



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DENTON, TEXAS

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
October 25, 2026

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Prelude in A Major

Eugene Thayer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from II Corinthians 4 and 5)

For our slight, momentary affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure,

because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen, for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died.

And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for the one who for their sake died and was raised.

OPENING PRAYER

Chrissy Stevens

*HYMN 5

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

JENNINGS-HOUSTON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lisa Patterson

Merciful God, you call us to walk by faith, yet we so often rely only on what we can see. We let fear dictate our silence—fearing the world's opinion, fearing conflict, and fearing the cost of taking up our cross to follow Jesus. Forgive us when our worship becomes a substitute for righteousness; when we sing our hymns of praise, yet ignore the cries for justice in our streets; when we cling to our comfort and control, trying to save our lives only to lose what matters most. Expose what is hidden within our hearts. Silence our empty noise, and open our lives to your dynamic grace. Grant us the courage to speak your truth in the light, to lose ourselves for your sake, and to let your justice roll down like waters and your righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. 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

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Amos 5:21-24

Old Testament, page 805

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Verleih uns Frieden

Felix Mendelssohn

Verleih uns Frieden gnädiglich,
Herr Gott, zu unsern Zeiten.
Es ist doch ja kein anderer nicht,
der für uns könnte streiten,
denn du, unser Gott, alleine.

Mercifully grant us peace,
Lord God, in our times.
For there is no other
Who could fight for us
But you alone, our God.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 10:26-39

New Testament, page 10

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Bold Enough to Fail - for a Future Our Eyes Don't Yet See"

Ted Foote

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 8

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MELITA

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Heidelberg Catechism

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

That I belong — body and soul, in life and in death — not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

By the Holy Spirit, God in Christ also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready to live for the Lord alone. Amen.

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

Richard B. Culp

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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Daeun Kim, piano

Martin Luther arr. Bruce Greer

*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 772

Live into Hope

TRURO

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude in C Major

Salomo Bodenschatz

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 memory of Van Freeman, Marcia Freeman, and Dwain Bean and all to enjoy near, far, and above by Margo Bean.

The rosebud in the chancel announces the birth of Eloise Couture born October 20 to Haley and Zach Couture. Proud great grandparents are Betty Sue and Mike Grandey. Congratulations!

We welcome Rev. Ted V. Foote Jr. to the pulpit this morning as part of the Fall Festival of Faith weekend.

God the Sculptor of the Mountains 5

D Bm Em A7 D

1 God the sculp - tor of the moun - tains, God the
 2 God the nui - sance of the Pha - raoh, God the
 3 God the dress - er of the vine - yard, God the
 4 God the un - ex - pect - ed in - fant, God the

Bm Em7 A F Dm

mill - er of the sand, God the jewel - er of the
 cleav - er of the sea, God the pil - lar in the
 plant - er of the wheat, God the reap - er of the
 calm, de - ter - mined youth, God the ta - ble - turn - ing

Gm7 C F E7 A A7

heav - ens, God the pot - ter of the land:
 dark - ness, God the bea - con of the free:
 har - vest, God the source of all we eat:
 proph - et, God the res - ur - rect - ed truth:

D F#m G F#m Bm

you are womb of all cre - a - tion;
 you are fount of all de - liv - erance;
 you are host at ev - ery ta - ble;
 you are pres - ent ev - ery mo - ment;

Em D Em D

we are form - less; shape us now.
 we are aim - less; lead us now.
 we are hun - gry; feed us now.
 we are search - ing; meet us now.

Despite the great sweep of these stanzas, each one ends by describing how our human condition needs God's help: formless, aimless, hungry, searching. Each of these adjectives is followed by a related three-syllable petition: shape us now, lead us now, feed us now, meet us now.

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.

8 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who did brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, all trav - elers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
 wild and rude, and bade its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
 calm a - mid its rage did sleep: O hear us when we
 gave, for fierce con - fu - sion, peace: O hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

The year after this text was written for a student sailing to America, it was included in the most influential British hymnal of the 19th century. The tune especially composed for it preserves the ancient Roman name of the island where Paul was shipwrecked, now called Malta.

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

772

Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

Amos 5: 21-24

I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

22

Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.

23

Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

24

But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Matthew 10: 26-39

26 "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. 27 What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. 28 Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell.[a] 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. 30 And even the hairs of your head are all counted. 31 So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. 32 "Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, 33 but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

Not Peace, but a Sword

34 "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

35

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,

36

and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

37 "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, 38 and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Super Wednesday

Wednesday, October 28

Dinner at 5:30pm

Menu: Sausage and Odette's Beans, 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

The Art of Georgia O'Keefe **Jane Scholz, Amon Carter Museum**

Georgia O'Keefe made a path for herself as an artist with a unique style and as an independent woman long before feminism was a thing. Our presentation is based on the exhibition "Georgia O'Keefe and the Carter" at the Amon Carter Museum in Fort Worth. Jane Scholz is a retired journalist. She was a newspaper reporter, editor and publisher. For the last 25 years of her career she ran an international news service based in Washington, DC.

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

Chancel Choir Practice
Adult Choir Room
7:30pm

Visioning Together

The Session invites you to attend a visioning session after worship on Sunday, November 1 immediately following worship (lunch will be provided) or Thursday, November 5, in room 206/208 at 6:30pm (dessert will be provided). The Thursday night session will also be Zoomed. Come and be part of this important conversation with the Session.

Theology on Tap

Monday, October 26

6:30pm, Denton County Brewing Company

Theology On Tap will meet Monday, October 26th, 6:30 p.m., at Denton County Brewing Company (in the back room). Our Halloween topic is "Dry Bones!" We will be discussing the prevalence of skeletons in decorations around town and the depiction of skeletons in history and the bible. There will also be a skeleton trivia contest. We hope you will join us for some spooky fun!

Presbyterian Women

Tuesday, October 27

6:30pm, Room 206/208

The PW Night Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 27 at 6:30pm in Room 206/208. All women are welcome to attend. Childcare will be provided.

Church Directory Information

We maintain an active, up-to-date church directory on Realm, accessible via web browser or mobile app. Please keep your profile and photos current whenever your contact information changes!

Quick Guide to Updating Your Profile:

Open the Realm app and sign in.

Tap the menu icon (...) in the bottom right corner.

Tap your photo in the top right corner and select "My Profile."

Tap the pencil icon next to any item to edit, then tap "Save" in the top left corner when finished.

Privacy & Controls: Only our church community has access to this directory—none of your information is available to the general public. You retain full control over what church members can view in your profile.

Printed copies are available for a small fee.

Need help? Contact Margaret Olander at 601-940-3725 or matolander@gmail.com. For more hands-on assistance, we'll be providing "help stations" at a future date.

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 signup genius reminders. It really helps to know how much food is being donated each week. Thank you!

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.

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 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.

Prayer Requests

Sonja Rogers
Robert Stewart, brother-in-law of Gary Meriwether

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

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 10 Best Ways

Sara, Ella, and Sophia Armstrong and Arminta Jacobson

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



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