



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DENTON, TEXAS

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 5, 2026

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Prelude in D Major

Lefebure-Wely

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 145)

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all, and the Lord's compassion is over all that the Lord has made.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

OPENING PRAYER

Chrissy Stevens

*HYMN 8

Eternal Father Strong to Save

MELITA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess the secret anxieties of our hearts: the ways we judge our neighbors, our reluctance to seek forgiveness, and our tendency to do the very things we hate. We confess the choices we make that lead us away from the path of discipleship: choosing to be divided; accepting prejudices as the norm; being too tired to make changes. We confess our systemic failures: how easily we tolerate poverty, ignore the cries of the marginalized, and mistake worldly comfort for spiritual peace. Forgive us, O God, and call us to the path of repentance. In Christ's name, we pray, 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.

*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 Davis

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 31:1-5,15-16

Old Testament, page 478

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

All Creatures of Our God and King

arr. Molly Ijames

Anthem text: Hymn 15

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 14:1-7

New Testament, page 102

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"His Promises"

Bill Parr

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 329

God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength

WINCHESTER OLD

*APOSTLES' CREED (UNISON)

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.

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

Since Jesus Came Into My Heart
Joohee Jeong, Secondo, Daeun Kim, Primo

Charles H. Gabriel arr. Mark Hayes

*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.*

THE SEALING OF GOD'S WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution

Breaking of the Bread and Lifting of the Cup

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn 338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

MATERNA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude in D Minor Op. 603 No. 3

Carl Czerny

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

We welcome Rev. Dr. Bill Parr to St. Andrew this morning. Rev. Dr. Parr has served parishes in Texas, and while teaching at the University of the Ozarks, served a small church in the Ozark mountains north of Clarksville, Arkansas. While an Associate Pastor of St. Andrew, Bill had the joy of working with your present Senior Pastor. And yes, Richard did perform in the youth musical presentation of "Oklahoma."

Rev. Dr. Parr is now the Pastor Emeritus of the Nor'kirk Presbyterian Church in Carrollton. He served the Nor'kirk for 18 years. He and his wife Angi still live in Carrollton.

It has now been 50 years since he was ordained in both the Northern and Southern Presbyterian Church. That shows how long he has been serving our Lord.

Dr. Culp is out of the office on vacation through July 10. Dr. Patterson is out of the office through July 8. Dr. Patterson is preaching at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Meridian Mississippi, on the occasion of her brother's 25th anniversary of service as the Organist and Choirmaster of the congregation. For pastoral care needs, please contact the church office, Karen Dower (for Stephen Ministers) at 940-367-1001, or Rev. Lynda Schupp at 972-965-3458.

8 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who did brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, all trav - elers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
 wild and rude, and bade its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
 calm a - mid its rage did sleep: O hear us when we
 gave, for fierce con - fu - sion, peace: O hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

The year after this text was written for a student sailing to America, it was included in the most influential British hymnal of the 19th century. The tune especially composed for it preserves the ancient Roman name of the island where Paul was shipwrecked, now called Malta.

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 treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a 6/8 time signature. It contains a series of chords and eighth notes. The bass staff begins with a bass clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 6/8 time signature. It contains a series of eighth notes and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

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.

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

329 God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength

(Psalm 46)

1 God is our ref - uge and our strength, our
 2 Though hills a - mid the seas be cast, though
 3 Where God a - bides a riv - er flows; that
 4 Since God is in the midst of it, the

ev - er - pres - ent aid, and there - fore, though the
 foam - ing wa - ters roar, yea, though the might - y
 cit - y will re - joice. But na - tions fear and
 cit - y walls shall stand, se - cure and safe with

earth be moved, we will not be a - fraid;
 bil - lows shake the moun - tains on the shore.
 king - doms shake be - fore God's thun - dering voice.
 God's sure help, when trou - ble is at hand.

The first two stanzas of this very condensed paraphrase of Psalm 46 were created early in the 20th century, and the last two stanzas were prepared near its end. The text is set to a late 16th-century psalm tune that comes from the first such collection to give tunes names.

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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

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O Beautiful for Spacious Skies 338

1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,
 3 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years

for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain!
 who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life!
 thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears!

A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-ery flaw;
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine

and crown thy good with *broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea!
 con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law!
 till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness and ev-ery gain di-vine!

*Or "servanthood"

This text (inspired by the vista from Pike's Peak and by a visit to Chicago's Columbian World Exposition) and tune (named MATERNA because it was composed for "O Mother, Dear Jerusalem") were joined in 1912. The combination proved immensely popular during World War I and afterwards.

Psalm 31: 1-5; 15-16

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.
Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily.
Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me.
You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me;
take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.
Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.
Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.

John 14: 1-7

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And you know the way to the place where I am going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Prayer Teams

As we look toward the fall, the Session is inviting the congregation into a period of prayerful reflection around a central question: What is St. Andrew's vision for how God is calling us to be in the coming years? In the fall, this process will include town hall meetings with the congregation to discuss the hopes and dreams for the vision, dedicated time by the Session focused on developing this vision, and a sermon series on vision.

A critical part of this vision journey will be prayers for God's guidance and direction. Prayer has shaped and formed God's people since creation, and we at St. Andrew make prayer a foundational part of our life together. As we enter a season of discernment, the Session is inviting members who feel called to participate in a short-term prayer ministry. Prayer teams of approximately 6 to 8 individuals will pray for the Session, the congregation, and God's guidance as we listen faithfully for what God may be revealing to St. Andrew during this time. We hope to begin organizing the prayer teams in mid-July with a commitment from prayer team members to be involved in the prayer process through the fall. Each prayer team will have a moderator assigned who will be responsible for the ongoing communications with the prayer team and helping organize how the prayer team will pray together. The Session will provide prompts for the prayer team based on the visioning process the Session is following, but the prayer team's primary responsibility will be to pray for God's guidance and listen for what God might be telling St. Andrew through its prayer teams.

Those interested in participating are encouraged to contact the church office or speak to Dr. Culp or Dr. Patterson directly. Session and pastoral leadership may also extend personal invitations to members to join in this important task of prayer.

We know that St. Andrew already has active prayer teams who meet weekly to pray for those on our prayers lists. These prayer teams are in addition to those ongoing prayer group. We covet all your prayers as this season unfolds.

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.

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed Monday, July 6, through Wednesday, July 8. For any pastoral needs please contact Karen Dower (for Stephen Ministers) at 940-367-1001, or Rev. Lynda Schupp at 972-965-3458.

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.

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-a-Month

\$3.00 Feeds One Person in Need for a Day

St. Andrew donated \$551.89 to the Give-a-Meal-a-Month program in June which fed about 184 people for a day. Because of our donation, the Denton Community Food Center will be able to provide fresh, nutritious choices to numerous local families facing hunger insecurity. 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.

St. Andrew Community Pantry

The St. Andrew community pantry is up and ready to serve the Denton community. It is located on the north end of the parking lot under a tree. Thanks to everyone who has already donated, we should be able to keep it stocked for a long time. Please look for future Shield articles when we are in need of further donations.

Prayer Requests

Carole Hatcher, sister-in-law of Chuck Smith
Bob Cheesman, father of Brian Cheesman
Georgia Caraway, friend of Peggy Capps

Ann Wirz

Kathi Sale

Robert Ramsay

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 are invited to stay in the pews with their parents.

By the Numbers: As of 5/31/2026

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

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