



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DENTON, TEXAS

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
July 26, 2026

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Entrée

Jehan Montber

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 105)

O give thanks to the Lord; call on the Lord's name; make known the Lord's deeds among the peoples.

Sing to the Lord, sing praises to the Lord; tell of all the Lord's wonderful works.

Glory in the Lord's holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and the Lord's strength; seek the Lord's presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works the Lord has done, the Lord's miracles and the judgments the Lord has uttered.

OPENING PRAYER

Lisa Patterson

*HYMN 742

We Will Walk with God (Two times)

SIZOHAMBA NAVE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Chrissy Stevens

Gracious and ever-faithful God, you make all things new, but we resist the new thing you are doing among us. We cling to what is familiar, even when it no longer gives life. We fear what we cannot see, and we hesitate when you call us into unknown places. Forgive us when our fear becomes resistance, when our comfort becomes complacency, and when our longing for yesterday keeps us from embracing the hope of tomorrow. Forgive us our unwillingness to embrace the changes to which you call us and teach us to step forward in faith, trusting in your Spirit to guide us. 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)

CUEQUITA

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.
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PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Karen Dower

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

Genesis 29: 15-28

Old Testament, page 25

ANTHEM

An Offering
Matt Carlson, baritone

Dan Forrest

O Christ, Who spared not any cost,
nor any grace withheld,
but poured forth Your redeeming blood
in love unparalleled;
What would you have me offer, Lord?
What must I count as loss
that I may taste the fellowship
that brings me near the cross?

Why should I cling to gifts You give?
Why grasp in foolish pride
what You who gave Yourself for me
now bid me lay aside?

To know You is my highest gain,
worth any sacrifice,
a treasure worthy to possess
at any earthly price.

Yet if behind my open hands,
my heart shrinks from the cost,
teach me that nothing offered You
is ever truly lost.
A hundredfold reward awaits
in one glimpse of Your face,
my sacrifice forgotten in
the riches of your grace.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

Ephesians 5: 22-33

New Testament, page 183

SERMON

"Changing Times"

Richard B. Culp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 315

In the Midst of New Dimension

NEW DIMENSIONS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)

(The Confession of 1967)

Jesus Christ has given the church preaching and teaching, praise and prayer, and Baptism and the Lord's Supper as means of fulfilling its service of God among people. These gifts remain, but the church is obliged to change the forms of its service in ways appropriate to different generations and cultures....Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, a father's house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists God's will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. 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

How Can I Keep from Singing
Di Tiscareño, mezzo-soprano
Text: Hymn 821

Alfred V. Fedak

*SUNG RESPONSE (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.*

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 765

May the God of Hope Go with Us (Two times)

TALLIS' CANON

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sortie

Louis Raffy

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

Dr. Culp has to leave the worship service early to participate at a commissioning service at First Presbyterian Church, Winnsboro in his role as Moderator of Grace Presbytery.

The first and last hymns today were taught during Vacation Bible School.

742 We Will Walk with God

Sizohamba naye



We will walk with God, my broth-ers; we will walk with God.

Si - zo - ham - ba na - ye, wo wo wo, si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.



We will walk with God, my sis-ters; we will walk with God.

Si - zo - ham - ba na - ye, wo wo wo, si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.



We will go re - joic - ing till the king - dom has come.

Ngom-hla wen - ja - bu - la, si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.



We will go re - joic - ing till the king - dom has come.

Ngom-hla wen - ja - bu - la, si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.

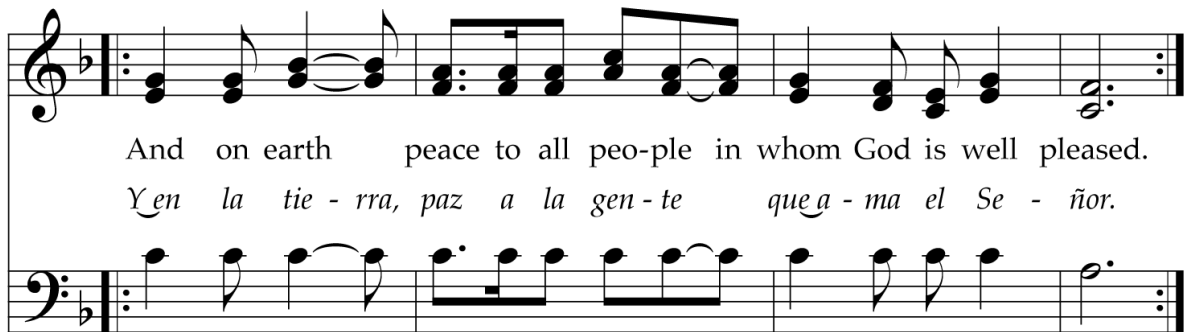
With its themes of commitment and sending, this energetic song from Swaziland works well for ending a time together, either an occasion of worship or some other gathering. The simple tune does not require supporting instruments but invites percussion and improvisation.

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!



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.

TEXT: Based on Luke 2:14; Pablo Sosa, 1989
MUSIC: Pablo Sosa, 1989
Text and Music © 1989 GIA Publications, Inc.

CUEQUITA

315 In the Midst of New Dimensions

1 In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of
 2 Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions,
 3 As we stand, a world di - vid - ed by our own self -
 4 We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions,
 5 Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -

chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples
 and de - spair, who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?
 seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage,
 old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,
 draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it

Refrain

wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?
 Who will light the flame of care?
 might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. God of rain - bow, fi - ery pil - lar,
 each a love song to be sung.
 res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney

In this simultaneously-created text and tune, the author-composer was seeking to incorporate imagery from both Native American and Hebrew spiritual traditions. Also included is the mythological phoenix, which had received a Christian interpretation as early as the first century.

THE CHURCH

now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and contains a vocal melody with lyrics. The bottom staff is in bass clef and contains a piano accompaniment. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, while the accompaniment features chords and single notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

607

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
LM

May the God of Hope Go with Us 765

Song of Hope / Canto de esperanza



May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, fill - ing all our
¡Dios de la es-pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz! Al mun - do en



lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus - tice speed us
cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad. Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da -



on our way, bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race.
nos tu luz, luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.



Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our joy with all;
O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos de tu a - mor.



work - ing for a world that's new, faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.
Lu - che - mos por la paz, fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.

This Argentine folk melody sets Spanish and English words, both created by a PC(USA) missionary with much Latin American experience. The two versions complement each other: the Spanish text offering a prayer to God, and the English one providing inspiration for the singers.

Genesis 29:15-28

15 Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" 16 Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. 17 Leah's eyes were weak, but Rachel was graceful and beautiful. 18 Jacob loved Rachel, so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." 19 Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." 20 So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of his love for her.

21 Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." 22 So Laban gathered together all the people of the place and made a feast. 23 But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and he went in to her. 24 (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) 25 When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" 26 Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. 27 Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." 28 Jacob did so and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife. 29 (Laban gave his maid Bilhah to his daughter Rachel to be her maid.) 30 So Jacob went in to Rachel also, and he loved Rachel more than Leah. He served Laban for another seven years.

31 When the Lord saw that Leah was unloved, he opened her womb, but Rachel was barren. 32 Leah conceived and bore a son, and she named him Reuben, for she said, "Because the Lord has looked on my affliction, surely now my husband will love me." 33 She conceived again and bore a son and said, "Because the Lord has heard that I am hated, he has given me this son also," and she named him Simeon. 34 Again she conceived and bore a son and said, "Now this time my husband will be joined to me, because I have borne him three sons"; therefore he was named Levi. 35 She conceived again and bore a son and said, "This time I will praise the Lord," therefore she named him Judah;[g] then she ceased bearing.

Ephesians 5: 22-33

22 Wives, be subject to your husbands as to the Lord, 23 for the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. 24 Just as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands.

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, 27 so as to present the church to himself in splendor, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind, so that she may be holy and without blemish. 28 In the same way, husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hates his own flesh, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, 30 because we are members of his body. 31 "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." 32 This is a great mystery, but I am speaking about Christ and the church. 33 Each of you, however, should love his wife as himself, and a wife should respect her husband.

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 who 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 groups. 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.

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.

Emergency Relief Fund - June Report

In June, the Mission Committee received and approved 3 Emergency Relief Fund applications for \$500 each. The total number of approved Emergency Relief Fund applications for 2026 is 11. No Emergency Relief Fund contributions were received in June.

Call for Fall Guide

It's time to start putting together the Fall Guide! The Fall Guide is our seasonal publication detailing all of the classes, activities, and groups happening at St. Andrew from Labor Day until the Christmas season. Please submit your 3-5 sentence announcement for your committee by 11:00pm on Sunday, August 9. The Fall Guide will be printed and mailed the week of August 30!

Apple Tree Project Update

Thank you to all that participated in this year's Apple Tree Project! The Apple Tree Project provides DISD students with backpacks when school starts this August. St. Andrew Presbyterian Church donated 57 backpacks in a combination of in-kind and monetary donations to Interfaith Ministries. Thank you!

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.

Prayer Requests

Ella Armstrong

Dylan Peterson, grandson of June McNeill
Scott Robertson, friend of Scott Campbell
Georgia Caraway, friend of Peggy Capps
Bob Cheesman, father of Brian Cheeseman
Laura Bruening, mother of Lisa Dorr
Ryder Shaw, friend of the Hooper family

Harriet Laney

Carole Hatcher, sister-in-law of Chuck Smith

Ann Wirz

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.

Ruth

Karen Raabe and Nursery Staff

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 6/30/2026

Income (pledges + other income)	\$520,762
Expenses	\$553,071
Difference	-\$32,809

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