



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DENTON, TEXAS

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2026

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Trio in C Major, Op. 39 No. 1

Josef Renner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously.

The Lord is our strength and might, God has become our salvation.

Sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously.

This is our God, whom we praise; the Lord is God's name.

OPENING PRAYER

Wade Hatter

*HYMN 391

This Is the Day

ESTE ES EL DÍA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Chrissy Stevens

God our Judge, we admit we have double standards. We seek forgiveness for ourselves, but we fail to forgive others. We seek relief for ourselves, but fail to seek relief for others. We seek leniency for ourselves, but we fail to show that mercy to others. Forgive us, mighty God, and help us to forgive, showing others the same grace and mercy that you have generously shown to us. 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 582)

GLORY TO GOD (VASILE)

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

CALL TO FAITHFULNESS

As God's own people, be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind. Be always ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven you. And, above everything else, be loving, and never forget to be thankful for what Christ has done for you.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

ANTHEM

As Long as I Have Breath

Sue Farrar

*As long as I have breath, I will praise you, Lord.
As long as I have life, let my soul rejoice, Lord.
In times of sore distress; in times of loneliness;
as long as I have breath, I will praise you, Lord.*

*Let me know your loving kindness ev'ry day
As you walk beside me pointing out the way.
As long as I have being, I will trust in you;
You are my God; I life my soul to you!*

*As long as I have breath, I will bless you, Lord.
As long as life is mine, I will sing your song.
Your joy brings forth my praise; Your peace fills all my
days;
As long as I have breath, I will praise you, Lord.*

*As long as I have breath, I will serve you, Lord.
As long as life is mine, I'll exalt your word.
And when this life shall pass, and I'm at home at last;
Through all eternity, I will praise you, Lord.*

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

Matthew 18: 21-35

New Testament, page 19

SERMON

"Wait...How Many Times?"

Chrissy Stevens

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 316

Where Charity and Love Prevail

TWENTY-FOURTH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)

All: We believe in God.

Chase: Tell me about God? What does God do?

Lucy: God makes the stars and spiders.

Dwain: God makes the sun to rise every morning and the moon at night.

John: God is our companion—God loves us and calls us by name.

All: We believe in Jesus.

Chase: What is he like? Tell me about him.

Lucy: He was exciting.

Dwain: He told lots of stories.

John: He listened to people—he made them think.

Lucy: Some people didn't like Jesus. They said bad things about him. He was sentenced to death and died.

Dwain: But God brought Jesus back to life again.

John: Following Jesus is an adventure—a journey—a good surprise.

All: We believe in the Holy Spirit

Chase: Tell me about the Spirit? What does the Holy Spirit do?

Lucy: The Holy Spirit helps us remember what Jesus said.

Dwain: The Holy Spirit lets us know how much God loves us.

John: The Holy Spirit helps us to love other people.

Lucy: The Holy Spirit is something we can't see but feel

Dwain: like the wind blowing in our hair

John: like the warmth of a candle flame

All: We believe in the Church.

Chase: This church here?

Lucy: Every church, all of them together.

Dwain: Not the buildings, but all the people who love God.

John: All of us working together with God to make the world beautiful.

All: We believe God calls us.

Chase: To do what?

Lucy: To love all people.

Dwain: To forgive them when they hurt us.

John: To trust and not be afraid.

Lucy: The help make the world the place God wants it to be.

Dwain: To care for the world and enjoy it.

John: Amen

Chase: What?

John: Amen—it means so be it, OK, let it happen.

Chase: Oh, OK—amen.

All: Amen

TEACHER COMMISSIONING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Cambelle, Penny, Athena, and Drew Schnurr

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

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Traditional Spiritual arr. Mary McDonald

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 608)

PRAISE GOD (HOPSON)

*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 435

There Is a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

In One Fraternal Bond of Love

Daniel Towner arr. Taesook Kang

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 loving memory of Lee J. Capps by Peggy, Trey and Ro Capps on the anniversary of his 84th birthday.

Dr. Culp will be out of the office until Monday, September 14.

Children's Sunday School

Preschool: Karen Raabe, Laurie Lamonica, and Vera Odei

Elementary: Amy Ball, Debby Ishee, Marissa Glasschroeder, Wendy Cruz, Laurel Fritz, Shannon Konkle, Sara Armstrong, Lisa Dorr, Maria Baylock, Kit McCrae, Leslie Culp, Kim Luevano, Anne Lindberg, Alex Lindberg, and Kirsten Trachsel

Adult Sunday School

Coffee and Covenant – Alison McStravick and Karen Jones.

Pastors' Class – Richard Culp, Lisa Patterson, Chrissy Stevens, and Darhyl Ramsey.

Youth

Middle School/High School: Kirsten Trachsel and Stephanie Raesz

Youth Wednesday Night Sponsors: Beth Gray, David Hines, Alison McStravick, Chrissy Stevens, Richard Culp, and Lisa Patterson

College

The Wave at St. Andrew: A Ministry of UKirk: Terah and Wade Hatter, and Chrissy Stevens

Super Wednesday

Women's Book Study: Amy Cole and Amy Fair.

Chess – Michael Ball

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Children's Chapel Volunteers:

Shannon Konkle, Robin Hines, Marissa Glasschroeder, Mark Glasschroeder, Vera Odei, Michael Ball, Amy Ball, Arminta Jacobson, Dan Kyzer, Abigail Kyzer, Lisa Dorr, Sara Armstrong, Marybeth Doyle, Pat Reinke, Reca Oliver, Heather Guerrero, Kim Luevano, Karen Raabe, Anne Lindberg, Alex Lindberg, Walter Adams, Leslie Lookabaugh, Hannah Klaassen, Alison McStravick, Margaret McStravick, John Gibson, Elizabeth Gibson, Noah Gibson, Lowery and Margaret Stowe, Ella, Sophia, and Sara Armstrong, Cambelle, Penny, Athena, and Drew Schnurr, Leslie Lookabaugh, Alison McStravick and Margaret McStravick, Cambelle, Penny, Athena, and Drew Schnurr

This Is the Day

Este es el día

(Psalm 118)

Refrain / Estribillo

Capo 3: (D)

(Em7)

(D)

(Em7)



This is the day;

this is the day;

¡Es - te es el día - a, es - te es el día - a,

(D)

(Em7)

(A)

(D)



this is the day

that God has made!

es - te es el día - a que hi - zo Dios!

(D)

(A7)

(D)



1 O - pen, now, o - pen the door - ways of jus - tice!

2 I will sing prais - es be - cause you have heard me,

3 It is the Lord who has done all these won - ders.

4 Praise the Cre - a - tor, the Christ, and the Spir - it,

(D)

(A7)

(D)



Let us be glad as we pass through those gates.

of - fering sal - va - tion with grace up - on grace.

I have seen mar - vel - ous, mar - vel - ous things.

from the be - gin - ning through worlds with - out end:

(D)

(A7)

(D)



This is the place where the righ - teous may en - ter,

turn - ing the stone that the build - ers re - ject - ed

This is the day that the Lord has cre - at - ed.

God who is now and who ev - er - more shall be,

(D)

(A7)

(D)



sing - ing to God with thanks - giv - ing and praise.

in - to the cor - ner - stone, rock of our faith.

Join the re - joic - ing as ev - ery heart sings:

glo - ry for - ev - er, a - men and a - men!

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Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B $\flat$ F B $\flat$ F B $\flat$ F Gm F



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B $\flat$ E $\flat$ B $\flat$ Gm7 C7



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

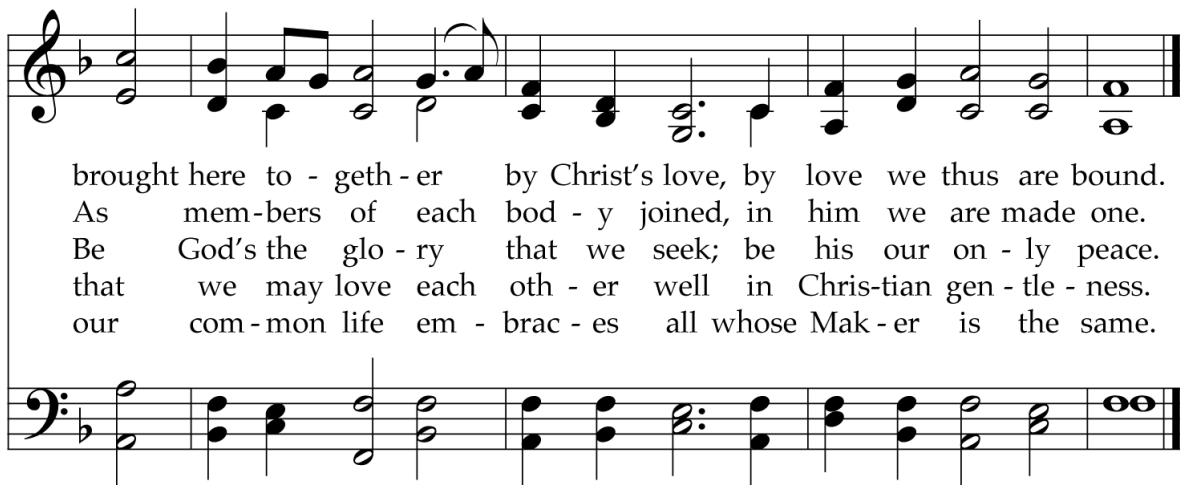


As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

Where Charity and Love Prevail 316



1 Where char-i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son.
3 Let strife a-mong us be un-known; let all con - ten-tions cease.
4 Let us for-give each oth-er's faults as we our own con - fess,
5 Love can ex-clude no race or creed if hon - ored be God's name;



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
As mem-bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris-tian gen - tle - ness.
our com-mon life em - brac - es all whose Mak - er is the same.

This English paraphrase is based on a longer Latin hymn traditionally associated with the footwashing ritual on Maundy Thursday, an enactment of Christ's "new commandment" that we should love one another (John 13:34). For a chant setting of the first line of the hymn see no. 205.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, with lyrics 'Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all'. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics 'peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -'. The third staff concludes the melody with lyrics 'more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.' Chord symbols are placed above the notes: G, C, Am7, Dsus, D, G on the first staff; D, Am7, Dsus, D, Am7, D, G, Am7 on the second staff; and G, C, Am7, G, Am7, D, G on the third staff.

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.

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988
MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 2008
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Music © 2008 Hal H. Hopson

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)
LM

435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness
 2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures

of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,
 of the mind. And the heart of the E-ter-nal

which is more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's
 is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more

sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
 faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's Word, and our lives re-

where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
 flect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.

Psalm 103: 1-13

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.
2 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—
3 who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
4 who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
5 who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

6 The Lord works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.
7 He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

8 The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
9 He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
10 He does not deal with us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear
him;
12 as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.
13 As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

Matthew 18: 21-35

21 Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

23 "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. 24 When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, 25 and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. 26 So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' 27 And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. 28 But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' 29 Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' 30 But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. 31 When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. 32 Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33 Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' 34 And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. 35 So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Super Wednesday

Wednesday, September 16

Dinner at 5:30pm

Menu: Lasagna, Garlic Bread, and Salad with Yellow and Chocolate Cake
\$7 for individuals, \$15 for families.

Activities for Children

Nursery for infants & preschoolers,
Room 102, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Noel Choir, grades K-2nd,
Children's Choir Room,
Kirsten Trachsel, 6:00pm

Covenant Choir, grades 3rd-5th,
Children's Choir Room,
Kirsten Trachsel, 6:20pm

Recreation Grades K-2nd
Malicia Curran, 6:20pm

Activities for Youth

Middle School and High School
Rec Center and The Den @ 6:00pm-7:30pm
High School Only
The Den @ 7:30pm-8:30pm

Classes for Adults

Frontiers: Natural, Cultural and Scientific

Reid Ferring

Let's explore different kinds of Frontiers past and present, using examples of how people created or encountered Frontiers. Ancient Egyptians maintained frontiers for 3,000 years. Roman frontiers ended with Hadrian's Wall. Today, Frontiers separate nations, but also religions. Human curiosity has made frontiers of the oceans, the Arctic and the origins of life itself.

Super Wednesday Women's Group

Pondering Presbyterian Podcasts
Amy Cole and Amy Fair
Library

Chess: Play, Learn & Connect
Michael Ball
Room 207/209

The Wave

Terah Hatter, Wade Hatter, Chrissy Stevens
Room 205

Bell Choir Practice
Children's Choir Room
7:00pm

Chancel Choir Practice

Adult Choir Room
7:30pm

Prime Time
Friday, September 11

Prime Time is an opportunity for adults over 50 to meet in an informal setting for fellowship and to meet others in the church. Next month we will meet at Cartwright's Ranch House on Friday, September 11, at noon. It is located at 111 N. Elm Street on the Square. Please join us and invite others.

Theology on Tap
Monday, September 14

Theology On Tap will meet Monday, September 14, 6:30pm, at Denton County Brewing Company (in the back room). Our topic is "Secular Saints." We will be discussing the people in our lives, the world, and history who are/were deeply respected and admired for their contributions to society but not canonized by the church. Come prepared to share your nomination for secular saint. We hope you will join us for the conversation!

Calling ALL women of St. Andrew:
New Presbyterian Women Meeting Starting

We love meeting as Presbyterian Women on Tuesday mornings and our group is strong! Our first gathering is September 8 at 9:30am for food and fellowship with the meeting at 10:00 am.

Morning meetings don't work with your schedule? We want to also offer the same opportunity once a month in the evening to gather as Presbyterian Women, so our first meeting in the evening will be September 22 at 6:30pm-7:30pm for fun, fellowship and study. Join us in room 206/208. Childcare is available at the evening meetings, please register on Realm or contact Karen Raabe, karen@standrewdenton.com.

2026 Stock the Diaper Depot
St. Andrew Diaper Drive
September & October

All through September and October, St. Andrew will be participating in a Diaper Drive for Interfaith Denton. Larger Children's sizes 4, 5, 6, and 7, plus pullups sizes 3T/4T and 4T/5T are needed. Baby wipes and 12 diaper bags are also on their wish list. In 2025, Interfaith Denton helped over 300 households with over \$7400 in diapers and wipes.

Donations can be placed in the basket marked Diaper Drive in the narthex, through Realm using "Make a Gift" and choosing Diaper Drive, making a donation in church using the pew envelopes and writing "Diaper Drive" on the envelope, and by ordering online using the QR code in the Shield next week. Thank you to all that help our local children have a safe and healthy life.

Free Flu Shot Clinic
Sunday, October 4
9:00am-11:00am

Texas Health will be offering a free flu shot clinic in Fellowship Hall at St. Andrew on October 4 from 9:00am-11:00am. Children ages 9 and up may get the vaccine. Standard adult doses will be provided. "High dose" is not available. No ID or insurance card is necessary. These vaccines are a gift to the community from Texas Health Presbyterian Denton.

Emergency Relief Fund - August Report

In August, the Mission Committee received and approved 3 Emergency Relief Fund applications. The total number of approved Emergency Relief Fund applications for 2026 is 14. No Emergency Relief Fund contributions were received in August. For an Emergency Relief Fund application or contribution information, visit the St. Andrew WWW site under the Members section.

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.

Give-a-Meal-a-Month

\$3.00 Feeds One Person in Need for a Day

St. Andrew donated \$304 to the Give-a-Meal-a-Month program in August which fed about 101 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. Thank you!

Prayer Requests

Jonny Ramsey
Ryder Shaw, friend of the Hooper family

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

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.

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



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