



**ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
DENTON, TEXAS

**Senior Sunday**  
May 17, 2026

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**GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD**

PRELUDE

Take 5  
Ethan Hart, piano

Dave Brubeck

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lisa Patterson

We gather in the house of the Lord,

**A place where we celebrate beginnings and endings,**

We gather here to worship God,

**to give our thanks and praise to the one who has been our dwelling in all generations.**

We gather here in community,

**to give thanks to God for welcoming us, guiding us, nurturing us, and sending us out into the world.**

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN 413

Come Into God's Presence

COME INTO HIS PRESENCE

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SENIOR HOMILIES

Proverbs 22:6  
Acts 2: 42-47

Wills Blosser  
Ethan Hart  
Hunter Lewis

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Water is Wide  
Andersen Trachsel, alto sax, and Daeun Kim, piano

arr. Brant Adams

SENIOR HOMILIES

I Corinthians 3:17  
John 1:4-5

Fletcher Hays  
Sophia Cruz

HYMN 488, Vs 1

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

WATERLIFE

SENIOR HOMILIES

Jeremiah 29: 11  
Jeremiah 29:11, Mark 10:45

Ross Konkle  
Esmee Luijckx

HYMN 488, Vs 2

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

WATERLIFE

\*HYMN 488, VSS 3 AND 4

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

WATERLIFE

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Chrissy Stevens

**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

Andante et Allegro

J. Guy-Ropartz

Josh Chavira, trumpet, and Daeun Kim, piano

\*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 591, refrain)

HALLE, HALLE

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

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Richard B. Culp

\*HYMN 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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SENDING OF THE SENIORS

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Alexandre Guilmant

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


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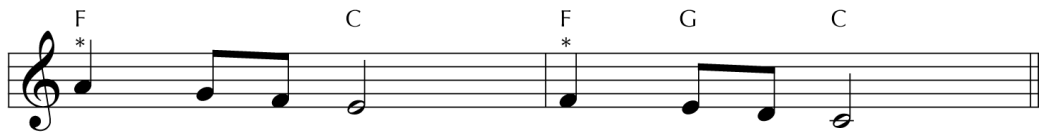
Sarah Barnett is serving as acolyte for today's worship service.

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following the worship service as we honor our graduates with lunch and a program.

# 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,

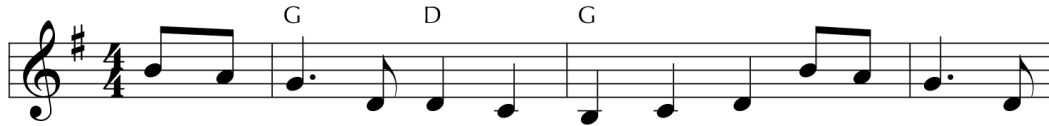


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|---------------------|----------------------|
| al - le - lu - ia,  | al - le - lu - ia."  |
| Je - sus is Lord,   | Je - sus is Lord."   |
| wor - thy the Lamb, | wor - thy the Lamb." |
| glo - ry to God,    | glo - ry to God."    |

*\*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.

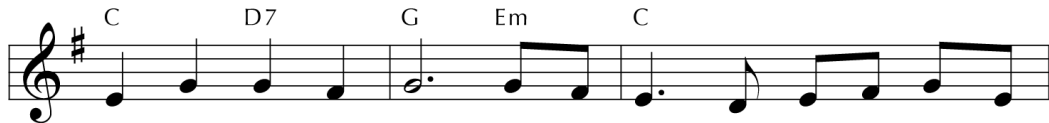
## 488 I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry



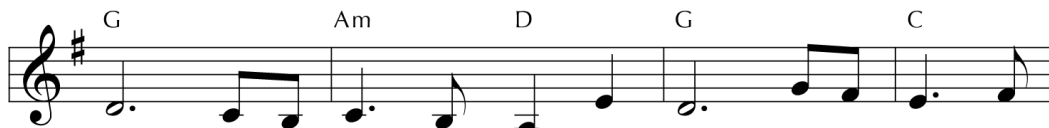
1 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when  
 2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word, I was there to  
 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no



you are old. I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to  
 cheer you on. You were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord to  
 lon - ger young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com -



see your life un - fold. I was there when you were but a  
 whom you now be - long. If you find some - one to share your  
 plete what I've be - gun. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es



child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of  
 time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to  
 in and you shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as



light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."  
 make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
 I have al - ways been with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

Originally created to accompany a video series on baptism, this hymn speaks in the imagined conversational voice of God, assuring the person being baptized of God's presence throughout the changing stages of life. It offers a reminder that baptism is a once-in-a-lifetime event.

# 591 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Refrain

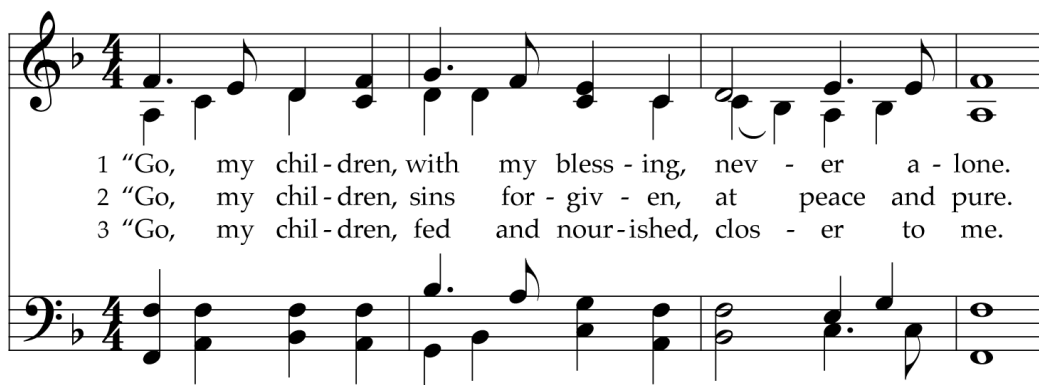
Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah!  
hal - le -

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*

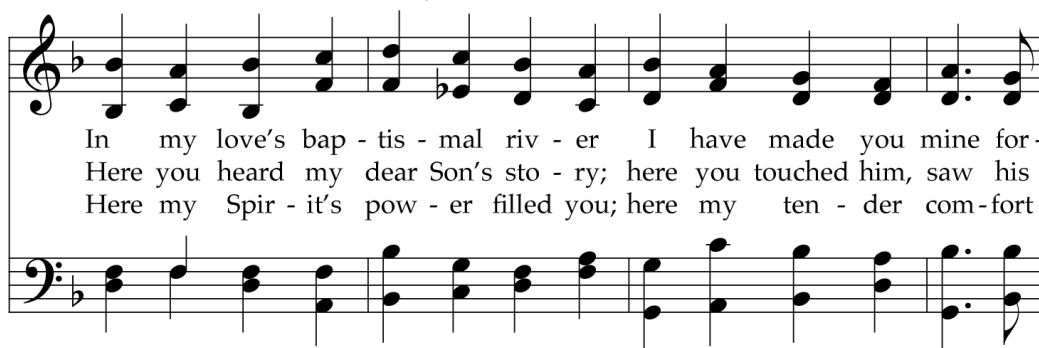
## Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for -  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; here my ten - der com - fort



ev - er. Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
 glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
 stilled you. Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22–27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.

**Proverbs 22: 6** *"Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray."*

**Acts 2: 42-47** *"Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45 they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous[c] hearts, 47 praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved."*

**I Corinthians 3:17** *If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.*

**John 1:4-5** *In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.*

**Jeremiah 29:11** *"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.*

**Mark 10:45** *"For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many."*

# ST. ANDREW SENIORS 2026

## Andersen Trachsel

Graduating from Denton High School

- ❖ High School Activities/Accomplishments: Valedictorian, National Merit Scholar, drum major, NHS president, Denton ISD Honor Graduate, French Honor Society, Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra, Lone Star Youth Winds
- ❖ Thoughts on senior year: Extremely challenging in many ways, but also very rewarding.
- ❖ Plans for next year: Studying Earth Science at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY
- ❖ What do you want to be when you grow up: A professor, researcher, or conservationist
- ❖ How long have you been involved in the St. Andrew community? Seven years, since I moved here in sixth grade
- ❖ Favorite memories of St. Andrew: High school lock ins with so many wonderful friends
- ❖ Special words for the congregation: Thank you so, so much for your continual support over the years; each and every one of you has shaped my life in extraordinary ways.



## Esmee Luijkx

Graduated from Carroll Senior High School

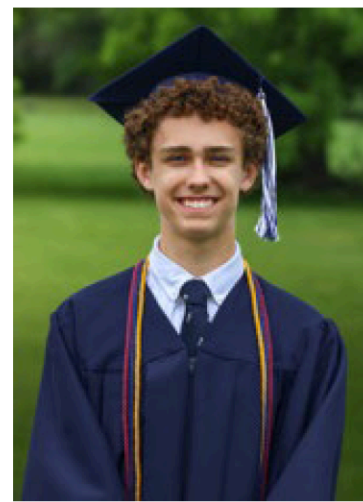
- ❖ High School Activities/Accomplishments: I graduated with a 4.0 gpa, did PALS and was part of ESL.
- ❖ Thoughts on senior year: It was super fun. I made a lot of memories, but it went by way too fast!
- ❖ Plans for next year: I'm planning to attend the University of Central Arkansas majoring in psychology and having a minor in addiction studies
- ❖ What do you want to be when you grow up: A kids psychiatrist
- ❖ How long have you been involved in the St. Andrew community? Since summer 2025
- ❖ Favorite memories of St. Andrew: High school lock in and my baptism



## Ethan Hart

Graduating from Selwyn School

- ❖ High School Activities/Accomplishments: NHS, TAPPS photography winner 2025 and 2026
- ❖ Thoughts on senior year: My senior year went great! It felt rushed because I skipped 11th grade, but overall, I had a good time.
- ❖ Plans for next year: I plan to attend University of Kansas for Industrial Design and a minor in music.
- ❖ What do you want to be when you grow up: I want to be an Industrial Designer.
- ❖ How long have you been involved in the St. Andrew community? Since birth!
- ❖ Favorite memories of St. Andrew: Any mission experience as well as just talking about our lives during high school time on Wednesday.
- ❖ Special words for the congregation: Thank you for shaping my youth and providing me with such an amazing community throughout my whole life.



## Fletcher Hays

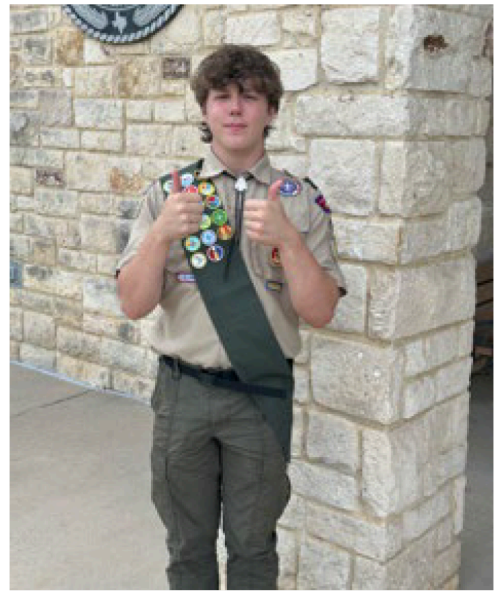
Graduating from Denton High School

- ❖ High School Activities/Accomplishments: Swim team captain, 2x area winner, 1x water polo district leader, FFA officer, 2x Anna rodeo champ
- ❖ Thoughts on senior year: A great learning experience and a great chance for me to grow as a person.
- ❖ Plans for next year: Going to Texas State
- ❖ What do you want to be when you grow up: I want to go work for a water company down in Houston for the state.
- ❖ How long have you been involved in the St. Andrew community? 18 years
- ❖ Favorite memories of St. Andrew: Following around my brother Gunnison and his friends like a baby duck.



## Hunter Lewis

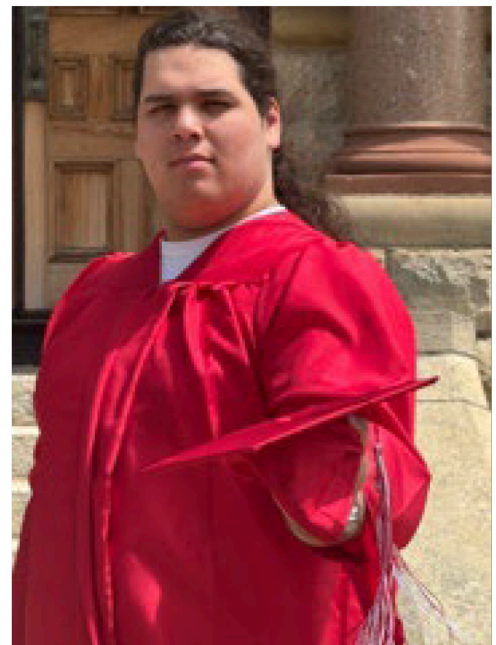
- ❖ High School Activities/Accomplishments: Eagle scout
- ❖ Thoughts on senior year: all over the place
- ❖ Plans for next year: get a job and make some money
- ❖ What do you want to be when you grow up: musician
- ❖ How long have you been involved in the St. Andrew community? whole life
- ❖ Favorite memories of St. Andrew: mission trip to Menaul



## Josh Chavira

Graduating from Ryan High School

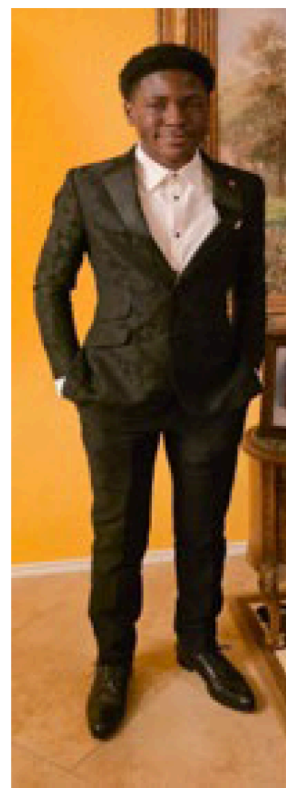
- ❖ High School Activities/Accomplishments: Texas state solo and ensemble player, 4 years in a row superior ranking solos
- ❖ Thoughts on senior year: tiring but very rewarding
- ❖ Plans for next year: Attending SFA majoring in cybersecurity with a minor in music
- ❖ What do you want to be when you grow up: hopefully a firmware developer
- ❖ How long have you been involved in the St. Andrew community? since I was a baby
- ❖ Favorite memories of St. Andrew: MOST youth group Wednesdays



## Obenson Tako

Graduating from Guyer High School

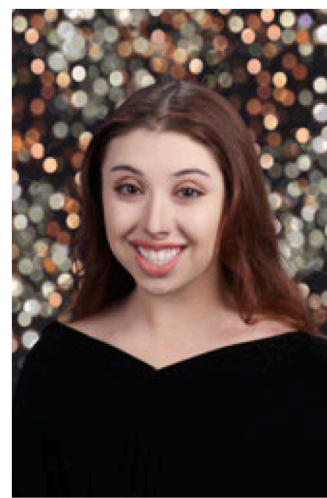
- ❖ High School Activities/Accomplishments: Varsity Cross-country runner, Varsity Track & Field Runner, National Honors Society member, AP Scholar with Distinction, Denton Public School Foundation Senior Scholarship awardee, & Denton African American Scholarship Foundation small scholarship receiver.
- ❖ Thoughts on senior year: Very in-the-moment
- ❖ Plans for next year: I plan to attend Texas A&M and study as a first-year engineering undergraduate.
- ❖ What do you want to be when you grow up: Not only an engineer, but also a good role model.
- ❖ How long have you been involved in the St. Andrew community? Since fifth grade
- ❖ Favorite memories of St. Andrew: I enjoyed watching movies in the den (since I never really watch movies myself) and singing in the youth choir.
- ❖ Special words for the congregation: While my family isn't at as church often recently, I do sincerely enjoy attending Sunday Worship. It's helped me believe in something (or someone) bigger than myself, which has made me into a better role model among those I'm close to. It was a pleasure to worship alongside everyone, and I hope to carry on the belief and virtues I've shaped as I continue to try my best in life.



## Sophia Cruz

Graduating from Ryan High School

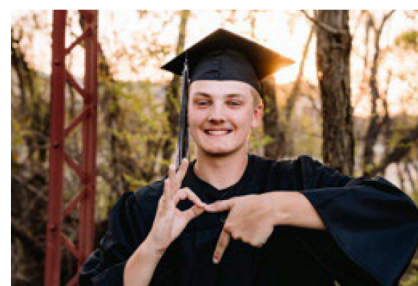
- ❖ High School Activities/Accomplishments: Legal Intern, NHS, NAHS president, 3x regional champion Literary Criticism UIL, Junior World Affairs Council
- ❖ Thoughts on senior year: It's been a wild ride
- ❖ Plans for next year: Study political science at Trinity University.
- ❖ What do you want to be when you grow up: Criminal Defense Attorney
- ❖ How long have you been involved in the St. Andrew community? I officially joined in 2021, 5 years
- ❖ Favorite memories of St. Andrew: So many happy memories of the Children's Place as a baby, VBS with Meredith and Mason Cole, my 8th grade confirmation.
- ❖ Special words for the congregation: Shoutout to Ms Stephanie, Mrs Lewis, the Cole's, Adele, Wade and David Hines



## Ross Konkle

Graduating from Guyer High School

- ❖ High School Activities/Accomplishments: I got 2nd team academic all-state for baseball
- ❖ Thoughts on senior year: Pretty chill
- ❖ Plans for next year: Play college baseball
- ❖ What do you want to be when you grow up: Baseball player
- ❖ How long have you been involved in the St. Andrew community? Since I was born
- ❖ Favorite memories of St. Andrew: Probably the youth lock-ins



## Wills Blosser

Graduating from Jesuit College Preparatory School of Dallas

- ❖ High School Activities/Accomplishments: Band President (12), Brass Captain (12), Low Brass Lieutenant (11, 12), Diving Team Captain (12), Model UN President (11, 12), Vice President of Stage and Film Club (12), Frank Guida Memorial Scholarship for Fine Arts (11), Principal's MAGIS Award: Fine Arts (9, 10), Ranger Heart Award (9), TPSMEA All-State Band (11, 12), TPSMEA All-Region Band (11, 12), Executive Committee of the Big Brothers Program (12), National Honors Society (10, 11, 12), Junior World Affairs Council: Jesuit Dallas Chapter President (11, 12) Yearbook Managing Editor (10)
- ❖ Thoughts on senior year: Senior year has had its ups and downs, it's been a bit of a rollercoaster, but I'm grateful for my St. Andrew family being there to support me along the way.
- ❖ Plans for next year: Next year I will attend Loyola University Chicago and plan to major in History and Music. I hope to join the band at Loyola and stay active in the Fine Arts.
- ❖ What do you want to be when you grow up: I want to be a teacher of either history or music or maybe both.
- ❖ How long have you been involved in the St. Andrew community? I have been going to St. Andrew since Kindergarten and have been actively involved since.
- ❖ Favorite memories of St. Andrew: My favorite memories from my time at St. Andrew are Advent Adventure, playing kickball in the gym, and being in the Covenant and Noel Choirs.
- ❖ Special words for the congregation: Thank you all so much for your love and support over the years. It means so much to me to know that I will always have a family at St. Andrew to come home to.



### **Mark Your Calendar!**

#### **5th Sunday Event – Hygiene Kit Assembly Sunday, May 31 at 9:30am, Fellowship Hall**

Everyone of all ages is invited to come to Fellowship Hall and participate in our next 5th Sunday event, scheduled for Sunday, May 31, starting at 9:30am. At this 5th Sunday Event, we will assemble approximately 500 hygiene kits for emergency distribution by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. The event will start with breakfast for all followed by five tables where the kits will be assembled by participants taking about 20-30 minutes to complete. Questions? Contact Russ Tillman, k5nrk@bellsouth.net.

#### **Substitute Teachers Needed**

The Children's Place is seeking caring and reliable substitute teachers for our school! Candidates should enjoy working with young children and be able to lift up to 25 pounds, as well as comfortably move to and from the floor throughout the day. If you have a heart for kids and a flexible schedule, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Kirsten Trachsel at by phone at 940-387-7716 or thechildrensplacenton@gmail.com.

#### **Vacation Bible School Registration Is Open!**

*June 22-26, 2026  
9:00am-Noon*

Children finishing kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to Vacation Bible School, June 22-26, 2026! This year's curriculum is titled "Road Trip: On The Go With God." Join us for a thrilling road trip adventure where kids (Travelers) explore exciting destinations with the Navigators and their pup, Scout! Through engaging Bible stories, interactive games and fun challenges, they'll discover that God is always with them. Road Trip VBS is more than just fun - it's a journey of faith, friendship, and unforgettable memories! Kids will set their GPS to biblical truth and embark on a journey of discovering that God's presence is ALWAYS near. Using the Bible as their navigation guide, kids will learn how Biblical heroes followed God and how they can too.

Questions? Contact VBS Director Alison McStravick, alison.mcstravick@gmail.com.

### **Ordination Exams**

As many of you may know, candidates for ministry in the Presbyterian Church (USA) have to satisfactorily complete five standardized ordination exams: Bible Content, Worship and Sacraments, Church Polity, Theological Competence, and Biblical Exegesis (either Hebrew or Greek). In recent weeks, St. Andrew has been involved with the exam process at multiple levels. Most importantly, our Dickson Pastoral Resident, Chrissy Stevens, took and passed the Church Polity exam, meaning she has now passed all the ordination exams. Great job, Chrissy! Linda Steger also represented Grace Presbytery as an exam reader for the Biblical Exegesis exam. In this role, she read exams, determined if the exams were Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory, and provided feedback about the exams to the exam takers. Lastly, Dr. Culp serves on the Presbyteries' Cooperative Committee on Examinations for Candidates, where he reviewed the readers' comments on Polity exams before the comments and grades were released to the exam takers. As you might expect, all three completed their tasks on their computers at home and at the church office! Among the three of them, St. Andrew had quite a presence in the ordination exam process!

#### **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**

##### **\$3.00 Feeds One Person in Need for a Day**

##### **Matching Funds Results**

Many thanks to all who donated to the Give-a-Meal program in April. Your generous efforts raised \$1,302 that were matched \$1000 by the Mission Committee. As a result, \$2302 has been donated to the Denton Community Food Center to provide food for those in need. This amazing donation will provide about 767 meals to those in need. Remember, 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

Danny McLeod, brother of Suzanne Pettit

Caia McCullar

James West, brother-in-law of Sandy Speigel

Ashley Jenkins, cousin of Edie Chavira

Ryder Shaw, friend of the Hooper family

Sara Armstrong

Laura Hill, friend of Lauri Goldston

Bob Heilig

Mayer Knox Morin, son of Lori and David Morin

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!

**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.

### Paul's Discovery

Karen Dower and Arminta Jacobson

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 4/30/2026***

<b>Income (pledges + other income)</b>	<b>\$345,536</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$371,850</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-\$26,114</b>

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

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Kathryn Davidson, Director of Music

Stephanie Raesz, Youth Director

Kirsten Trachsel, Director of Children's and Handbell Choirs

Daeun Kim, Organist



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