St. Andrew Presbyterian Church
Denton, Texas

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026

Gathering around God's Word

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude — Not A Sparrow Falleth — Franz Abt arr. Gerald Peterson

Welcome and Announcements

Introit — Sandy Land with Rock of Ages
Noël and Covenant Choirs

Call to Worship (Adapted from Psalm 24)

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and those who live in it;
for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the waters.
Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord Almighty, he is the King of glory.
Praise the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

Opening Prayer — Richard B. Culp

*Hymn 692 — Spirit, Open My Heart — WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

Prayer of Confession — Lisa Patterson

Merciful God, you meet us on the road, and we do not always stop. We confess that love for you and neighbor is sometimes hard for us. We have kept our generosity for Sundays and saved our time, our money, and our comfort for the rest of the week. We have asked who counts as our neighbor, hoping the answer would be a short list. Forgive us. Loosen our grip on what we call ours. Cleanse our hearts that we might find the strength to do what love requires and the grace to receive what love has to give. We pray in the name of Jesus, whose love has no boundary. 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 — Alison McStravick

First Scripture Lesson — *Psalm 82* — Old Testament, page 512

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem — Many Gifts, One Spirit — Allen Pote

Many gifts, one spirit,
many songs, one voice.
Many reasons, one promise,
many questions, one choice.
O God, we pray for unity,
give guidance from above.
In our differences unite us
in the circle of your love.
O God, remind us
we are not alone.
Though we move on different pathways,
we are walking to your throne.

Help us learn to love each other,
show us ways to understand.
We are members of one family,
growing strong by joining hands.
O God, remind us
we are not alone.
Though we move on different pathways,
we are walking to your throne.

Take our many ways of working,
blend the colors of each soul
into the beauty of a rainbow,
give us life, Lord, make us whole.

Time with Young Disciples

Second Scripture Lesson — Luke 10:25-37 — New Testament, page 67

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon — "Woven Together Through Giving: Woven Through Service" — Chrissy Stevens

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 714 — God of the Fertile Fields — ITALIAN HYMN

*Affirmation of Faith (unison) — (Confession of 1967)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord. Amen.

Moment for Mission — The Diaconate

Jamie Adams, Jacy Williamson. Linda Heilig, Glenn Tolle, Brenda Crawford, Susan Ramsay

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 — At The River — arr. Aaron Copland

Di Tiscareño, mezzo-soprano; Daeun Kim, piano

Shall we gather by the river,
Where bright angels feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God.

Yes, we'll gather by the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river
that flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace.

Yes we'll gather by the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river
That flows by the throne of God.

*Sung Response (Hymn 608) — OLD HUNDREDTH (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 382 — Heaven Is Singing For Joy — ALEGRÍA

*Benediction

Postlude — Faith Leads Us Onward — Steven Scott

*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 Ruth Orpin in honor of Berniece Condry.

The acolyte for the worship service is Sophia Armstrong.

692 Spirit, Open My Heart

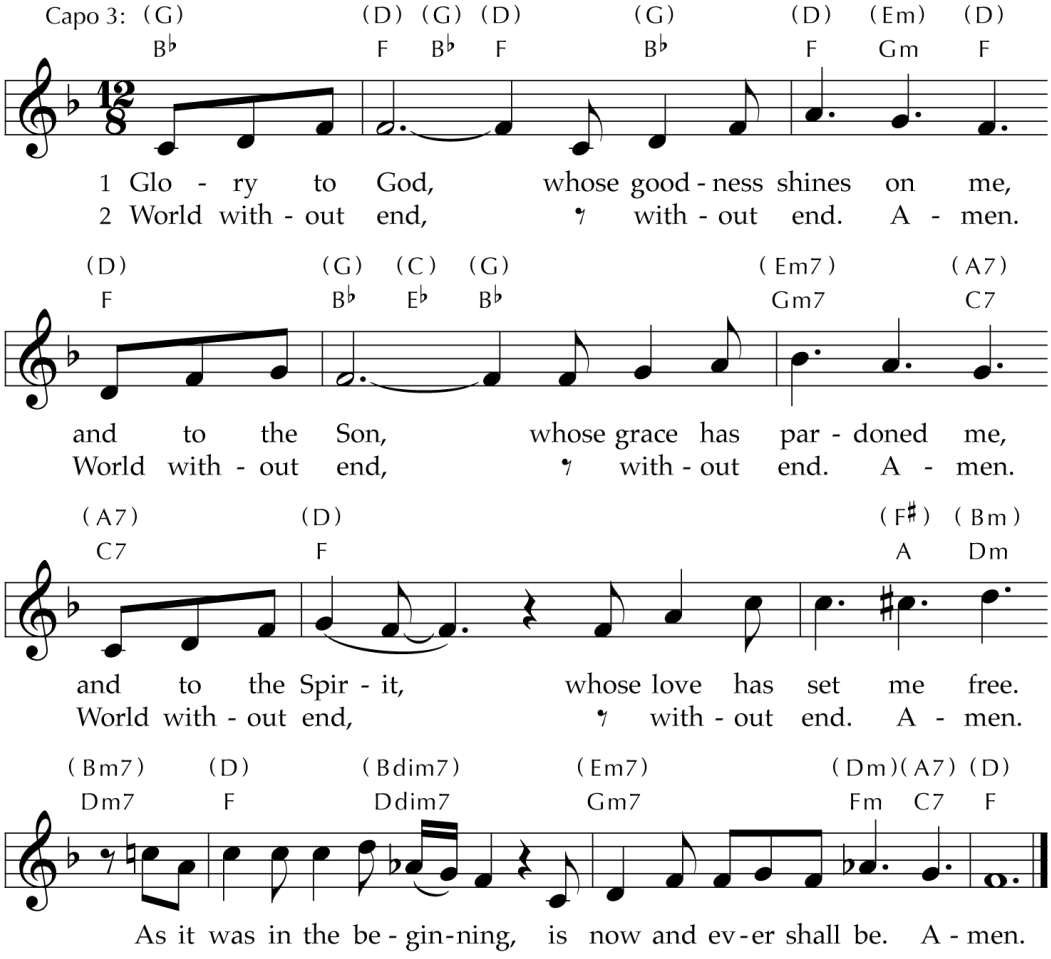


The pace and diversity of modern life often hinder us from remaining vulnerable to our emotions and to the humanness of other people. This prayerful text to be open to such joys and pains draws on Ezekiel 11:19 and 36:26 in stanza one and echoes Jeremiah 31:33 in stanza two.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1994
MUSIC: Irish melody; arr. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011
Text © 1996 The Pilgrim Press
Music Harm. © 2011 Alfred V. Fedak

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME
Irregular

582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me



TEXT: Trad. liturgical text; adapt. Paul M. Vasile, 2008
MUSIC: Paul M. Vasile, 2008
Text Adapt. and Music © 2008 Paul M. Vasile

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

God of the Fertile Fields 714



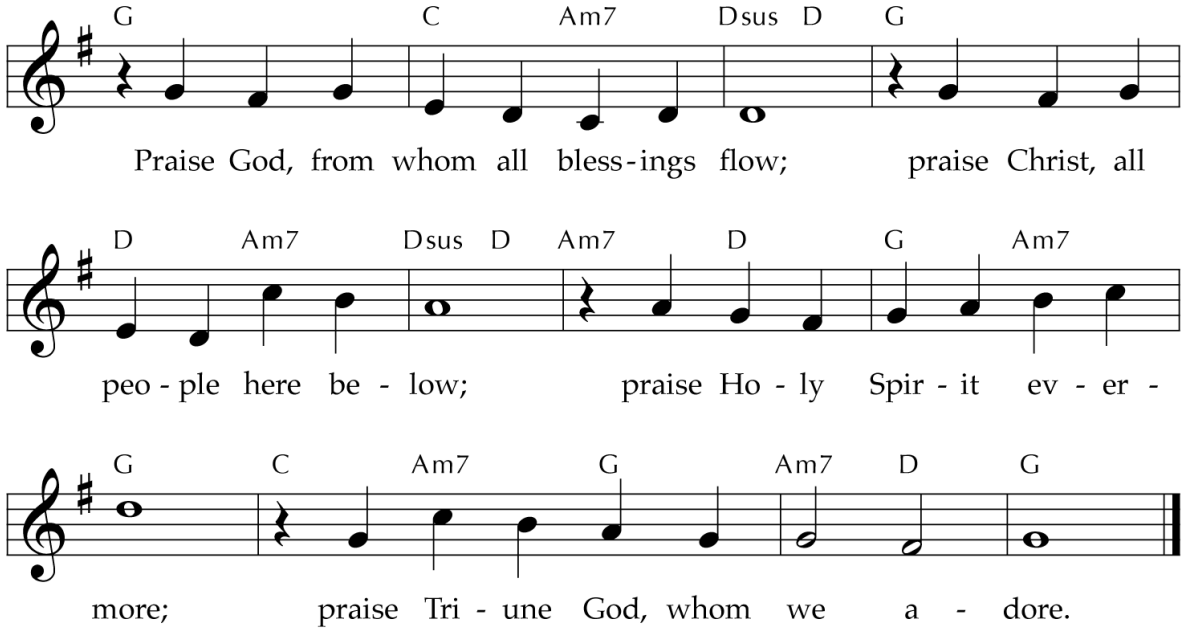
Greater awareness has enlarged Christian stewardship to develop new dimensions of concern for people in all parts of the world. Because we believe that it is God's will that the gifts we have received should be shared, this hymn concludes with that phrase from the Lord's Prayer.

TEXT: Georgia Harkness, 1955, alt.
MUSIC: Felice de Giardini, 1769, alt.
Text © 1955, ren. 1983 The Hymn Society (admin. Hope Publishing Company)

ITALIAN HYMN
6.6.4.6.6.6.4

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)
LM

Heaven Is Singing for Joy 382

El cielo canta alegría



Refrain / Estribillo

2 *El cielo canta alegría, ¡aleluya!,*
porque a tu vida y la mía
las une el amor de Dios. Estribillo

3 *El cielo canta alegría, ¡aleluya!,*
porque tu vida y la mía
proclamarán al Señor. Estribillo

Written in 1958 for a picnic of theological students in Argentina, this piece represents the first Christian hymn in the 20th century to use Latin American folk music. The text is based on Jesus' saying that heaven rejoices at the repentance of each sinner (Luke 15:7).

TEXT and MUSIC: Pablo Sosa, 1958
Text and Music © 1958 GIA Publications, Inc.

ALEGRÍA
7.4.6.8 with refrain

Psalm 82

1 God has taken his place in the divine council;
in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:
2 "How long will you judge unjustly
and show partiality to the wicked? Selah
3 Give justice to the weak and the orphan;
maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.
4 Rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked."
5 They have neither knowledge nor understanding;
they walk around in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
6 I say, "You are gods,
children of the Most High, all of you;
7 nevertheless, you shall die like mortals
and fall like any prince."
8 Rise up, O God, judge the earth,
for all the nations belong to you!

Luke 10:25-37

The Parable of the Good Samaritan
25 An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" 27 He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." 28 And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."
29 But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"
30 Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead.
31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' 36 Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" 37 He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Super Wednesday
Wednesday, November 11

Dinner at 5:30pm

Menu: Creamy Artichoke Chicken, with Pasta 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

The History and Evolution of Country Music
Dr. Danielle Dumaine, University of North Texas

Are you a country music fan? Do you want to learn more about country stars like Willie Nelson, Dolly Parton, Garth Brooks, and Hank Williams? Or learn how so-called "hillbilly music" transformed from old folk songs played by everyday people to one of the most lucrative and popular forms of entertainment today?

Join Dr. Danielle Dumaine for an interactive lecture examining the history and evolution of country music in the US from the early twentieth century through to the present day. Together, we will explore how country music reflects larger social, cultural, historical, economic, political, ethnic, and demographic changes in America, paying particular attention to concepts of authenticity, race, gender, sexuality, politics, and popular culture.

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

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, November 9

Theology On Tap will meet Monday, November 9, 6:30pm, at Denton County Brewing Company (in the back room). Our topic is "The Church in 2126". We will be discussing what the church will look like in 100 years, including the dramatic shifts in global demographics, technology, and faith practices. Join us as we explore how the ancient Gospel will speak to a radically transformed future world.

Parents' Night Out

Saturday, November 14

Parents' Night Out is a program for the young families of St. Andrew. The program has a two-fold purpose: it gives parents an opportunity to spend quality time together without their children and it gives the children an evening of fun, age-appropriate activities with their friends at St. Andrew. The evening runs from 4:00pm to 8:30pm for infants-5yrs old in the Nursery. In the Rec Center, Kindergarten-elementary age will meet 4:00pm to 8:30pm, with pick-up from the Nursery. Registration is required on Realm or email Karen Raabe at karen@standrewdenton.com.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, November 21

9:00am-3:00pm, Rec Center

Sign up online at redcrossblood.org.

Treehouse Thanksgiving Donations

The Treehouse Advisory Committee is once again asking for the congregation's help with providing our Treehouse families assistance with their Thanksgiving meals. The generosity of the St. Andrew congregation has helped us provide much needed gift cards to Treehouse families for many years. With the increased cost of groceries, your donations will be appreciated more than ever. Please find our display in the narthex. Donations can be made in the basket beside the display, on Realm by selecting "Treehouse Thanksgiving", or through the church office.

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!

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 - October Report

In October, the Mission Committee received and approved one Emergency Relief Fund application. The total number of approved Emergency Relief Fund applications for 2026 is 15. Also, $4,125 in Emergency Relief Fund contributions were graciously received in October. For an Emergency Relief Fund application information, simply visit the St. Andrew website, standrewdenton.com, under the Members section.

Give-a-Meal-a-Month

$3.00 Feeds One Person in Need for a Day

St. Andrew donated $430.00 to the Give-a-Meal-a-Month program in October which fed about 143 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

Ryder Shaw, friend of the Hooper family
The family of Barbara Coleman,
mother of Hugh Coleman

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

Robyn Heilig

Ray Speir
Harriet Laney
Carole Hatcher

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 Ark and the Temple
Lisa Dorr and Leslie Lookabaugh

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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