:30pm

Classes for Adults

When Community Falls Apart: Navigating the Terror and Trauma of the Salem Witchcraft Trials

Jake Blosser, Texas Woman's University

Join Jake Blosser for an engaging look at the causes, experiences, and long-term impact of the nation's largest witchcraft outbreak. Explore the lives of women and men impacted by the events of 1692 with a special focus on the role of community in both the unraveling of society and in the healing that followed.

Women's Book Study

A Is for Alabaster

by Anna Carter Florence

Amy Cole and Amy Fair

Library

Bridge for Enthusiasts

Linda Heilig

Room 207

The Wave

Terah and Wade Hatter

Room 205

Bell Choir Practice

Children's Choir Room

7:00pm

Chancel Choir Practice

Adult Choir Room

7:30pm

One Great Hour of Sharing

April 5, 2026

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received on Easter Sunday, April 5. You will find special offering envelopes in the pew racks. This offering is distributed among the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Self-Development of People Program. Please give generously as we remember to share joyfully with what we have received from God!

Parents' Night Out

Saturday, April 11

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. Parents are reminded to bring a dinner meal for their child. Registration is required on Realm or email Karen Raabe at karen@standrewdenton.com.

Mother's Day Gift Bags

St. Andrew provides Mother's Day Gift Bags each year for "Friends of the Family" to give encouragement and bring a bright spot into the lives of 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 a monetary donation would be appreciated as well! Personal care items can be placed in the Narthex (Mother's Day Gift Bag Box) or you may give online at standrewdenton.com/give by selecting "Mother's Day Gift Bags" from the fund drop down menu. The deadline for all donations is Sunday, April 19. For more information, contact Caia McCullar at macs50@verizon.net or the church office. Thank you for giving!

Changes to the Prayer List

There will be a change to the prayer list included in the bulletin beginning on Easter Sunday, April 5. We believe it is important to be able to verbally pray for each name on the list included in our bulletin, and we are grateful that we are a praying community who believes in praying for and with others in difficult circumstances. Names added to the prayer list will remain for four weeks and then be removed. Anyone may be added back on the prayer list when requested.

Part-Time Custodian Needed

St. Andrew is looking for a part-time custodian, whose work would be focused on the Rec Center and nursery rooms. Hours would be flexible. Ideally the custodial work would take place in the morning before The Children's Place starts or in the early evening after the Treehouse is done.

Chancel Flower Roster

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.

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: women's and men's underwear, (all sizes). beard nets, food safe rubber gloves, hand soap and condiment containers.

Give-a-Meal in April and Double Your Donation!

During April, please consider donating to Give-a-Meal gift as the Mission Committee will be matching donations one-for-one (up to \$1,000 in total donations). While a donation of \$3.00 will provide a meal for one individual, your April donation of \$3.00 will be matched allowing you to feed two people. Donations can be made in several ways. To give online, visit standrewdenton.com/give and choose Give-a-Meal from the fund options to the right of your monetary donation. You can also give by check writing 'Give-a-Meal on the memo line, or on the donation envelope if using cash.

St. Andrew donated \$239.59 to the Give-a-Meal-a-Month program in February which fed about 80 people for a day. 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

Virginia White
Stacey Cornelius
Caia McCullar
Kit McRae

Sally Lawson, cousin of Stephanie Raesz
Shirley Dixon, mother of Jackie Jackson
John Jackson, father of Jackie Jackson
Jeff Cornelius, son of Stacey and Bill Cornelius
Laura Bruening, mother of Lisa Dorr
Ryder Shaw, friend of the Hooper family

We are grateful for the opportunity to pray for and with the people on our prayer list each Sunday. Our Sunday morning prayers are joined through the week by members and the prayer teams that meet each week. Names will remain on the list for four weeks. If there is a need and desire to add the name back to the list, please let the church office know, and we will add the name to the list.

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 stay in the Sanctuary with their parents. St. Andrew's nursery is available for child care for those needing to leave the worship service.

By the Numbers: As of 2/28/2026

Income (pledges + other income)	\$140,762
Expenses	\$180,336
Difference	-\$39,574

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Daeun Kim, Organist



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