



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DENTON, TEXAS

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2026

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

What Wondrous Love Is This

Trad. American Tune arr. Samuel Barber

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS FROM INTERFAITH DENTON

Keri Caruthers

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 96)

Praise the Lord! Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Remember us, O Lord, when you show favor to your people;

let us know the blessing of your chosen ones and the gladness of those you love.

OPENING PRAYER

Lisa Patterson

*HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Chrissy Stevens

Gracious God, in Jesus Christ you have called us into deep relationship, naming us not as servants, but as friends. We confess that we often choose to walk away from that relationship, seeking to live by our own power rather than staying connected to your life-giving presence. Forgive us when we fail to recognize our connectedness in Christ and for when we allow fear, self-centeredness, and pride to separate us from neighbors and you. Change our hearts so that your grace may take root and flourish in us. Restore us to the fullness of your joy. 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

Christina Fite

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

I John 4: 7-21

New Testament, page 226

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Light Dawns on a Weary World
Handbell Choir

arr. Sandra Eithun

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 15: 1-15

New Testament, page 103

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Woven Together through Giving: Woven by Christ"

Richard B. Culp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

*APOSTLES' CREED (ECUMENICAL VERSION) (unison)

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 STEWARDSHIP

Christian Education

Alison McStravick and Sarah Adams

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

For the Beauty of the Earth
Handbell Choir

arr. Cathy Moglebust

*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 546

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sortie

Louis Raffy

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 Rob Foster in memory of Elizabeth Hindman Foster.

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. Registration is available on Realm.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

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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.

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) F (Bm) Dm



end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) B $\flat$ (D) F (A) C



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) Dm (F#m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$ (A) C (D) F



to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$ (D) F



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

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
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PRAISE GOD (Hopson)
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SENDING

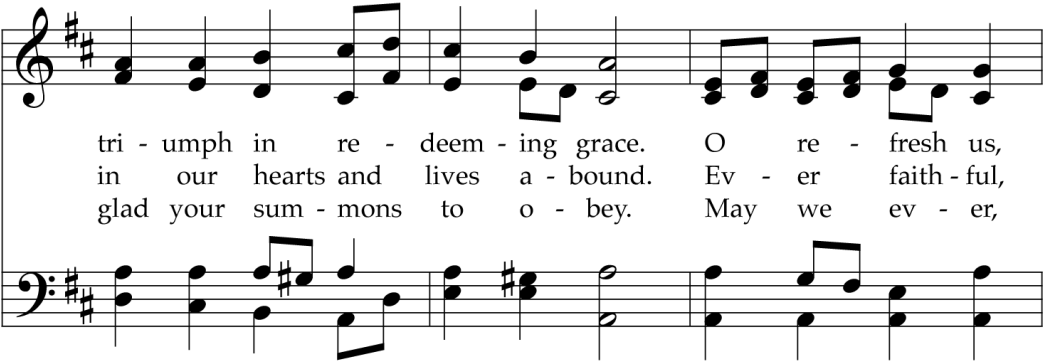
546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug - gling



joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, let no fear of death ap - pall us,



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
glad your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

This hymn of corporate benediction is one of several using the same first line. It was written by a Baptist pastor who dedicated his entire ministry to a small church in rural Yorkshire. The tune used here was first transcribed from Sicilian sailors in the late 18th century.

I John 4: 7-21

7 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us.

13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. 15 God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. 16 So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. 17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. 19 We love[a] because he first loved us. 20 Those who say, "I love God," and hate a brother or sister are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. 21 The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

John 15: 1-15

15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. 2 He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes[a] to make it bear more fruit. 3 You have already been cleansed[b] by the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. 6 Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become[c] my disciples. 9 As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 I do not call you servants[d] any longer, because the servant[e] does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

Super Wednesday

Wednesday, October 21

Dinner at 5:30pm

Menu: Chicken Spaghetti, Roasted Vegetables, rolls 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

Ranch Dressing: The History of Western Wear **Jean Greenlaw, University of North Texas**

The history of western wear is filled with fascinating stories. Want to know how John B. Stetson came to create "The Boss of the Plains"? Levi Strauss came to create the iconic 501 jeans. And H.J. Justin created the western boot. Come dressed in your own western wear and learn of its history. Jean Greenlaw, PhD, is a Regents Professor Emeritus in the UNT College of Education. She has been a reviewer for decades and is the book review columnist for the Denton Record-Chronicle.

Getting Ready for Fall Festival of Faith
October 21 @ 6:30pm, Room 206-208
Richard Culp

The Wave
Terah Hatter, Wade Hatter, Chrissy Stevens
Room 205

Super Wednesday Women's Group
Pondering Presbyterian Podcasts
Amy Cole and Amy Fair
Library

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

**Not So Spooky Storytime
at The Children's Place at St. Andrew
Sunday, October 18**

Join us on Sunday, October 18, from 4:00pm-5:00pm.
Dress up in your costumes and bring your whole family
for lots of not-so-spooky fun!

***Save the Date and Date Change!*
Advent Women's Book Study
Wednesdays at Noon**

October 28, November 4, 11, and 18.

Book discussion on Kate Bowler's new book, *Joyful Anyway*. Book cost is \$17. Questions? Contact Lisa Patterson at lisa@standrewdenton.com

***Save the Date!*
Lunch and Learn: Session Visioning
Sunday, November 1
Following worship in Fellowship Hall
Details to follow!**

**2026 Stock the Diaper Depot
St. Andrew Diaper Drive
September Update**

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.

Diaper Fact #1: SNAP and WIC do not cover the cost of diapers.

Diaper Fact #2: Families can receive diapers once a month and wipes up to 6 times a year.

Diaper Fact #3: 1 in 2 U.S. families struggle to afford enough diapers to keep their children clean, healthy, and dry.

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.

**Prime Time
Friday, November 6**

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 the Stacks Pancake House on Friday, November 6 at noon. It is located at 1020 Dallas Drive. Please join us and invite others. Kindly reply to Bob Halbach by October 30.
bobandbetsyhalbach@hotmail.com

After Worship Fellowship

After worship in the narthex there is food and conversation. Volunteers bring the food each week. Would you like to contribute? We would love to have you! Contact Lisa Dorr (DORRLL@yahoo.com) to be added to the sign-up genius reminders. It really helps to know how much food is being donated each week. Thank you!

Give the Gift of a Ride

Imagine getting to a job interview, a doctor's appointment, or the grocery store without a car. For many of our neighbors experiencing homelessness, a bicycle is how they get there.

For years, St. Andrew has given bicycles at the Our Daily Bread Annual Christmas Party. This year, the diaconate hopes to give 10-12 new bikes, and we need your help. (We've already received 4)

Three ways to give:

Donate a bike: New men's or women's 26" or 27" bicycles. Call Marc Brown at (940) 597-4991 to arrange pickup.

Give online: Visit standrewdenton.com/give and choose "Our Daily Bread Bicycles" from the drop-down menu.

Give by envelope: Write "ODB Bicycles" on a pew envelope.

One bike gives someone a way to reach work, appointments, and a fresh start. Thank you for helping us get 8 neighbors rolling this Christmas.

Emergency Relief Fund - September Report

In September, the Mission Committee received and approved no Emergency Relief Fund applications. The total number of approved Emergency Relief Fund applications for 2026 is 14. One Emergency Relief Fund contribution was graciously received in August and September. For an Emergency Relief Fund application information, visit the St. Andrew website, standrewdenton.com, under the Members section.

Prayer Requests

Robyn Heilig
Beth Gray
Family of Ann Barnett

Rachel Culp
Diann Arthur
Ray Speir
Harriet Laney
Carole Hatcher
Linda Heilig

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

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.

The Exodus

Lisa Dorr, Margaret Strowe and Lowery Strowe

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 9/30/2026

Income (pledges + other income)	\$787,801
Expenses	\$830,367
Difference	-\$42,565

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Daeun Kim, Organist



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).



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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.