



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DENTON, TEXAS

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
August 16, 2026

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Entrée Op. 21

Louis Raffay

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 133)

How wonderful, how beautiful, when brothers and sisters get along!

It's like costly anointing oil flowing down head and beard,

Flowing down Aaron's beard, flowing down the collar of his priestly robes.

It's like the dew on Mount Hermon flowing down the slopes of Zion.

Yes, that's where God commands the blessing, ordains eternal life.

Life together forevermore.

OPENING PRAYER

Lisa Patterson

*HYMN 398

How Very Good and Pleasant (Two times)

HOW VERY GOOD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Chrissy Stevens

God of grace, in Christ you reconciled the world to yourself, not counting our sins against us. Yet we hold grudges and tally debts. We build walls where you call us to build bridges, and we guard our hearts when you ask us to offer open arms. You have entrusted to us the ministry of reconciliation, yet we confess our hesitation to speak your peace in a divided world. Lord, make us true ambassadors for Christ. Soften our hard hearts, heal our fractured relationships, and help us to embody the righteousness you have freely given us.

(Time of silent confession)

Hear us, merciful God, and transform us by your Spirit.

Through Jesus Christ, who became sin for us so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Amen. 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.

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

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Debby Ishee

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 16: 1-6

New Testament, page 154

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"I Got a Home" from Four Spirituals

arr. Rodney Stucky

Di Tiscareño, mezzo-soprano; Dan Kyzer, guitar

I got a robe up in a that Kingdom

Ain'ta that good news

I got a robe up in a that Kingdom

Ain'ta that good news.

I'm a gonna lay down this world.

Gonna shoulder up a my cross.

Gonna take it home to my Jesus

Ain't a that good news.

I got a crown up in a that Kingdom

Ain'ta that good news.

I got a home up in a that Kingdom

Ain'ta that good news.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

New Testament, page 170

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"In Christ"

Richard B. Culp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 483

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

LIEBSTER JESU

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

Bist du bei mir, BWV 508

J.S. Bach

Dan Kyzer, guitar

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 607)

OLD HUNDREDTH

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 297

In Christ Called to Baptize

WE ARE CALLED

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sortie in D Major

César Frank

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

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God by Kirsten Brown and Ron Harris in loving memory of Nancy and Robert Brown and in honor of Char and Jon Harris.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR
AVERY ELLEN ANDRESS AND
THOMAS EDWARD ANDRESS
CHILDREN OF
LACEY AND PJ ANDRESS**

**AUGUST 16, 2026
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Words of Preparation

What is baptism?

Through baptism I am adopted and welcomed in God's family. In the waters of baptism I share in the dying and rising of Jesus, who washes away my sins.

Why are we baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

Because of the command Jesus gave to his disciples. After he was raised from the dead, he appeared to them, saying: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit."

What is the meaning of this name?

It is the name of the Holy Trinity. The Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God. And yet they are not three gods, but one God in three persons. We worship God in this mystery.

In baptism, we are graced with a new beginning. Baptism is a sign and seal of God's covenant of grace still with us today. In baptism we are engrafted into the family of God. It is a relationship that endures for a lifetime and beyond. In baptism we are marked as Christ's own; it is a visible sign of God's continuing faithfulness and proclamation of our intention to dwell in covenant with God and one another. Let us remember with joy our own baptism as we celebrate this sacrament.

Presentation of Avery and Thomas Andress

Elder Julie Tolle: On behalf of this congregation and its Session, we present Avery and Thomas Andress to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Questions for the Baptism

Lacey and PJ, do you desire that Avery and Thomas be baptized?

Do you confess Jesus Christ to be the Son of God, and do you put your faith in him alone as Lord and Savior?

Do you, by God's grace, seek to turn from sin and reject the power of evil in your life and in the world?

Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith, and to teach that faith to Avery and Thomas?

Questions for the Congregation

Do we as members of the body of Christ and of this congregation promise to guide and nurture Avery and Thomas by word and deed, with love and prayer?

Will you hold Avery and Thomas in your love and prayers, and will you help to provide opportunities and encouragement for them to know Jesus Christ and follow him?

***Profession of Faith (*Apostles' Creed*)**

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.

Prayer Over the Water of Baptism

Baptism

Who stands with Avery and Thomas as they enter the waters of baptism?

Avery Ellen, child of the covenant, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Thomas Edward, child of the covenant, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

Elder Julie Tolle: We have just received Avery and Thomas into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has reaffirmed the covenant made to Abraham and made to us in the baptism of Avery and Thomas.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome Avery and Thomas into Christ's church, and we reaffirm our own baptismal vows, committing ourselves to the service of God.

(Ministers introduce Avery and Thomas to the congregation).

Prayer

Sing hymn 492

*You belong to Christ,
in whom you have been baptized.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

(Psalm 133)

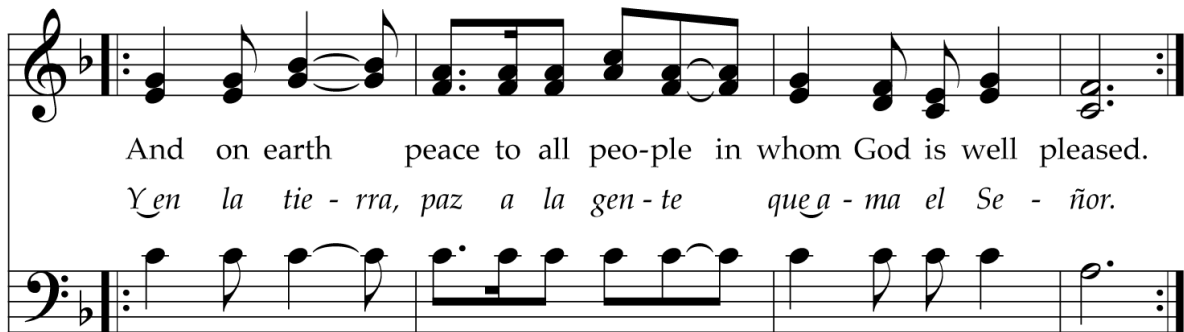
This paraphrase draws on Psalm 133, one of the Songs of Ascent sung by pilgrims to Jerusalem. It adapts the original theme of national unity through shared worship on Mount Zion into a celebration of the unity God grants to those who come together in one place for worship.

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

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here 483

1 Dear - est Je - sus, we are here, glad - ly your com -
 2 Your com - mand is clear and plain, and we would o -
 3 This is why we come to you, in our arms this
 4 Gra - cious Head, your mem - ber own; Shep - herd, take your

mand o - bey - ing. With this child we now draw near
 bey it du - ly: "You must all be born a - gain,
 in - fant bear - ing. Tru - ly, here your grace we view.
 lamb and feed it; Prince of Peace, make here your throne;

in re - sponse to your own say - ing that to you it
 heart and life re - new - ing tru - ly, born of wa - ter
 Let this child, your mer - cy shar - ing, in your arms be
 Way of life, to heav - en lead it; pre - cious Vine, let

shall be giv - en as a child and heir of heav - en.
 and the Spir - it, and my king - dom thus in - her - it."
 shield - ed ev - er, yours on earth and yours for - ev - er.
 noth - ing sev - er from your side this branch for - ev - er.

As the similarity of their opening lines suggests (they are identical in German), this text for the baptism of a child was written in imitation of the sermon hymn "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word" (no. 395), which is the text usually associated with the tune they share.

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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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In Christ Called to Baptize 297

1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,

and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.

In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.

then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Written for use at the 1997 meeting of the Lutheran World Federation, this text about Christian vocation and ministry organizes the first three stanzas around verbs: baptize, banquet, witness. The final stanza is a prayer for the Spirit's gifts to empower all these callings.

Romans 16: 1-6

"I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church at Cenchreae, 2 so that you may welcome her in the Lord, as is fitting for the saints, and help her in whatever she may require from you, for she has been a benefactor of many and of myself as well.

3 Greet Prisca and Aquila, my coworkers in Christ Jesus, 4 who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but also all the churches of the Gentiles. 5 Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaphroditus, who was the first convert in Asia for Christ. 6 Greet Mary, who has worked very hard among you."

2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

6 From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know him in that way. 17 So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. 20 So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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.

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!

Treehouse Assistant Needed

The Treehouse After-School Program is St. Andrew's mission to provide quality, affordable after school care to economically disadvantaged families. Currently we are in need of an assistant to the director. This position is ideal for anyone looking to work part-time or supplement their income, and who has a passion for children and service. Hours are from 2:30-5:30 most days, with some days being longer as determined by the DISD calendar. Pay is \$15/hour. Previous child care experience is preferred but not required. For a full job description, please see the link in the Shield. School begins on August 13, so if you or someone you know is interested or has questions, please contact the director Stephanie Raesz at:

call 940-297-9261

or treehouse@standrewdenton.com

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.

News from The Children's Place

We are excited to announce that Karen Raabe will be joining TCP as our new Preschool Director! Karen is a longtime member of St. Andrew, and she brings a wealth of experience working with our children and families. She has served as our Nursery Director since 2020, and Karen previously served as a lead teacher for the One's classroom at the preschool. Her deep love for children, our church, and the ministry of St. Andrew makes her a wonderful fit to lead TCP into the next chapter. Please join us in welcoming Karen to her new role. We are excited to begin this new season together!

5th Sunday Mission Project at St. Andrew Sunday, August 30 Fellowship Hall, 9:30am

The Mission Committee invites everyone to participate in our second 5th Sunday Mission Project at 9:30am on Sunday, August 30. We'll be packing hygiene kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. You can make a monetary donation for items for the hygiene kits. To give online, visit standrewdenton.com/give. Use the drop-down menu and choose 5th Sunday Mission to give or place a check in the offering plate. Questions? Contact Russ Tillman at k5nrk@bellsouth.net.

Prayer Requests

Beth Gray

Mary Kay Vauter and family, friend of Bekah Barnett

Bruce Evans, friend of Bekah Barnett

Linda Hunt, friend of Bekah Barnett

Bob Casteen, father of Amy Fair

Becky Fair, father of Chris Fair

Carole Hatcher, sister-in-law of Chuck Smith

Ryder Shaw, friend of the Hooper family

Kami and John Fehlig and daughters Hannah and Bekah,
friends of Bekah Barnett

Margo Bean

Shirley Janes

Steve Goldston

Karissa Sims Casas,

granddaughter of Barbara Hundley Sims

Staffan Kyling, friend of Ron Harris

Ella Armstrong

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.

Daniel

Marissa Glasschroeder and Mark Glasschroeder

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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Daeun Kim, Organist



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