



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DENTON, TEXAS

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 2026

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Organ Sonata No. 7 in A minor, Op. 140: II. Andante

Gustav Merkel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 124)

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

We belong to God.

When we feel overwhelmed,

God is on our side.

When we are afraid,

God will keep watch over us.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the Lord!

OPENING PRAYER

Lisa Patterson

***HYMN 405**

Praise God for the Holy Ground

HEYMONYSTRAAT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Richard B. Culp

God of love, you continually bring forth life, transforming despair to hope. You have given us power to heal, comfort, and restore. Yet, paralyzed by fear of earthly powers, we conform to this world. We protect our own status while ignoring the helpless and forgotten. We look out only for ourselves while overlooking the needs of others. Forgive us, redeem us, and transform us by the renewing of our minds, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. 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

Trish Highland

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

Matthew 9:35-38

New Testament, page 9

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision
Alexandra Kovatch, harp

arr. Mary Byrne

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

Romans 12:1-8

New Testament, page 151

SERMON

"So What?"

Chrissy Stevens

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 298

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)

(Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Austin College and UKirk

John Williams,

Chaplain and Director of Church Relations at Austin College

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

Nearer, My God, To Thee
Alexandra Kovatch, harp

Lowell Mason

*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 79

Light Dawns on a Weary World

TEMPLE OF PEACE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Organ Sonata No. 7 in A minor, Op. 140: III. Introduction, Allegro risoluto

Gustav Merkel

*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 and in honor of Steve and Susan Danbom's 60th Anniversary by their children.

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.

Westminster Scholarship for Presbyterian Students

ELIGIBILITY:

Students should apply for the Westminster award at the time that they are also applying for Admission, and no later than March 1.

If awarded, the Westminster Scholarship will be applied after all other institutional scholarships & grants and federal or state aid.

This award is renewable for four years.

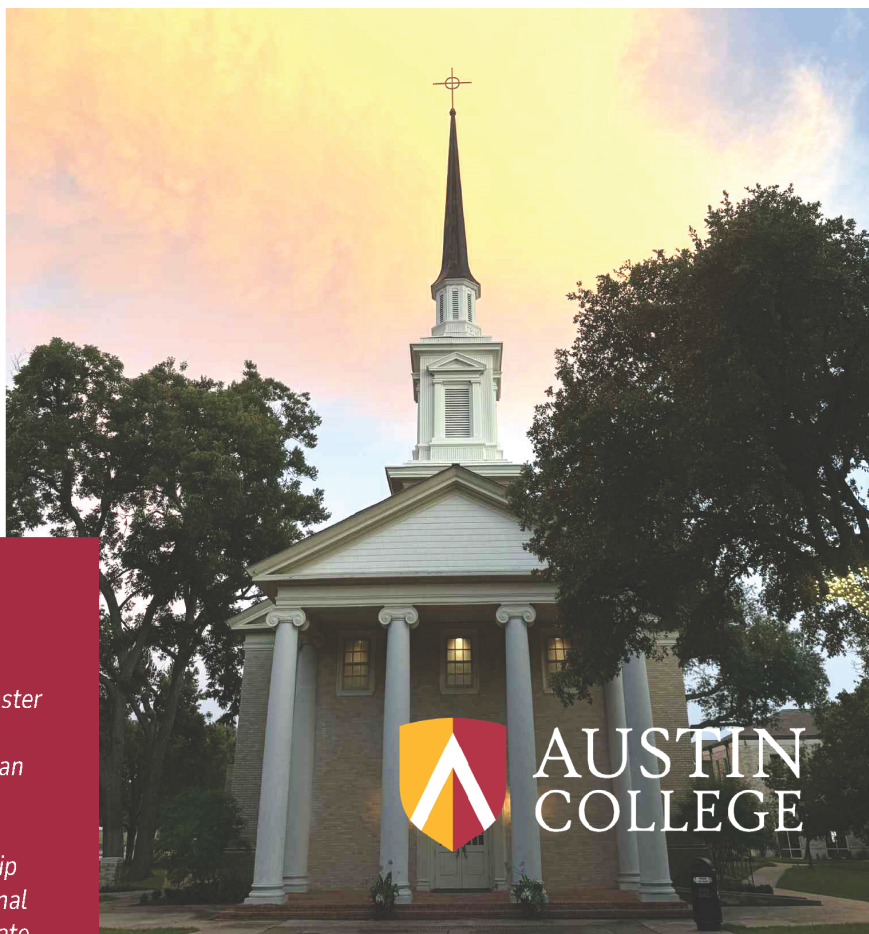
TIER 1 | TUITION, HOUSING, & FOOD

Students must be a dependent of a full-time clergy or staff member. Students must also be a documented member of the PCUSA.

TIER 2 | TUITION

Students must be a documented member of the PCUSA. Institutional Scholarships will go towards tuition, and cannot be applied to housing and food costs.

Outside scholarships received could be stacked on top to go towards housing and food costs.



Founded in 1849 as a Presbyterian institution. Austin College offers more than 55 programs of study, guaranteed applied learning experiences, and distinctive programs like our JanTerm all within a community that is curious, kind, and up for a challenge.

The Westminster Scholarship program includes last-dollar scholarships that either cover full-tuition or tuition, food, and housing depending on eligibility.

Once enrolled, students have access to robust religious life opportunities including weekly worship and bible study, ACTivators student organization, and a diverse multi-faith community that includes interfaith dialog and events.



For more information and to apply go to:
<https://www.austincollege.edu/admission/scholarships>

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.

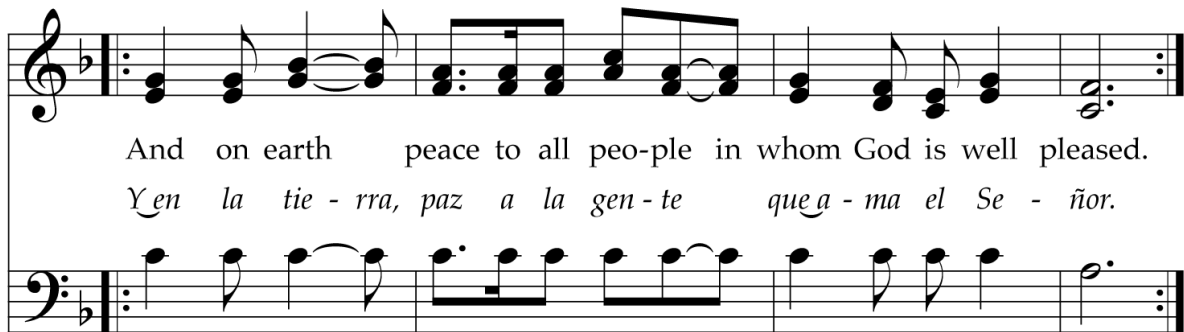
Although several passages in the Psalms come close to the wording of this refrain, none matches it exactly. The refrain serves as a summation of the stanzas, each of which is filled with multiple instances of God's providential mercy, and all of them are worth pondering.

Glory, Glory, Glory

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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!

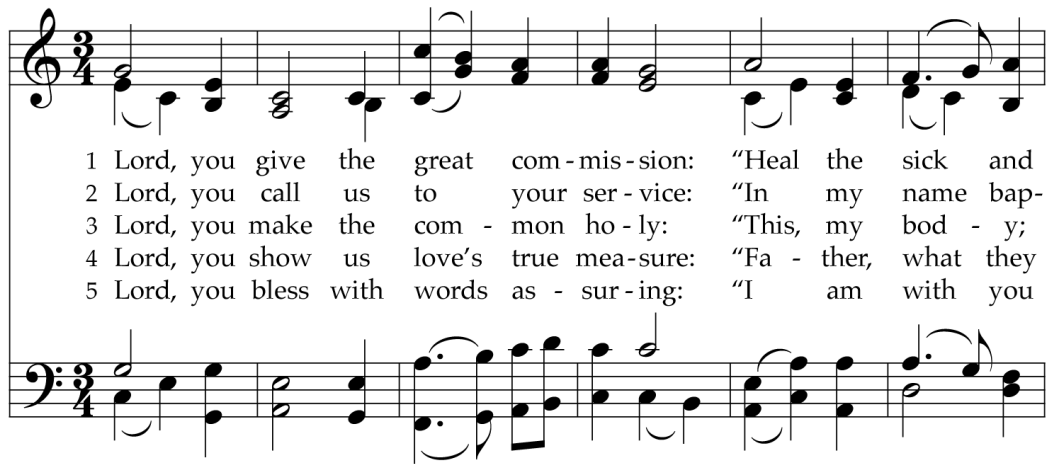


And on earth peace to all peo-ple in whom God is well pleased.
Y en la tie - rra, paz a la gen - te que a - ma el Se - ñor.

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

CUEQUITA

298 Lord, You Give the Great Commission



1 Lord, you give the great com-mis-sion: "Heal the sick and
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: "In my name bap-
 3 Lord, you make the com-mon ho-ly: "This, my bod-y;
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa-ther, what they
 5 Lord, you bless with words as-sur-ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne-glect its mis-sion, and the
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom-ise, life a-
 this, my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo-ry, dai-ly
 do, for-give." Yet we hoard as pri-ate trea-sure all that
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re-stor-ing, may we



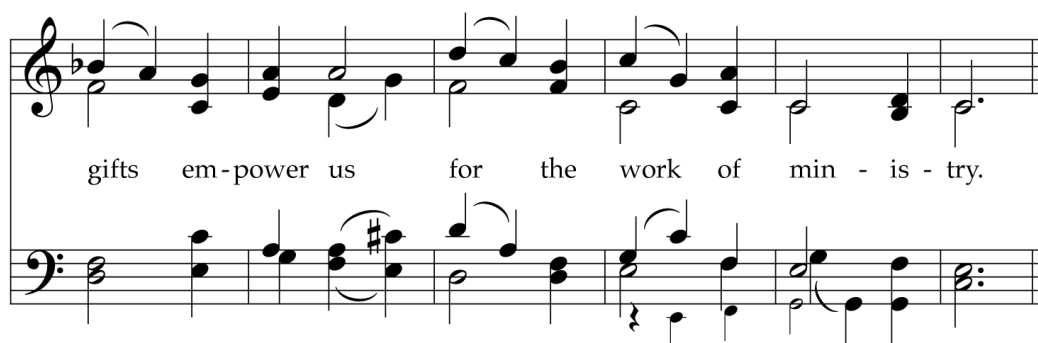
gos-pel go un-heard, help us wit-ness to your
 bun-dant meant for each, give us all new fer-vor,
 lift life heav-en-ward, ask-ing that the world a-
 you so free-ly give. May your care and mer-cy
 serve as you in-tend, and, a-mid the cares that

United by the refrain after each stanza, this text relies on passages from Matthew and Luke to highlight various dimensions of the church's mission and ministry in the world. It was written for use with this tune, composed in the village near Bristol, England, for which it is named.

THE CHURCH



pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
 draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
 round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty: with the Spir - it's
 lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
 claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:



gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major, indicated by one sharp (F#). The key signature is G major. The time signature is common time (C). The score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a treble staff and a bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first line of the doxology. The second system covers the second line. The third system covers the third line, ending with a double bar line. The music is a simple, hymn-like setting with block chords and moving lines.

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

79 Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



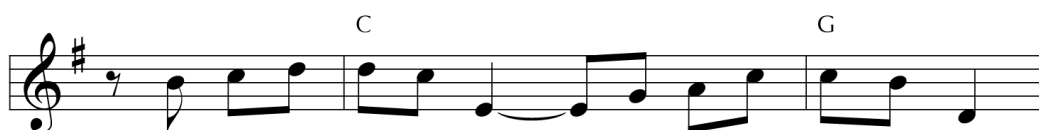
wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

This is a hymn whose tune came first. Upon hearing it, the author recalled the watered garden of Isaiah 58:11, which in turn led to Isaiah 55:12, paraphrased in the refrain. Then came the stanzas, organized around their first two words: Light dawns, Love grows, Hope blooms.

Matthew 9:35-38

35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; 38 therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4 For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. 6 We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; 7 ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; 8 the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Theology on Tap

Monday, August 24

Theology On Tap will meet Monday, August 24, 6:30pm, at Denton County Brewing Company (in the back room). Our topic is "TOT Show and Tell". This is your opportunity to learn more about the TOT family. Come prepared to share something about yourself or your family. You are welcome to bring something to show, but it is not required. We hope you will join us for this fun evening!

Pizza and Play

Wednesday, August 26

Rec Center, 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. Pizza and Play for all ages on Wednesday, August 26. Meal sign up on Realm!

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

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.

Supply Drive for Denton Christian Preschool

Denton Christian Preschool has over 30 at-risk 3-and 4-year-olds presently enrolled. The Diaconate is gathering school supplies for these children from the congregation. We're looking to collect:

Glue bottles, Play Doh, 9 x 7 composition books, washable markers, dry erase markers, red or green pocket folders, watercolors, crayons, toilet paper, white construction paper, AA batteries, and 9 volt batteries.

Donated items can be placed in the marked bin in the Narthex, beside the coffee urns. You may also make a financial contribution by visiting the Give Page (standrewdenton.com/give) and choosing "Denton Christian Preschool" from the fund down menu. Questions? Please contact Jim White at: acewalton1965@gmail.com. Thank you for your generosity.

Emergency Relief Fund - July Report

In July, the Mission Committee received and approved no Emergency Relief Fund applications. The total number of approved Emergency Relief Fund applications for 2026 is 11. No Emergency Relief Fund contributions were received in July. For an Emergency Relief Fund application information, visit the St. Andrew website under the Members section.

Give-a-Meal-a-Month

\$3.00 Feeds One Person in Need for a Day

St. Andrew donated \$811.30 to the Give-a-Meal-a-Month program in July which fed about 270 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

Joán Groom

Caia McCullar

Pam Koenig, sister of Trish Matthews

Blayne Huffman, nephew of David and Caia McCullar

Family of Staffan Kyling, friend of Ron Harris

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, mother 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

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.

Jonah

Vera Odei 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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