



**ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**DENTON, TEXAS**

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 11, 2026**

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**GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD**

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Prelude in G Major, Op. 46 No. 7

Carl Kern

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 106)

Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations,  
**that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.**  
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.  
**And let all the people say, "Amen." Praise the Lord!**

OPENING PRAYER

Chrissy Stevens

\*HYMN 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

LYONS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lisa Patterson

**Almighty and merciful God, we have asked, but have not waited for answers. We have listened, but not heard; dreamed, but not seen visions. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts and not opened ourselves up to the power of your Holy Spirit. Forgive us our unwillingness to be vulnerable and give up what we have to accept what you give us. Empower us to seek your guidance and respond as you call us. In Christ's name, 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

Dottie Tillman

### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 4: 1-9

New Testament, page 187

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

All Things New

Elaine Hagenberg

Light after darkness, gain after loss  
Strength after weakness, crown after cross;  
Sweet after bitter, hope after fears  
Home after wandering, praise after tears

He is making all things new  
Sight after mystery, sun after rain  
Joy after sorrow, peace after pain;  
Near after distant, gleam after gloom  
Love after wandering, life after tomb

Alpha and Omega  
Beginning and the end  
He is making all things new  
Springs of living water  
Shall wash away each tear

### TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 46: 1-4

Old Testament, page 41

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

"God Speaks "

Richard B. Culp

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### \*HYMN 722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

CANONBURY

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*(A Brief Statement of Faith)*

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. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" 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.

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

Lift Thine Eyes from Elijah

Felix Mendelssohn

Emma Gulovsen, soprano; Kathryn Davidson, mezzo-soprano; Di Tiscareño, mezzo-soprano

Lift thine eyes, o lift thine eyes to the mountains  
Whence cometh, whence cometh, whence cometh help.  
My help cometh, cometh, cometh from the Lord  
The maker of heaven and earth.  
He hath said thy foot shall not be moved  
Thy keeper will never slumber.  
Lift thine eyes, o lift thine eyes to the mountains  
Whence cometh help.

\*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 761

Called As Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Litany

Carson Cooman

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

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The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God by Kayla Swenson in honor of her daughter Stephanie Swenson and in memory of her husband Tom Swenson.

Sarah Barnett is serving as the acolyte for the worship service.

## 41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!  
 2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,  
 3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,  
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?  
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love:  
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,  
 Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old;  
 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
 whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form;  
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,  
 it streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain,  
 your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
 and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.  
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.  
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

Addressing the first two stanzas to the singers of the hymn and the last three to God, this free paraphrase of Psalm 104 recasts the psalmist's imagery with baroque verve. Though it was first published in England, the tune has been more popular in North America than there.

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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

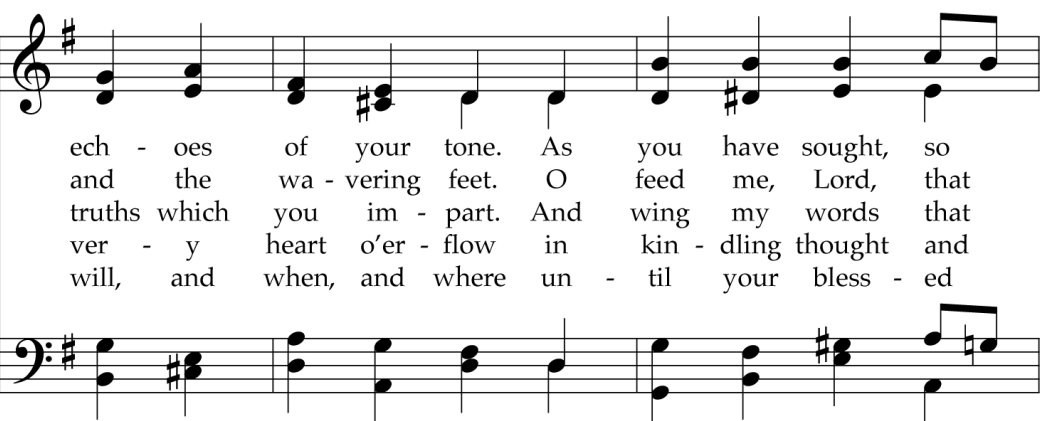


As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

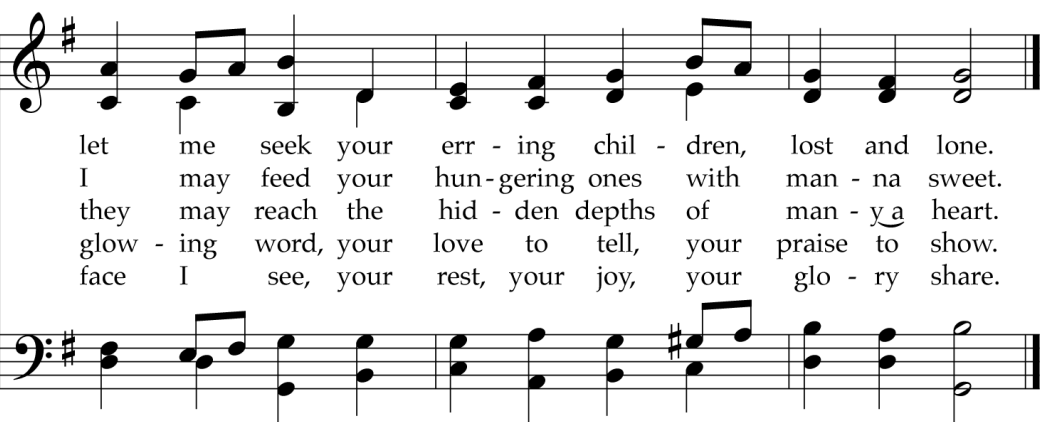
## 722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak



1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing  
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering  
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious  
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my  
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you



ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so  
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that  
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that  
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and  
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed



let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
 I may feed your hun - gery ones with man - na sweet.  
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.  
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

# 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.

G C Am7 Dsus D G

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all

D Am7 Dsus D Am7 D G Am7

peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -

G C Am7 G Am7 D G

more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988  
MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 2008  
Text © 1990 Neil Weatherhogg  
Music © 2008 Hal H. Hopson

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)  
LM

# Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761

1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,  
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,  
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life

we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
 let us fol - low, nev - er fal-tering, rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.  
 help us bear each oth - er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.  
 that sur-round each per - son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.

May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,  
 Men and wom-en, rich - er, poor - er, all God's peo - ple, young and old,  
 Words of com - fort, words of vi - sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,  
 Make us part-ners in our liv - ing, our com-pas-sion to in - crease,

e - qual part-ners in our car - ing to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.  
 blend-ing hu - man skills to - geth - er gra - cious gifts from God un - fold.  
 bring new power and strength for ac - tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.  
 mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv - ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

TEXT: Jane Parker Huber, 1981

MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870

Text © 1981 Jane Parker Huber (admin. Westminster John Knox Press)

BEECHER

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(alternate tune: EBENEZER)

## **Philippians 4: 1-9**

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. 3 Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about[d] these things. 9 As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

## **Genesis 46: 1-4**

When Israel set out on his journey with all that he had and came to Beer-sheba, he offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. 2 God spoke to Israel in visions of the night and said, "Jacob, Jacob." And he said, "Here I am." 3 Then he said, "I am God, the God of your father; do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will make of you a great nation there. 4 I myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also bring you up again, and Joseph's own hand shall close your eyes."

# **Super Wednesday**

## ***Wednesday, October 14***

### **Dinner at 5:30pm**

Menu: Mexican Casserole, chips with salsa and queso, 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-2<sup>nd</sup>  
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**

**"Women of Denton County"**  
**Peggy Capps**  
**Fellowship Hall**

**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***

### **Save the Date!**

#### **Fall Festival of Faith - October 24-25, 2026**

The Rev. Ted Foote will lead our annual Fall Festival of Faith October 24-25 this year. We'll gather in Fellowship Hall Saturday evening at 5:30pm to enjoy a meal catered by Babe's. The meal will be followed by Ted's reflections on "Being Disciples of Jesus in Trying Times." A light breakfast Sunday morning will be served in Fellowship Hall and Ted will preach on "Bold Enough to Fail – For a Future Our Eyes Don't See Yet" that morning during worship.

What's for dinner Saturday evening? Your choice of chicken fried steak, fried chicken or chicken tenders, plus sides and dessert. Help us with the headcount and register for the meal using the link in the Shield.

**Note:** Ted's latest book, "Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America," mentioned in the Fall Guide has arrived and is available for purchase in the narthex (\$17.00).

#### **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](http://standrewdenton.com/give)) and choosing "Denton Christian Preschool" from the fund drop-down menu. Questions? Please contact Jim White at: [acewalton1965@gmail.com](mailto:acewalton1965@gmail.com). Thank you for your generosity.

### **Theology on Tap**

#### **Monday, October 12**

Theology On Tap will meet Monday, October 12, 6:30pm, at Denton County Brewing Company (in the back room). Our topic is "Lord of the Conscience". We will be discussing parts of the PC(USA)'s Social Witness Policy and why "Presbyterian" will never be a political party. We hope you will join us for the conversation!

#### **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 \$346 to the Give-a-Meal-a-Month program in September which fed about 115 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](http://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

Rachel Culp  
Diann Arthur  
Ray Speir  
Harriet Laney  
Carole Hatcher  
Linda Heilig  
Family of Marilyn Boots

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

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!

**W**e 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.

### Moses

Anne Lindberg and Alex 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 8/31/2026

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

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Kirsten Trachsel, Director of Children's and Handbell Choirs

Daeun Kim, Organist



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