



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DENTON, TEXAS

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 2026

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Breve Corale

Luigi Picchi

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

In this place, in this time of worship,

we feel the presence of God.

In our words, in our song,

we sing the beauty of God.

In each person, in each soul,

we see the face of God. Alleluia! Amen!

OPENING PRAYER

Chrissy Stevens

*HYMN 405

Praise God for This Holy Ground

HEYMONYSTRAAT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Richard B. Culp

Holy One, We love you imperfectly: we do not always keep your commandments. We love each other imperfectly: we hurt those you call us to love through our actions and our inaction. We love ourselves imperfectly: we struggle to believe that we are truly your children, made in your image. Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit, make us more faithful that we might live as Christ has shown us, reflecting your love and grace. 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

Nancy Glick

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 14:15-21

New Testament, page 103

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

In the Garden/What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Andersen Trachsel, Saxophone; Daeun Kim, Piano

arr. Brant Adams

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 17: 16-33

New Testament, page 129

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Babblers Speak"

Lisa Patterson

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 301

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

*THE NICENE CREED (unison)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

A Spanish Rhapsody on "All Creatures of Our God and King"
Daeun Kim, Piano

arr. Joel Raney

*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

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.....

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Hymn 552

Holy, Holy, Holy

Land of Rest

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)
C F/A Am B^b C Dm

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

... we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Hymn 553

Christ Has Died; Christ Has Risen

Land of Rest

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(G) (A) (Bm) (G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
B^b C Dm B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

... we praise you God of all that is, now and forever.

Hymn 554

Amen

Land of Rest

A - men, a - men, a - men.

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Lifting of the Cup

When communion is served in the pews: You are invited to pick up a piece of bread and a cup of red grape juice or white wine. As you pass the bread, you are invited to say, "the bread of heaven" or "the body of Christ broken for you." As you pass the juice/wine, you are invited to say, "the blood of Christ shed for you" or "the cup of salvation." As you receive the bread and the cup, responses include "Thanks be to God" or "Amen." As you sit, you may think of those who have come to the Lord's Table with you, those who have come before you, those who will come after you; or you may reflect on God's gifts for you. All bread is gluten free.

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN 850

In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness

MATERNA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praeambulum in D Minor

Martin Radeck

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

Praise God for This Holy Ground 405

Capo 2: (D)

E (G) (A) (Bm)
A B C#m



1 Praise God for this ho - ly ground,
2 Praise God in whose word we find
3 Praise God who through Christ makes known
4 Praise God's Spir - it who be - friends,
5 Though praise ends, praise is be - gun

(Em7) (D/F#) (Em7) (Asus4) (A)
F#m7 E/G# F#m7 Bsus4 B



place and peo - ple, sight and sound.
food for bod - y, soul, and mind.
all are loved and called God's own.
rais - es, hum - bles, breaks, and mends.
where God's will is glad - ly done.

Refrain (D) (G) (Em7) (A) (F#7) (Bm)
E A F#m7 B G#7 C#m



Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

(D) (Em7) (A7) (D)
E F#m7 B7 E



God's good - ness is e - ter - nal.

Although several passages in the Psalms come close to the wording of this refrain, none matches it exactly. The refrain serves as a summation of the stanzas, each of which is filled with multiple instances of God's providential mercy, and all of them are worth pondering.

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

Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
C7 F C F B^b C Dm



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
F C F Dm7 Gm C



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
Gm C7 B^b F Am Dm



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
Gm C F B^b



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshipping community.

THE CHURCH

Refrain

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)
 F B $\flat$ A7 Dm Gm Dm

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
 Am Gm F Gm C7 F B $\flat$ F

all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

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

850 In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness



1 In a deep, un-bound-ed dark-ness, long be-fore the first
 2 Though our world is ev-er-chang-ing, you are con-stant, firm,
 3 Joy trans-forms our lips to boast-ing on-ly in your match-
 4 God of Ha-gar, God of Sa-rah, God of no-mad A-



light shone, you, O God, be-yond all mer-it worked a
 and sure, faith-ful to your cov-enant prom-ise. Trust-ing
 less grace, send-ing Christ to dwell a-mong us, Word made
 bra-ham; God of Mir-yam, God of Mo-ses, Fi-ery



won-der faith makes known: in your mer-cy, in your
 you, we live, se-cure: sing-ing prais-es, sing-ing
 flesh in time and space: Friend and Sav-ior, Friend and
 Pil-lar, great I AM: lead us home-ward, lead us



mer-cy, you em-braced us as your own,
 prais-es, long as heart and breath en-dure,
 Sav-ior, in whose life we glimpse your face,
 home-ward, to the love-feast of the Lamb,



ev-er-more and ev-er-more.

Setting this translation of a Chinese hymn to Western plainsong enhances the universal context of the opening stanza. The familiar pattern of creation, covenant, and incarnation in the first three stanzas leads to a far-reaching final stanza that looks both backward and forward.

John 14:15-21

15If ye love me, keep my commandments.

16And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

17Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

18I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

19Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

20At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

21He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

Acts 17: 16-33

16Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry.

17Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him.

18Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection.

19And they took him, and brought him unto Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, is?

20For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean.

21(For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing.)

22Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious.

23For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN God. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.

24God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;

25Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;

26And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

27That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:

28For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

29Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

30And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

31Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

32And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked: and others said, We will hear thee again of this matter.

33So Paul departed from among them.

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 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 group. We covet all your prayers as this season unfolds.

Ramp Up to Rally Day

Begins August 19

5:30pm-7:30pm

Join us in the lead up to our first official Super Wednesday with a number of scaled-down versions of our typical programming from August 19 through September 9. Meal sign up on Realm! August 19 will be meal and bingo in Fellowship Hall!

Pool Party for All Ages

Sunday, August 9

2:30pm-4:30pm

Southridge Recreation Club

1904 Woodbrook St., Denton

Kona Ice Truck from 3-4pm

Bring your chairs, water bottles, sunscreen, towels, and any water floats needed for a fun time at the pool!

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.

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.

Call for Fall Guide

Deadline: Sunday, August 9

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!

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.

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. 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

Steve Goldston
Karissa Sims Casas,
granddaughter of Barbara Hundley Sims
Staffan Kyling, friend of Ron Harris
Family of Ann Wirz
Family of Mary Denunzio, cousin of Karen Raabe

Ella Armstrong

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

Harriet Laney
Carole Hatcher, sister-in-law of Chuck Smith

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.

Samuel

Lisa Dorr and Anne Lindberg

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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