



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DENTON, TEXAS

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 21, 2026

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Andante religioso from Organ Sonata No. 4 in B-flat Major, Op. 65

Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 86)

There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

OPENING PRAYER

Chrissy Stevens

*HYMN 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lisa Patterson

Holy and gracious God, we look at our world and recognize how far we fall short of living the way you call us to live. You call us to be a light in the darkness of our world, but we hide in the shadows of our comfort. You call us to the difficult task of doing justice, but we too easily settle for lack of justice as long as it does not impact us directly. You call us to love unconditionally, but we draw lines and build walls. Forgive us for our silence when we should speak and our apathy when we should act. By your Spirit, transform our lives until all we do might be in service to you. 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 (Hymn 584)

CUEQITA

Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high!

Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high!

And on earth peace to all people in whom God is well pleased.

And on earth peace to all people, in whom God is well pleased.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Steve Danbom

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

Acts 17: 1-9

New Testament, page 128

ANTHEM

The Little Creek

Matt Carlson

"The Little Creek is a song about helping each other finding peace and comfort in their lives. Whether that comes from holy time in the serenity of nature, the loving embrace of a family member, or the steadfastness of one's faith, we can all help each other get a little closer to finding their creek." - Matt Carlson

Come with me to the Little Creek
where my thoughts are running free.
They might run swift or they might run deep,
but these Waters wind their way through me.
When we reach the hill, we'll follow it down.
Cross the rough and rocky ground.
Get a little bit lost and a little bit found,
but it evens out when we hear that Sound.

but we can share the load when we share a sigh.
At the Creek our dreams are by design.

It flows in you, and it flows in me.
Some days you will find it, some days it's hard to see.
There's twists and there's turns and there's lessons to
learn by the Creek.
Take a breath and think.

Why are we so scared to search our centers?
It may seem so, but every door you enter
you find a piece of something inside you never knew.
Keep moving through.

Please don't be so scared to search your center.
Let those seeds grow, 'cause every door you enter
you find a piece of something inside you never knew.
Keep moving through. Believe it's true.
I know that You will keep moving through.
Make a little change at the Little Creek.

You've got your pain, and I've got mine.
It's hard to say it'll work out fine,

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

I Thessalonians 2: 1-8

New Testament, page 189

SERMON

"In the Footsteps of Paul: Lessons from Thessaloniki"

Richard B. Culp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 697

Take My Life

HENDON

*APOSTLES' CREED (ECUMENICAL VERSION) (unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Blessed Assurance
Daeun Kim, Piano

P. P. Knapp arr. Hyojin Moon

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn #607)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 686

God of Our Life

SANDON

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Tocatta in D Major

Marcel Lanquetuit

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

For the Beauty of the Earth 14

1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,
 2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,
 4 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
 5 For thy-self, best gift di-vine to the world so free-ly given;

for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

Glory, Glory, Glory

584

Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry be to God on high!
¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, en las al - tu - ras a Dios!

The first system of music consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 6/8 time signature. It begins with a repeat sign and contains the lyrics: "Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry be to God on high!" followed by the Spanish translation: "¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, en las al - tu - ras a Dios!". The piano accompaniment is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic foundation for the vocal line.

And on earth peace to all peo-ple in whom God is well pleased.
Y en la tie - rra, paz a la gen - te que a - ma el Se - ñor.

The second system of music continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a repeat sign and contains the lyrics: "And on earth peace to all peo-ple in whom God is well pleased." followed by the Spanish translation: "Y en la tie - rra, paz a la gen - te que a - ma el Se - ñor.". The piano accompaniment continues with the same harmonic support.

TEXT: Based on Luke 2:14; Pablo Sosa, 1989
MUSIC: Pablo Sosa, 1989
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CUEQUITA

Take My Life

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1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with-hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as

cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne,
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee,
 ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.

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Praise God, from Whom
All Blessings Flow
Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple

here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;

praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551
Text © 1990 Neil Weatherhogg

OLD HUNDREDTH
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God of Our Life

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1 God of our life, through all the cir-cling years, we trust in thee.
 2 God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us a-bide.
 3 God of the com-ing years, through paths un-known we fol-low thee.

In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.
 Lead us by faith to hope's true prom-ised land. Be thou our guide.
 When we are strong, Lord, leave us not a-lone. Our ref-uge be.

With each new day, when morn-ing lifts the veil,
 With thee to bless, the dark-ness shines as light,
 Be thou for us in life our dai-ly bread,

we own thy mer-cies, Lord, which nev-er fail.
 and faith's fair vi-sion chang-es in-to sight.
 our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

This text was created for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, by its pastor. He wrote these words especially for this tune, originally composed for John Henry Newman's text "Lead, Kindly Light."

Acts 17: 1-9

After Paul and Silas had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. 2 And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days argued with them from the scriptures, 3 explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead and saying, "This is the Messiah, Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you." 4 Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. 5 But the Jews became jealous, and with the help of some ruffians in the marketplaces they formed a mob and set the city in an uproar. While they were searching for Paul and Silas to bring them out to the assembly, they attacked Jason's house. 6 When they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some brothers and sisters before the city authorities, shouting, "These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also, 7 and Jason has entertained them as guests. They are all acting contrary to the decrees of the emperor, saying that there is another king named Jesus." 8 The people and the city officials were disturbed when they heard this, 9 and after they had taken bail from Jason and the others, they let them go.

I Thessalonians 2: 1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, 2 but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. 3 For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, 4 but, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals but to please God, who tests our hearts. 5 As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed, 6 nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, 7 though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle[a] among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. 8 So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

New Pastor's Class Study
Why Presbyterians Are Like That

If you are wondering why Presbyterians are the way we are, you are invited to join the Pastors' Class on any Sunday morning this summer in Room 206/208 for our new study, "Why Presbyterians Are Like That." The study begins on June 14. Written by Austin College Chaplain John Williams, this study explores how Presbyterians are Christians who believe that studying the Bible prayerfully and together helps us figure out which things matter more than other things. Other lessons explore that grace happens; God's grace invites response; God gave us brains and expects us to use them; we are beloved, gifted, capable and safe; God calls us to be on the side of the ones who are having the hardest time; nobody's perfect; there's more Holy Spirit in a bunch of us than in any single one of us; God isn't finished; and God's love is not limited to our particular faith community. Printed versions of the curriculum are available in the Pastor's Class or you can download a version using the link in the Shield.

Now Hiring: Preschool Director

The TCP Advisory Committee has begun the search for the school's next Director. This position offers an opportunity to lead a vibrant ministry of St. Andrew that serves children and families in the greater Denton community. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the position, please contact the TCP Advisory Committee, tcpadvisorycommittee@gmail.com, or by calling Alison McStravick at 940-783-2504.

Change to Publication Deadlines

Announcements for the Shield on Thursday, July 9, and the bulletin on Sunday, July 12, will be due one week earlier than the typical deadline for St. Andrew's publications. Items for these publications will be due by 11pm on Tuesday, June 30. Please send all materials to Lou Korom, lou@standrewdenton.com. Thank you!

Apple Tree Project
June 15-July 15

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church joins Interfaith Ministries in "The Apple Tree Project" that seeks to provide DISD students with backpacks when school starts this August. Last year the St. Andrew congregation donated 171 backpacks to this worthy cause. Thank you! How can you help this year? (1.) Donate a \$25 Amazon gift card (2.) Donate a 17" size backpack and place it in the Apple Tree Box in the Narthex (3.) Make a \$25 donation on Realm before July 15th. Questions: Call Brenda Crawford 214-675-9010.

Prime Time
Friday, July 10

Prime Time is an opportunity for adults over 50 to meet in an informal setting for fellowship and to meet others in the church. Next month we will meet at The Great Egg on Friday, July 10 at noon. It is located at 1800 S Loop 288. Please join us and invite others. Kindly reply to Bob Halbach, bobandbetsyhalbach@hotmail.com, by July 3.

Calling All Quilters

The Baptism Quilt Ministry needs volunteers to help sew small simple quilts to be presented to those being baptized at St. Andrew. For more information, please contact Leigh Kitchens at lwkitchens@gmail.com or 940-597-6036.

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.

Theology on Tap
Monday, June 22

Theology On Tap will meet Monday, June 22nd, 6:30 p.m., at Denton County Brewing Company (in the back room). Our topic is "Kitchen Towel Theology". We will be discussing the phrases, aphorisms, sayings (etc.) found on things like kitchen towels and discussing if we agree with the theology. Please bring examples of your favorites. We hope you'll join us for this fun conversation!

Theology On Tap will be taking a break in July. Our next meeting back will be Monday, August 10.

Denton Association of Christian Women
Tuesday, June 30

The Presbyterian Women of St. Andrew are hosting the Denton Association of Christian Women on Tuesday, June 30, at 9:30am in Fellowship Hall. All women are invited to join St. Andrew and other Denton County area churches to hear our guest speaker, Keri Caruthers, Executive Director of Interfaith Denton.

Please join us on Tuesday, June 30, at 9:30am in Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome!

Prayer Requests

Kathi Sale
Family of Dorthy Landes, mother of Gary Landes

Robert Ramsay
Ryder Shaw, friend of the Hooper family

Caia McCullar
Dylan Peterson, grandson of June McNeill

Sara Armstrong
Laurie Mallicote, sister-in-law of Beverly Noah
Lesley Miller, friend of Diana Warner

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.

Abraham

Kim Luevano

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 5/31/2026

Income (pledges + other income)	\$430,893
Expenses	\$460,566
Difference	-\$29,673

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Kirsten Trachsel, Director of Children's and Handbell Choirs

Daeun Kim, Organist



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

Stephen Ministers are trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing situations such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation. Please contact Richard Culp or Lisa Patterson to connect with Stephen Ministry.

ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Church Officer for Class of 2029

ELECTION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

Electing members to the office of ruling elder and deacon is the responsibility of the congregation. The calling to be a church officer is a calling not to privilege, but to service. Names offered for consideration need to be based on an individual's proven commitment to Jesus Christ and his church. Clear evidence of the person's involvement in the life of the congregation is critical. Prayer and care should be taken in suggesting names for consideration by the nominating committee. Those currently serving as church officers are listed below.

Suggestions are being received for the nomination of five ruling elders and seven deacons for the classes of 2023. Please return this form in a sealed envelope marked **Attention Officer Nominating Committee** to the church office by:

Sunday, June 28

I suggest the following for the office of ___ Ruling Elder or ___ Deacon.

Name

As the names offered are only suggestions at this point and are not yet in nomination, it is best not to tell the person you are suggesting in advance, in order to avoid potential awkwardness later.

Please comment on your suggestion in the following areas.

GENERAL PARTICIPATION IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Attendance at public worship, Sunday School, other church activities:

Committee Involvement:

Evidence of commitment to the church and its mission:

DAILY CHRISTIAN LIVING

Within the family, at work, in the community:

PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS & SKILLS

Cooperative, willing to learn, follows through on commitments, open to new ideas, maturity of judgment, and vision for the future of the church

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

Signature

Note: Ruling elders and deacons may not be re-elected to the same office for a period of one year following the end of the current term of office.

RULING ELDERS

CLASS OF 2026

Sarah Adams
Jonathon Fite
David Hines
Karen Jones
Terry Widmer

CLASS OF 2027

Sara Armstrong
Kirsten Brown
Karen Dower
Ed Hiler
David McCullar

CLASS OF 2028

Alison McStravick
Beth Gray
John Noah
Sara Huffstetler Schnurr
Russ Tillman

DEACONS

CLASS OF 2026

Jamie Adams
Marc Brown
Lisa Dorr
Linda Heilig
Susan Ramsay
Bob Stewart
Jim White

CLASS OF 2027

Brenda Crawford
Steve Danbom
Teresa Golden
Lauri Goldston
Sylvia Hobdy
Caia McCullar
Lynda Schupp

CLASS OF 2028

Bekah Barnett
Bob Halbach
Anna Hendrix
Arminta Jacobson Hiler
Caroline Konkle
Glenn Tolle
Jacy Williamson

Completed forms can be returned to the church office in the envelope labeled "Church Officer Nominating Forms."