



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DENTON, TEXAS

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr, LV 46
(All Glory Be to God on High)

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lisa Patterson

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

By God's mercy, God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We rejoice, for we are children of God.

We proclaim our faith: no power can overcome Christ's love, and as his body, we have received salvation.

In love and joy, we praise the Lord!

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 245

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Chrissy Stevens

Risen Lord, while we proclaim your victory over sin and death, we confess the heavy sins we carry. We sing, "Alleluia," but we have abandoned you and one another. We shout, "He is risen," but we fail to care for the life around us. Forgive us. Loosen our reliance on violent patterns and free us for joyful belonging, that the story of your resurrection might bring us to life. Turn our hearts and hands to your work of justice, joy, and stubborn hope. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen (Time of silent confession).

DECLARATION OF PARDON

We are born anew, through the living and enduring word of God.

Alleluia! Praise to the risen Christ!

*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

Lynda Schupp

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20: 19-31

New Testament, page 108

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Easter Alleluia

Susan T. Nelson

Handell choir and Amy Woody, clarinet

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Peter 1:3-9

New Testament, page 218

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Inheritance"

Richard B. Culp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 243

Be Not Afraid (Sung two times)

BE NOT AFRAID

*APOSTLES' CREED (ECUMENICAL VERSION)

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.

THE 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

He Is Risen!

Craig Courtney

He is risen! Christ is risen!
Christ the Lord is risen indeed!

Prophecy now is fulfilled in the crucified Lord.
Death could not hold Him, the temple destroyed is restored.

The power of sin has been broken by God's only Son.
Christ over Satan has triumphed, our victory won!
He is risen! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!

Come to the tomb, it is open, the stone rolled away.
He is not here, He is risen, oh, glorious day!
Join in the glad celebration of Jesus the King.
Sing to the world of His victory, sing to Him, sing!
He is risen! Christ is risen!
Christ the Lord is risen indeed!

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 591, Refrain)

HALLE, HALLE

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

*THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

We are God's people.

Let God's word ring through our being and God's Spirit breathe new life into our lungs.

What does it mean to be disciples of Christ?

To be moved by gratitude for all we have been given, to live as neighbors amid difference, to speak truth with compassion, to act in gentleness and mercy, and to rebuke what is harmful and inhumane, in God's name.

With one voice, in many tongues, go from here united in purpose, that we may speak of the good news of the resurrection wherever we go:

Christ is risen, and a new life has begun.

*HYMN 257

The Risen Christ

WOODLANDS

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Finale Jubilante from 5 Pieces for Organ, HWC 177

Healey Willan

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

Eleanor Armstrong is serving as acolyte for today's worship services.

We welcome the following new members this morning: John and Leslie Lookabaugh, Lacey (PJ, Avery, Thomas) Andress; Shad Griffin; Hannah Klaassen; and Esmee Luijkx.

245 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

1 "Christ the Lord is risen to - day!"
 2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
 4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!

All cre - a - tion, join to say:
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise to you by both be given,

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
 Death in vain for - bids him rise,
 Je - sus died, our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ev - ery knee to you shall bow,

Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ris - en Christ, tri - um - phant now.

Originally printed as eleven four-line stanzas without alleluias, this Easter text was written during the first year following the author's life-changing conversion experience, yet it already shows his enduring emphasis on the theme of love. This lively Welsh tune sets it well.

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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.

Be Not Afraid

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Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The first system of music is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!"

Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The second system of music is identical to the first system, including the melody, bass line, and lyrics: "Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!"

Intended for repeated singing like other chants from the Taizé Community, this text began in Czech as "Nebojte se." The English version uses the language of the angel's greeting to Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary," who went to Jesus' tomb on Easter morning (Matthew 28:5-6).

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1998
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1998
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BE NOT AFRAID
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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

SERVICE MUSIC

Leader/All (sung over or in alternation with refrain)



1 O God, to whom shall we go? You a - lone have the
2 My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord. When I call them they



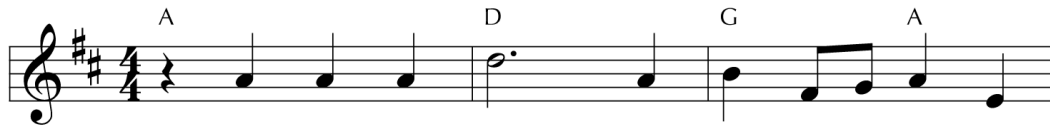
words of life. Let your words be our prayer and the song we
fol - low me. I will lead them to rest by the peace - ful



sing: hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!
streams: hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

The Risen Christ

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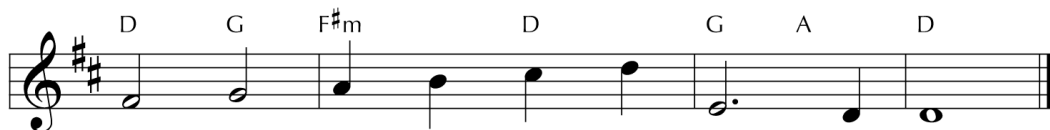
1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound - ed
 2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound - ed
 3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound - ed
 4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and



feet from gar - den tomb through dark - ened cit - y
 side, breathes out his Spir - it on them to a -
 hand the bread for those who fail to un - der -
 stand with the op - pressed in this and ev - ery



street, un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear, and
 bide whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve; new
 stand, re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - gering tears, en -
 land, till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be, re -



speaks a word of peace to all who hear.
 grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.
 flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.
 stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This perceptive hymn centers on Christ's post-Resurrection appearances described in John 20:19–29 and Luke 24:13–48. The first three stanzas are shaped by the wounded body parts: feet, side, hand; the fourth prays for such woundedness in the witness of Christ's body, the Church.

John 20: 19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'²⁸ Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

1 Peter 1: 3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Super Wednesday

Wednesday, April 22

Dinner at 5:30pm

Menu: Hamburgers and chicken sandwiches, chips and dips, with 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

Drew Schnurr, University of North Texas

Drew Schnurr, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Composition at the University of North Texas will discuss how our longing for connection—with God and each other—is supported by creative instincts we're all born with. Instincts that are, at their core, *musical*.

At the beginning of life, our earliest connections come through musical sound—in body and voice. Dr. Schnurr contemplates how these early experiences and instincts grow into the music, worship, and shared expressions that powerfully draw people and communities together in *spirit, purpose, and hope*.

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

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!

Memorial Service for Billye Akin

Saturday, May 2

1:30pm, Sanctuary

On Sunday, March 22, long-time member, Billye Akin, entered the Church Triumphant. We give thanks for her full life, her faithfulness, and her witness to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. A Memorial Service for Billye Akin has been planned for Saturday, May 2, at 1:30pm in the sanctuary at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church.

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.

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!

St. Andrew donated \$520.19 to the Give-a-Meal-a-Month program in March which fed about 173 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.

Remember, donations given in April will be match, up to \$1000, by the Mission Committee.

Prayer Requests

Renee Poinboeuf
Sue Atkinson, aunt of Lauri Goldston
Alice Orgain, friend of Debby Ishee and Mary Smith

Mel Fite
Jim Fair, father of Chris Fair
Anna Black, mother of James Black

Virginia White
Stacey Cornelius
Caia McCullar
Kit McRae

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
Family of Sally Lawson, cousin of Stephanie Raesz

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 to go to chapel immediately following the Time with Young Disciples.

Jesus and the 12

Kim Luevano and Lisa Dorr

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 3/31/2026

Income (pledges + other income)	\$265,997
Expenses	\$283,374
Difference	-\$17,377

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Daeun Kim, Organist



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