



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DENTON, TEXAS

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2026

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Entrée from 12 Pièces for Organ

Eugene Gigout

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 78)

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;

incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,

things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

We will not hide them from their children;

we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord and God's might and the wonders that God has done.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 390

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord

LOUEZ LE SEIGNEUR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

Lauri Goldston

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 12: 38-44

New Testament, page 46

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia!

O be joyful in God, all ye lands

O sing praises to the honor of His name, make His praise to be glorious.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

I Kings 17: 8-16

Old Testament, page 309

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Woven Together through Giving: Woven in Love "

Richard B. Culp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 703

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

ST. CATHERINE

*APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Weaving in Worship

Karen Jones and Kirsten Brown

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 from BWV 508
Emma Gulovsen, soprano

Johann Sebastian Bach

Words:

Bist du bei mir, geh ich mit Freuden
zum Sterben und zu meiner Ruh.
Ach, wie vergnügt wär so mein Ende,
es drückten deine schönen Hände
mir die getreuen Augen zu.

Translation:

Be thou with me and I'll go gladly
To death and on to my repose.
Ah, how my end would bring contentment,
If, pressing with thy hands so lovely,
Thou wouldst my faithful eyes then close.

*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 710

We Lift Our Voices

OFFERING

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Carillon de Longpont

Louis Vierne

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 Doug Boyd, Ann Boyd Merritt, and Bonnie Boyd McCormick in loving memory of their parents, Dick and Betty Boyd, and their brother, David Boyd.

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

Called Meeting of the Congregation
Today following the Worship Service

There will be a called meeting of the congregation today immediately following worship to act on a report from the Officer Nominating Committee. You can join the congregational meeting online here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87344834883?pwd=VM86f5baK5CFd3dqKKEHUkmQvnOblv.1>

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord! 390

Louez le Seigneur!

Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Lou - ez le Sei - gneur! Lou - ez son saint nom. Al - le - lu - ia!

Praise God's ho-ly name. Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God's ho-ly name. Al-le-lu-ia!
 Lou - ez son saint nom. Al-le-lu-ia! Lou - ez son saint nom. Al-le-lu-ia!

This song may be repeated, adding a vocal part on each repetition: melody (alto) alone; melody + tenor; melody + lower parts; all voices.

This brief song of praise comes from Cameroon, where it is used primarily as a processional song with rhythmic movement and increasing harmonies. The organizing aesthetic here is repetition, experienced as a means of intensification expressed in multiple languages.

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



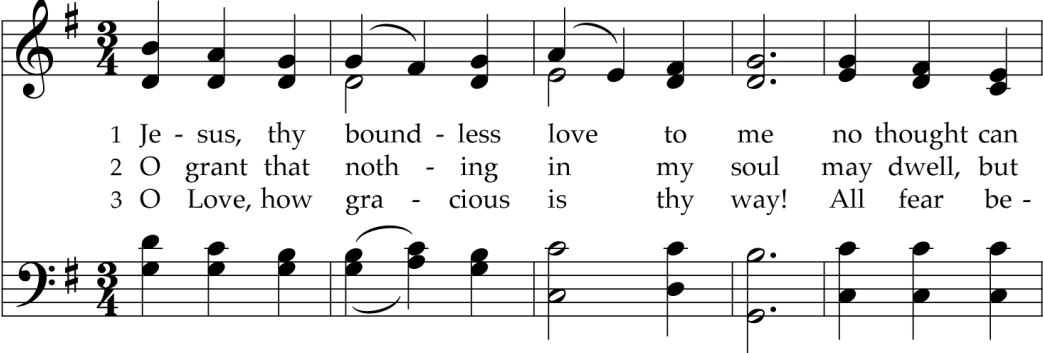
and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(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.

703 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me



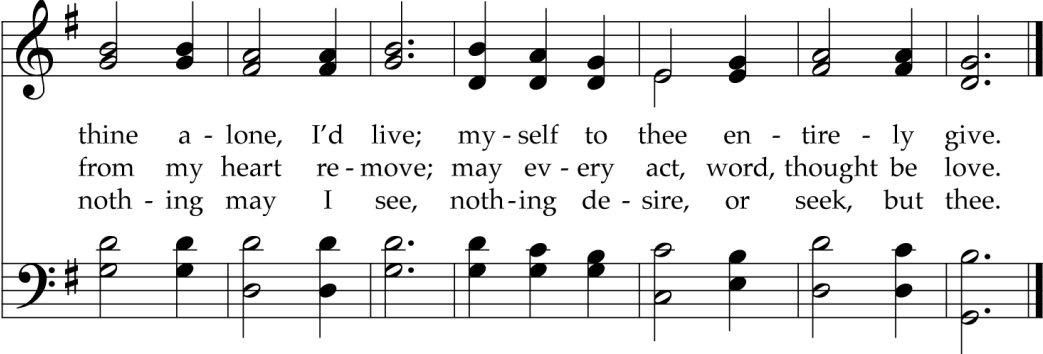
1 Je - sus, thy bound - less love to me no thought can
 2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul may dwell, but
 3 O Love, how gra - cious is thy way! All fear be -



reach, no tongue de - clare; O knit my thank - ful heart to
 thy pure love a - lone; O may thy love pos - sess me
 fore thy pres - ence flies; care, an - guish, sor - row melt a -



thee, and reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly,
 whole, my joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness
 way wher - e'er thy heal - ing beams a - rise. O Je - sus,



thine a - lone, I'd live; my - self to thee en - tire - ly give.
 from my heart re - move; may ev - ery act, word, thought be love.
 noth - ing may I see, noth - ing de - sire, or seek, but thee.

John Wesley learned the original German hymn from the Moravians during his time in Savannah, Georgia, and translated all sixteen stanzas. The tune, named for a 4th-century martyr, comes out of the Roman Catholic revival movement of the mid-19th century.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

608

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 blessings flow; praise Christ, all'. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics 'people here below; praise Holy Spirit ever-'. The third staff concludes the melody with lyrics 'more; praise Triune God, whom we adore.' 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 blessings flow; praise Christ, all

people here below; praise Holy Spirit ever-

more; praise Triune God, whom we adore.

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

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)
LM

We Lift Our Voices

710

We Are an Offering

F C F C
 We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our

F C 3 Dm7 F
 lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our

C F C
 voice - es; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our

F C 3 Dm7 F G7
 lives; they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing.

Em7 Asus A Dm7 F G Esus E Am
 All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we

F C B $\flat$ Dm F
 give to you, we give to you. We lift our

C F C F C
 voice - es; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:

3 Dm7 3 C
 we are an of-fer-ing; we are an of-fer-ing.

This praise and worship song can best be understood as reflecting on and expanding 1 Chronicles 29:14b: "For all things come of you, [O Lord,] and of your own have we given you." There are also echoes of Paul's appeal for Christians to be living sacrifices (Romans 12:1).

Mark 12: 38-44

38 As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces **39** and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! **40** They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

41 He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many

rich people put in large sums. **42** A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. **43** Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. **44** For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

1 Kings 17:8-16

8 Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, **9** "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there, for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." **10** So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." **11** As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." **12** But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks so that I may go home and prepare it for myself

and my son, that we may eat it and die." **13** Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said, but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. **14** For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." **15** She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. **16** The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

Super Wednesday

Wednesday, September 30

Dinner at 5:30pm

Menu: Chipotle Sloppy Joes, coleslaw, potato salad, and 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

Quirky Texas History

Steven Jent

This course will present a collection of curious events in the colorful history of Texas. Most Texans will have never heard of them, but they offer an alternative insight into the Texas mystique. Steven Jent has lived in Denton since early 2001. He received a BA in History from Rice University in 1973. He was employed by IBM in software development from 1976 to 1998. Since he left IBM he has written two books on Texas history.

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

Theology on Tap
Monday, September 28

Theology On Tap will meet Monday, September 28, 6:30pm, at Denton County Brewing Company (in the back room). Our topic is "Dealing with Doubt". We will be discussing if doubt is a sign of weak faith or a necessary step toward a deeper one. We hope you will join us for the conversation!

World Communion Offering
October 4, 2026

A gift to the World Communion Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

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.

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 contribute via our Give page (standrewdenton.com/give) by choosing "Richard Culp Love Gift" from the drop down menu.

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.

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.

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

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

JT Smith
Jonny Ramsey
Ryder Shaw, friend of the Hooper family

Christina Sims

Joyce Early and her family
as they grieve the death of her husband

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.

Creation

Abigail Kyzer and Dan Kyzer

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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