



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DENTON, TEXAS

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 30, 2026

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Prelude in F Major

Jan Sweelinck

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 105)

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

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works he has done,

his miracles and the judgments he has uttered,

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 331

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Chrissy Stevens

Holy and merciful God, we confess that we prefer strength to vulnerability. We boast of our achievements, relying on our own power, and we hide the places where we are fragile, weary, or broken. When thorn-in-the-flesh moments humble us, we grow bitter instead of turning to you. Forgive us for trying to perform our way into your favor. Forgive us when we measure our faith by our success rather than your grace. Teach us to boast in our weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in us. Remind us that when we are weak, then we are strong in you. Through Jesus Christ, who became sin for us so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 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

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

Phillippians 1: 27-30

New Testament, page 185

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

ANTHEM

Praise to the Lord

arr. Charles Villiers Stanford

Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise Him,
for He is thy health and Salvation;
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near.
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord!
who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy
here daily attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

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

2 Corinthians 12: 1-10

New Testament, page 174

SERMON

"Hey! It's Paul Again"

Richard B. Culp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 296

Go in Grace and Make Disciples

WONDROUS LIGHT

*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.

STEPHEN LEADER COMMISSIONING

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Stephen Ministry

Karen Dower

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

From All that Dwell Below the Skies

Dale G. Rider

From all that dwell below the skies,
let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
through every land by every tongue.

Your lofty themes ye mortals, bring,
your songs of praise divinely sing
the great salvation loud proclaim
and shout for joy the Savior's name.

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;
Eternal truth attends Thy Word:
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
till suns shall rise and set no more.

In every land begin the song;
to every land the strains belong;
In cheerful sound all voices raise,
and fill the world with loudest praise!

*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 727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

THE SERVANT SONG

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on a Motet

Andreas Willscher by Carson Cooma

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 to celebrate and honor Terry "TDub" Widmer by her children and grandchildren.

Lisa Patterson will be out of the church office from Sunday, August 30 until Saturday, September 5. She will return to the church on Sunday, September 6. Dr. Culp will be out of the office from Thursday, September 3, until Tuesday, September 9.

COMMISSIONING OF A STEPHEN LEADER

PRESENTATION OF STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADER

Every Christian is called to care for others, and Stephen Ministry is a powerful way St. Andrew lives out that care. Today, we recognize our newest Stephen Leader, Trish Highland, who has been trained in how to organize, teach, and supervise our Stephen Ministers, the trained caregivers who provide high-quality, one-to-one care to hurting people in our congregation and community.

Trish, you have been trained as a Stephen Ministry leader and have been asked to serve as a Stephen Leader at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. You are a gift of God to us, helping lead this ministry of equipping and caring.

PURPOSE OF STEPHEN LEADERS

QUESTIONS FOR STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADER

Trish, will you assume this ministry in the confidence that it comes from God?

Will you nurture the skills you have learned and use them in service to others—to support, encourage, and build up people, and to enable excellent care while trusting in God’s healing?

QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

Karen Dower: Will you open your hearts to the ministry of these Stephen Leaders and pray for them as servants of Christ?

Richard and Chrissy, on behalf of the pastoral staff, will you commit to lifting up the ministry of these trained Stephen Leaders by communicating support for Stephen Ministry, recommending Stephen Ministry to those who need this kind of care, encouraging people with the appropriate gifts to serve as Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers, and helping our Stephen Ministry have the resources it needs to thrive—thereby helping to “equip the saints for ministry”?

PRAYER FOR STEPHEN LEADER

ANOINTING OF STEPHEN LEADER

BLESSING

331 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

(optional)

1 God of the a - ges, whose al-might - y
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil-some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star-ry band
 past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de-fense.
 way. Lead us from night to nev - er-end-ing day.

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
 Be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay:
 Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease.
 Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

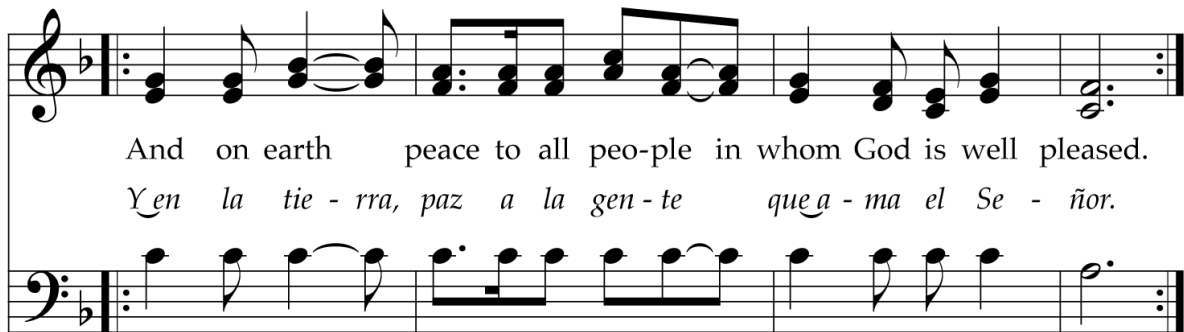
This hymn was generated by 19th-century centennial celebrations: the words by the Declaration of Independence and the music by the adoption of the United States Constitution. Despite these origins, no specific nation is mentioned in this hymn of praise and prayer for peace.

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

296 Go in Grace and Make Disciples

Capo 3: (D) (A) (G) (A) (D) (A)
F C B^b C F C



1 Go in grace and make dis - ci - ples. Bap - tize in God's
2 Go and fol - low Christ's ex - am - ple, not to van - quish,
3 Go in Pen - te - cos - tal spir - it, man - y tongues and

(Em7) (A) (D) (G) (D) (G)
Gm7 C F B^b F B^b



ho - ly name. Tell of death and res - ur - rec - tion; Eas - ter's
but to heal. Mend the wounds of sin's di - vi - sions. Ser - vant
man - y gifts. Feed the hearts of hun - gry peo - ple. Spread the

(D) (Em) (A7) (D) (A) (D) (A) (D)
F Gm C7 F C F C F



vic - tory now pro - claim. Christ's com - mis - sion sends us forth
love to all re - veal. Roles and ranks shall be re - versed;
gos - pel that up - lifts. Till the day of Christ's re - turn,

(B) (Em) (B) (E) (A) (D)
D Gm D G C F



to the na - tions of the earth. Go in grace and
jus - tice flow for all who thirst. Go and fol - low
as dis - ci - ples, teach and learn. Go in Pen - te -

(G) (D) (G) (Em) (D) (A7) (D)
B^b F B^b Gm F C7 F



make dis - ci - ples, mid - wives for the world's re - birth.
Christ's ex - am - ple. Forge a world of last made first.
cos - tal spir - it: let God's flame of wit - ness burn.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text based on Jesus' Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) emphasizes that engaging in mission according to the model of Christ's life and ministry inspires service rather than conquest. The gospel message is a gift of life and hope made known in healing, justice, and peace.

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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 a single sharp (F#) on the treble clef. 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 melody is simple and hymn-like, with a focus on the lyrics. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment.

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

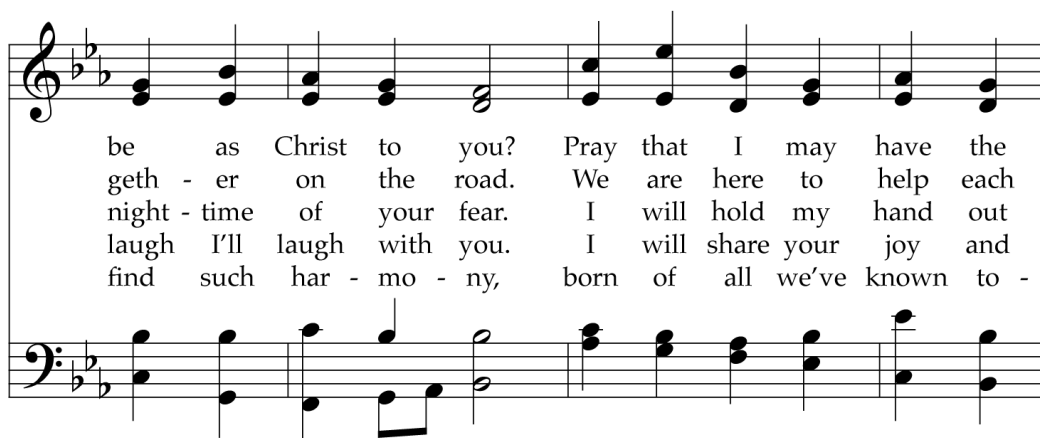
OLD HUNDREDTH
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Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

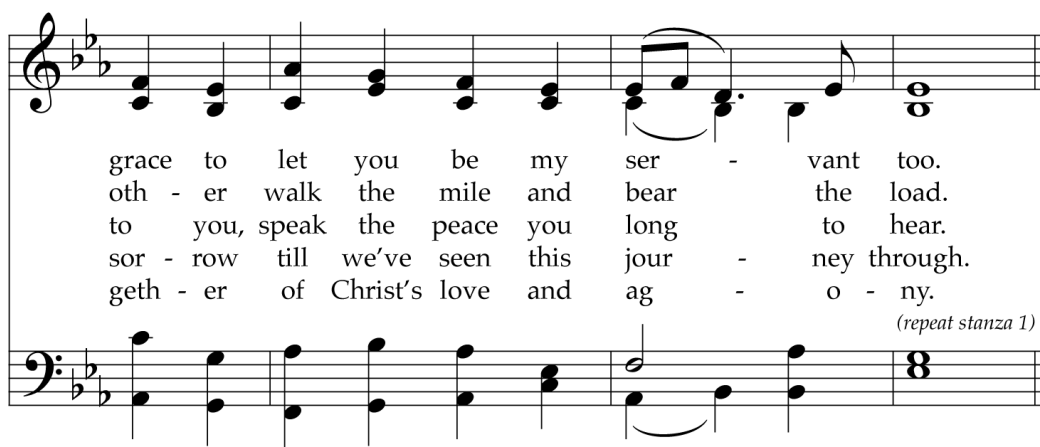
The Servant Song



1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall



be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
 geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
 night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
 laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
 find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -



grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
 oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
 to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.
 (repeat stanza 1)

The opening and closing stanza expresses the essence of this folk-style song about the mutuality of servant ministry: those who serve must also be willing to be served. This is what Christ intended when he commanded the disciples to "wash one another's feet" (John 13:14).

TEXT: Richard Gillard, 1977, alt.

MUSIC: Richard Gillard, 1977; arr. Betty Pulkingham

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THE SERVANT SONG

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Phillippians 1: 27-30

27 Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel 28 and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. 29 For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, 30 since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

2 Corinthians 12: 1-10

It is necessary to boast; nothing is to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. 2 I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. 3 And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— 4 was caught up into paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. 5 On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. 6 But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, 7 even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. 8 Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, 9 but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. 10 Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ, for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Super Wednesday's Ramp-Up to Rally Day

Wednesday, September 2

Fellowship Hall, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Join us for a game night on Wednesday, September 2 in Fellowship Hall. Wednesday's menu: Taco Bar with salad and Sopapilla Cheesecake. Meal sign up on Realm!

Super Wednesday Season Passes Available Now!

St. Andrew is offering Season Passes for the Fall semester! Season pass holders have a standing reservation for each Super Wednesday meeting and receive two free Super Wednesday meals during the semester. Super Wednesday's Fall semester begins September 2 and runs until November 18. Individual season passes are available for \$70 and family season passes are available for \$150. Pick yours up today by registering through Realm. Please note that meals are non-transferable.

Rally Day Pancake Breakfast on the Lawn

Sunday, September 13

Join us to kick off the fall ministry of Sunday School and Super Wednesday at our annual Rally Day celebration on Sunday, September 13, at 10:00am! This year we'll join in fellowship on the front lawn to enjoy a pancake breakfast with sausage and fruit on the side. Please register on Realm by Thursday, September 10. Interested in helping serve on Rally Day? Contact Jacy Williamson at jacy4july@yahoo.com or Bekah Barnett at Michaelandbekah@yahoo.com.

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 attached link. School begins on August 13, so if you or someone you know is interested or has questions, please contact the director Stephanie Raesz as soon as possible by calling 940-297-9261 or emailing treehouse@standrewdenton.com.

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.

Save the Date!

Sunday, September 6, 9:30 am, Fellowship Hall

Sunday School for All Ages and Breakfast!

Come for a fun morning of "challenges" organized and led by Chrissy Stevens and Lisa Patterson on Sunday, September 6. We'll have doughnuts and breakfast tacos, provided by the deacons. It will be a fun morning a little different than our typical time together at Sunday School. Please dress casually, in whatever style casual means to you. Questions? Ask Chrissy Stevens at chrissy@standrewdenton.com or Lisa Patterson at lisa@standrewdenton.com.

St. Andrew Community Pantry Update

1. A cooler has been added next to the pantry for water donations. At this time of year, water is vital and disappears quickly, so water donations are desperately needed. Please place your donations directly into the cooler.

2. The many generous donations given during the VBS drive are being used far more quickly than anticipated. To donate to the pantry, you can place the items in the pantry itself. If it is full, donations can be left in the bottom cabinets next to the piano in Fellowship Hall. Most needed items include non-perishable, canned vegetables, fruits, meats, and soups with pull-top lids.

While the youth of St. Andrew have committed to overseeing the pantry, it is intended for anyone in the Denton community to give to or take from. Thank you for your support.

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.

Prayer Requests

Christina Sims
Barrett Hendricks, niece of Leslie Culp

Joán Groom
Caia McCullar
Blayne Huffman, nephew of David and Caia McCullar
Family of Pam Koenig, sister of Trish Matthews

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

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.

Enrichment: The Books of the Bible

Sara Armstrong with Sophia and Ella Armstrong

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 7/31/2026

Income (pledges + other income)	\$597,928
Expenses	\$647,290
Difference	-\$49,362

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Daeun Kim, Organist



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

Stephen Ministers are trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing situations such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation. Please contact Richard Culp or Lisa Patterson to connect with Stephen Ministry.