



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DENTON, TEXAS

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 2026

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Lead Me Lord

Samuel Wesley arr. Aubrey Tucker

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 145)

I lift you high in praise, my God, O my King! And I'll bless your name into eternity.

I'll bless you every day, and keep it up from now to eternity.

God is magnificent; God can never be praised enough.

There are no boundaries to God's greatness.

Generation after generation stands in awe of your work;

each one tells stories of God's mighty acts.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 393

O Day of Rest and Gladness

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God, we confess that our sight is often distorted by anxiety. Like Israel in the desert, we look backward with longing toward familiar bondage, rather than looking forward to where your Spirit leads. Forgive us when we suffer from spiritual nearsightedness—focusing only on immediate comfort, immediate needs, and immediate fear. Forgive us for failing to see what you put before us. Open our eyes, O Lord. Clear away the haze of our complaints and self-doubt. Expand our vision so that we may see the vision to which you call us. Grant us eyes of faith to perceive your guidance in every season. In Jesus Christ, the light of the world, 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 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

Karen Dower

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2: 14-21

New Testament, page 111

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

My Eyes for Beauty Pine

Herbert Howells

My eyes for beauty pine
My soul for Goddes grace:
No other care nor hope is mine
To heaven I turn my face.

And every gentle heart
That burns with true desire
Is lit from eyes that mirror part
Of that celestial fire.

One splendour thence is shed
From all the stars above:
'Tis named when God's name is said
"'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love."

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 16: 2-15

Old Testament, page 60

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"What Do You See?"

Richard B. Culp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)

Confession of 1967

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, a father's house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists his will and disrupts his creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in men and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. Amen.

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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Text: Hymn 223

arr. Dan Forrest

*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 741

Guide My Feet

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young

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

Noah Gibson is serving as the acolyte for the worship service.

Chrissy Stevens will be out of the office until Sunday, September 27.

Called Meeting of the Congregation

Sunday, September 27 following the Worship Service

There will be a called meeting of the congregation on Sunday, September 27, 2026, immediately following worship to act on a report from the Officer Nominating Committee.

393 O Day of Rest and Gladness



1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
 2 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion the light first had its birth;
 3 On you, God's peo - ple, meet - ing, the Ho - ly Scrip-ture hear,



O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright;
 on you, for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;
 Christ's liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, through bread and wine made near.



on you, the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,
 on you, our Lord vic - to - rious sent Spir - it forth from heaven.
 New grac - es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,



sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly" to the great God tri - une.
 And thus on you, most glo - rious, a tri - ple light was given.
 we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.

In this text the first day of the week represents a threefold commemoration of Creation, Resurrection, and Pentecost—each an encounter with Trinitarian activity centered on one of the Three Persons. The tune name recalls the secular German song adapted for use with several hymns.

582

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.

450

Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F#) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A^b (A) B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

608

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

Guide My Feet

741

1 Guide my feet while I run this race;
(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race;
(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race, for I

don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

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| 2 Hold my hand ... | 5 Search my heart ... |
| 3 Stand by me ... | 6 Guide my feet ... |
| 4 I'm your child ... | |

This African American spiritual is based on the imagery of "the race that is set before us" in Hebrews 12:1–2. Its call-and-response structure allows for the improvisation and addition of stanzas related to an athletic metaphor that is as vivid today as it was centuries ago.

Acts 2: 14-21

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews[a] and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. 16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

17 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Exodus 16: 2-15

2 The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. 3 The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

4 Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. 5 On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." 6 So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, 7 and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" 8 And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the

complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

9 Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.' " 10 And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. 11 The Lord spoke to Moses, 12 "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.' "

13 In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. 14 When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground.

15 When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?"[a] For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

Super Wednesday

Wednesday, September 23

Dinner at 5:30pm

Menu: Chicken Pot Pie, Rolls, Salad
\$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

Family Guidance Workshop

Saturday, September 26

First United Methodist Church, Denton

First United Methodist Church of Denton is hosting a Family Guidance Workshop. Lawyers from Justice For Our Neighbors will be on hand on Saturday, September 26, from 9:00am until 12:00pm to help undocumented immigrants fill out paperwork (English and Spanish) to designate guardians for their children. This paperwork can help children avoid being placed into the Department of Children and Family Services Foster Care system if parents are detained or deported. This is a come-and-go event, estimated to take 30 to 60 minutes. If you know anyone that would benefit from this workshop, please help spread the word, and help keep children out of ICE detention!

Calling ALL women of St. Andrew:

New Presbyterian Women Meeting Starting

We love meeting as Presbyterian Women on the second Tuesday morning of each month and our group is strong! 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.

Save the Date: Richard Culp's 10-Year Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, October 4

The 2016 Pastor Nominating Committee joyfully invites you to a luncheon celebrating Rev. Dr. Richard Culp's 10th anniversary at St. Andrew! Please join us after worship on Sunday, October 4, for food, fellowship, and shared memories. The Session has also approved a special love offering in Dr. Culp's honor to mark this wonderful milestone. If you would like to contribute to the love offering, just mark "Love Offering" on your gift check or contribution via Realm.

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.

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 drop-down menu. Questions? Please contact Jim White at: acewalton1965@gmail.com. Thank you for your generosity.

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 the Give page and choosing Diaper Drive from the drop-down menu, 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.

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.

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.

Prayer Requests

Lisa Patterson
Becky Fair
Bob Casteen, father of Chris Fair
Joe Keith Hopkins, father of Cameron Hopkins

Jonny Ramsey
Ryder Shaw, friend of the Hooper family

Christina Sims
Barrett Hendricks, niece of Leslie Culp

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

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.

Stewardship

Amy Ball and Michael Ball

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 8/31/2026

Income (pledges + other income)	\$693,384
Expenses	\$739,404
Difference	-\$46,020

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