St. Andrew Presbyterian Church
Denton, Texas

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2026

Gathering around God's Word

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude — Prelude from Concerto in D Major — Claude Balbastre

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Adapted from Psalm 70)

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you.
Let those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"
But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God!
You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay!

Opening Prayer — Lisa Patterson

*Hymn 667 — When Morning Gilds the Skies — LAUDES DOMINI

Prayer of Confession — Chrissy Stevens

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. In Christ' 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 — Andrea Godwin-Stremler

First Scripture Lesson — Deuteronomy 15: 7-11 — Old Testament, page 165

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem — O Sing Unto the Lord — Peter Aston

O sing unto the Lord, sing a new song
O sing unto the Lord, all the earth.
O sing unto the Lord, bless His name;
shew forth His salvation from day to day.

For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised.
O sing unto the Lord, sing a new song
O sing unto the Lord, all the earth.
O sing unto the Lord, bless His name;
shew forth His salvation from day to day.
Declare His glory among the heathen,
declare His wonders among all the people,
for the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised.
O sing unto the Lord, sing a new song
O sing unto the Lord, all the earth.
O sing unto the Lord, bless His name;
shew forth His salvation from day to day.

Time with Young Disciples

Second Scripture Lesson — I Corinthians 16: 1-4 — New Testament, page 167

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon — "Woven Together Through Giving: Woven for Connection" — Richard Culp

Responding to God's Word

Time of Reflection

You are invited to reflect on how you will connect with God in the coming year. Write a word or phrase on your tag to finish the sentence "I will connect with God by…" Place your tag in the offering plate when our morning offering and pledge cards are collected. These response tags will be added to our weaving project.

*Hymn 694 — Great God of Every Blessing — AURELIA

Sacrament of Baptism (see liturgy)

Moment for Mission — Mission Committee — Dwain Thiele and Ray Speir

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 and Dedication of Pledges

Please place your white tags and pledge cards in the offering plate.

Offertory — Here I am, Lord — Dan Schutte arr. by Joel Raney

*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.

*Dedication of Pledges

Receive these gifts, O God.

We offer to you, O God, these gifts in thanks for the love that weaves us together.

Receive these pledges, O God.

We offer to you, O God, these pledges in thanks for Christ, the vine who holds us all.

Receive these commitments, O God.

We offer to you, O God, these commitments in thanks for the neighbors that we serve and that serve us.

Receive these lives, O God.

We offer to you, O God, these lives in thanks for the way that we are connected to you, one another, and your church.

Let us be woven together this year.

May our giving, our serving, and our praying become the threads that weave us together.

Reception of New Members

*Hymn 306 Blest Be the Tie That Binds DENNIS

*Benediction

Postlude Allegro from Concerto in D Major Claude Balbastre

*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 Ashley Whitson Wesp in loving memory of her parents, Pat Carrico and Lynn Whitson Carrico, her daughter-in-law, Alicia Wesp, her grandparents, Warren and Ceci Whitson, and her nephew, Warren Whitson Kepke.

The acolyte for the worship service is Noah Gibson.

We welcome the following new members to St. Andrew this morning: Jamie and Susan Martin, JoAnn Reeves, Frank Early, Charlie Griffin, Anthony Marks, Carl and Warren Johnson, and Charlice Kruger.

The Sacrament of Baptism for

Warren Johnson

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Words of Preparation

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you aways, to the end of the age."

In baptism, we are graced with a new beginning. Baptism is a sign and seal of God's covenant of grace still with us today. In baptism, we are engrafted into the family of God. It is a relationship that endures for a lifetime and beyond. In baptism, we are marked as Christ's own; it is a visible sign of God's continuing faithfulness and proclamation of our intention to dwell in covenant with God and one another. Let us remember with joy our own baptism as we celebrate this sacrament.

Presentation of Warren William Johnson

Ruling Elder Kathi Sale: On behalf of this congregation and its Session, I present Warren William Johnson to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Questions for Baptism

Warren, do you trust in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

Putting your whole trust in Jesus Christ, do you desire to be baptized?

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

Questions for the Congregation

Do we as members of the body of Christ promise to join with Warren as we devote ourselves to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers?

*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer Over the Water of Baptism

Baptism

Who stands with the one being baptized?

Warren, child of the covenant, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

As one of God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

Welcome

Ruling Elder Kirsten Brown: We have just received Warren into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism.
God has reaffirmed the covenant made to Abraham and made to us in the baptism of Warren.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome Warren into Christ's church, and we reaffirm our own baptismal vows, committing ourselves to the service of God.

Prayer

Congregation sings first and fourth verses of Hymn 480 "Take Me to the Water"
Take me to the water. Take me to the water. Take me to the water to be baptized.
Glory hallelujah. Glory hallelujah. Glory hallelujah to be baptized.

667 When Morning Gilds the Skies

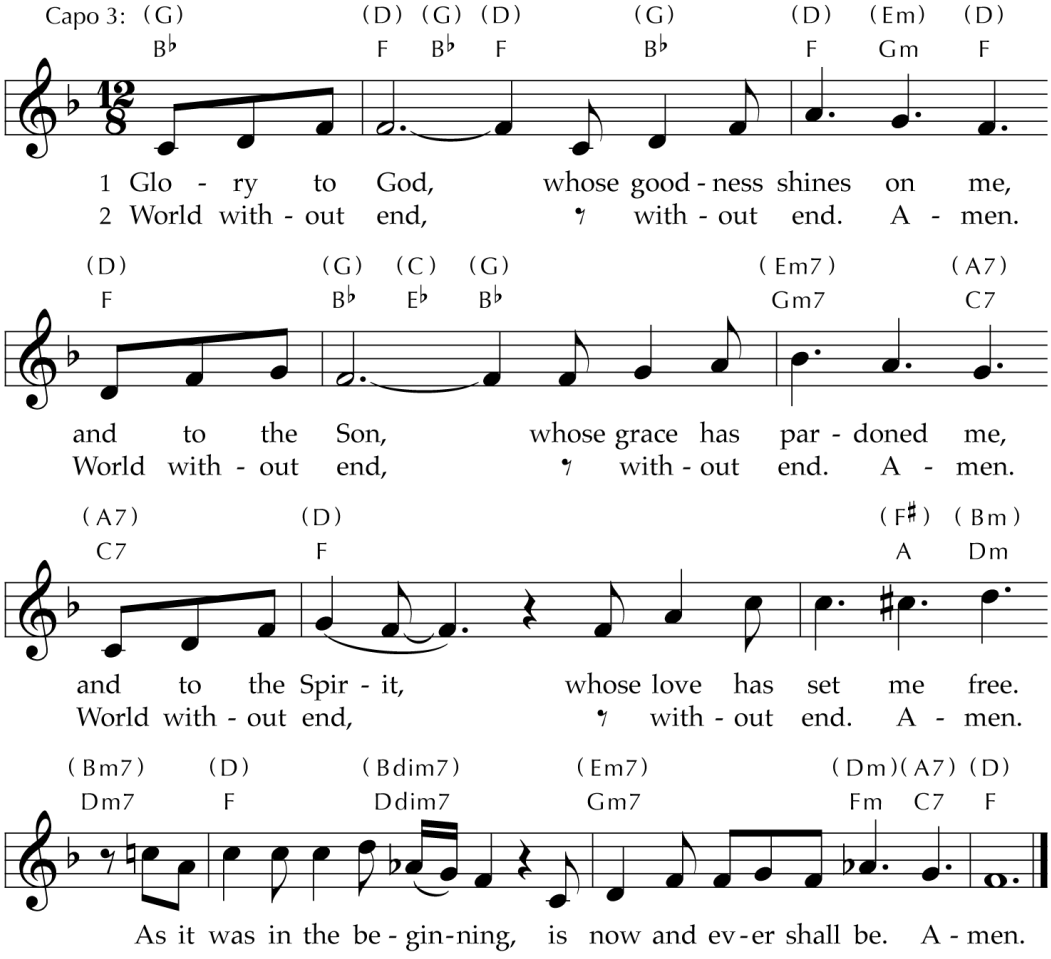


This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

TEXT: German hymn, c. 1800; trans. Edward Caswall, 1853, 1858, alt.
MUSIC: Joseph Barnby, 1868

LAUDES DOMINI
6.6.6.D

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)

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

694 Great God of Every Blessing



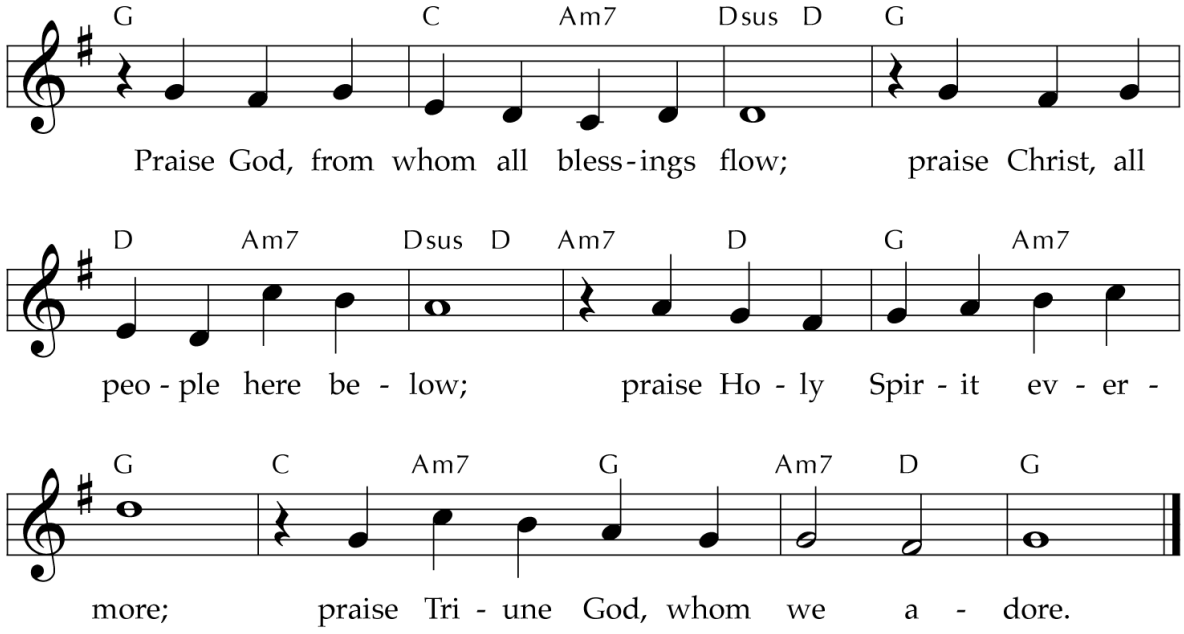
Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: *Cor meum tibi offero, Domine, prompte et sincere*. By moving from plural to singular the stanzas show how corporate faith becomes personal piety.

TEXT: David Gambrell, 2009
MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864
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AURELIA
7.6.7.6.D

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

Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306



*Or "Maker's"

Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper. The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.

TEXT: John Fawcett, 1782
MUSIC: Johann Georg Nägeli, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1845

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Deuteronomy 15: 7-11

7 “If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns
within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted
toward your needy neighbor. 8 You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough
to meet the need, whatever it may be. 9 Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought,
thinking, ‘The seventh year, the year of remission, is near,’ and therefore view your needy
neighbor with hostility and give nothing; your neighbor might cry to the Lord against you,
and you would incur guilt. 10 Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this
account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake.
11 Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you,
‘Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land.’

I Corinthians 16: 1-4

16 Now concerning the collection for the saints: you should follow the directions I gave to the
churches of Galatia. 2 On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save
whatever extra you earn, so that collections need not be taken when I come. 3 And when I
arrive, I will send any whom you approve with letters to take your gift to Jerusalem. 4 If it
seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me.

Super Wednesday
Wednesday, November 18

Dinner at 5:30pm

Menu: Loaded Baked Potato with pulled pork or ham, salad and a roll
$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

Rescue Stories from Vietnam
Norm Leggett, St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

St. Andrew's Norm Leggett will recount his time as a Captain in the Air Force rescuing pilots downed during combat in Vietnam. Throughout his 8 months, Norm met a number of different people with whom he made great relationships. Beyond those relationships, Norm had a number of great experiences during this time in his military service--stories that you haven't heard, and will surprise you with their positivity.

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

Presbyterian Women Night Circle

Tuesday, November 17

All women are invited to the PW Night Circle meeting on Tuesday, November 17, at 6:30pm in Room 206/208. Our Bible study for November is Lesson #3, Freedom in Christ, 1 Corinthians 5-6 in the study guide. The mini-mission project will be to bring food for the St. Andrew Little Pantry. Childcare is provided. Come join us and bring a friend! See you on November 17!

Updated Date!

Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, November 28

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

Sign up online at redcrossblood.org.

Treehouse Thanksgiving Donations

Donations Due Today

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.

Advent Music and Flowers

You are invited to be a part of the Advent and Christmas season through making a donation in honor or memory of someone important in your life. All donations will be used to purchase poinsettias for the sanctuary and to help support the music ministry of St. Andrew. Donations may be dropped off in the church office or online in Realm. Use the link below for Realm. Please remember to include "in memory of" or "in honor of" along with the names that you'll be including in the bulletin in the memo line on Realm. Questions? Contact Lou Korom at lou@standrewdenton.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!

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

Chase Brennes
Megan Brennes
Chick Smith, brother-in-law of Linda Heilig

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

Sonja Rogers

Robyn Heilig

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 Exile and Return

Margaret and Lowery Strowe and Hannah Klaasen

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 10/31/2026

Income (pledges + other income)	$898,111
Expenses	$917,907
Difference	-$19,796

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