



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DENTON, TEXAS

Third Sunday in Lent

March 08, 2026

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

Herzlich tut mich verlangen BWV 727

J.S. BACH

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lisa Patterson

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit,

God's love is poured into our hearts.

Come, let us sing to the Lord!

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, you call us to share the good news, but we stay silent when we see wrong. You call us to make peace with you and with each other, but we are more comfortable staying divided. You call us to care for every person you have made, but we fail to stand up against those who hurt and oppress others. You call us to fight injustice, but we sit idly while people near and far suffer. Forgive us, O Lord. Bring us back to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to make peace with others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen. (Time of silent confession)

SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 579)

KYRIE ELEISON (ORTHODOX)

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

SINGING OF THE LAW (Tune: Eventide)

Your law enables us to learn each day in order that your will we may obey

O Lord, confirm us in this knowledge true. Urged by your Spirit may we best serve you.

No other gods shall ever go before, nor idols shall we for ourselves secure.

We shall not wrongly use your name in vain, and holy shall we keep the sabbath day.

To father and to mother honor be. We shall not kill nor break fidelity.

We shall not steal. No lying witness bear, nor covet that which is our neighbors' share.

*You shall we love, Lord, with all our heart, and too with all our soul, which you impart,
And all our strength and mind to you we give. Love neighbors as ourselves that we may live.*

***SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 604)**

AGNUS DEI (FARLEE)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace; grant us peace.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kim Luevano

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 4:5-21

New Testament, page 89

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Come Down, O Love Divine

ARR. DANIEL E. GAWTHROP

*Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.*

*O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.*

*And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace, till Love create a place wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.*

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 4:22-42

New Testament, page 89

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Summon"

Chrissy Stevens

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN 698**

Take, O Take Me As I Am

TAKE ME AS I AM

Chancel Choir sings it twice, then congregation joins

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)**

(The Confession of 1967 9.15)

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of humanity's mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

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

Give Me Jesus
Ellyse Jospeh, soprano

ARR. RON McVEY

*In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus; you can have all this world, but give me Jesus.
And when I am alone, give me Jesus; you can have all this world, but give me Jesus
And when I come to die, give me Jesus; you can have all this world, but give me Jesus. Lord Jesus!
You can have all this world, but give me Jesus.*

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 711, Vs. 3)

TOULON

*Father, whose bounty all creation shows; Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows: to you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 699

Fill My Cup

FILL MY CUP

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Two Voluntaries

Thomas Weelkes

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

The Chancel flowers are given in memory of our parents by Tom and Jamie Fanning and Irma Waring.

We extend our thanks to Jacob Hord for serving as organist and Eric Martinez for conducting the Chancel Choir at today's worship service.

Ava Keever is serving as our acolyte this morning.

No Super Wednesday Wednesday, March 11 due to spring break

Women's Lenten Book Study

Classes will continue on

March 18, 25, and April 1

Led by Lisa Patterson

**Book discussion on *Always a Guest*,
by Barbara Brown Taylor**

You are invited to join the group for any number of class sessions, depending on your schedule. We will complete the book begun during the Advent class sessions. This is an ecumenical group of women who read, discuss, think, and respond theologically from our personal experiences, as we share our lives together. If you would like to be on the email list for updates, please let Lisa Patterson know at lisa@standrewdenton.com.

The Children's Place Summer Registration Is Open

Summer@TCP 2026 registration is now open! We hope you will consider enrolling your children ages 2 - exiting kindergarten. 7 weeks will be offered through June and July. We have made some changes to enrollment and attendance for this year. Please see the info. sheets and registration information attached to this email for more information. Classes may fill quickly so don't delay!

Let me know if you have any questions. We look forward to another fantastic summer at The Children's Place!

Supply Drive for Denton Christian Preschool

We are beginning to gather supplies needed for the students at the Denton Christian Pre-school. These items will be collected in February through the end of March and include the following: glue bottles, Play Doh, 9X7 composition books, washable markers, dry erase markers, red or green pocket folders, watercolors, crayons, toilet paper, white construction paper, AA batteries, 9 Volt batteries.

You may either donate supplies or give financial donations for supplies. Your financial donations can be made via Realm by visiting the GIVE page and choosing "Denton Christian Preschool" from the fund down menu.

These items may be placed in the marked bin in Fellowship Hall or in the Narthex designated bin. If you have questions, please contact Jim White at: acewalton1965@gmail.com. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Andrew Habitat for Humanity Build

St. Andrew is helping to fund and build a Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build in 2026. We need your help! Tentative dates for building activities are posted below and there is something for everyone to participate. We usually need 2 to 3, volunteers each week. Presented below is the first round of opportunities, others will come later in the semester. We will likely work from 8:00am-2:00pm with lunch provided.

Sign up for the OSB date via the link in the Shield; currently there is one spot for OSB on 2/28. Please email or text Scott Campbell if you can help: untcampbell@gmail.com or 214.683.8956. Thanks to the Missions Committee for getting this started and to all at St Andrew for your support.

Interior Paint April TBD

Landscaping April TBD

OSB are the 4x8 sheets of wood that are put on exterior walls. Painting, inside and out, and landscaping in the Spring are truly universal helping opportunities.

Chancel Flower Roster Update!

There are still a number of opportunities still open in 2026 to give chancel flowers. To sign up, use the roster outside the church office. Our new chancel flower coordinator, David McCullar, will coordinate with you regarding any questions you may have and the language that will be used in the bulletin. Questions? Contact David, macs50@verizon.net.

Dr Culp will be out of the office March 7-March 17 while on vacation and then in Louisville for the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Cooperative Committee on Ordination Exams.

Ed Moorehead Scholarship

We are pleased to announce that a scholarship fund for graduating high school seniors has been established in memory of Ed Moorehead by his wife, Mary. Those of you who knew Ed will undoubtedly remember him as a mentor who inspired countless young people through his genuine interest and involvement in their lives. We are grateful for Mary's generosity in establishing this meaningful endowment as a lasting legacy and fitting tribute to Ed's life of service to others.

St. Andrew's seniors are encouraged to apply for this renewable scholarship, which will be available for the first time this spring. Students who wish to be considered will need to complete an application, write an essay, and provide two adult references – one from St. Andrew and one from their high school. More than one student may be eligible to receive this scholarship in any given year. Apply using the application below. Please send completed applications to Darhyl Ramsey, d.ramsey2@verizon.net.

Closing date for applications is March 15, 2026.

Home Communion Teams Needed

The Home Communion Committee of the Diaconate is looking for teams of two to serve homebound communion beginning Sunday, January 11. We will be serving shut-ins, members in the hospital or rehabilitation centers. If interested or if you need additional information, please contact Linda Heilig, at l.heilig@verizon.net or 940-390-7918.

Give-a-Meal-a-Month 2026 Update

\$3 Feeds a Person in Need for a Day

We have startling new information from the Denton Community Food Center! Rather than \$2.29 a week, it now costs \$3.00 a day to feed a person in need. Tom Newell, Chair of the Board of Directors at the DCFC, stated that while they can take \$10 and purchase \$70 worth of retail food products at the Tarrant Area Food Bank, only 40% of their food distribution comes via the Food Bank. This means that the DCFC regularly needs to buy retail food items such as milk and eggs. Donated items also contribute to the food center's ability to assist those in need. The DCFC is very grateful for St. Andrew's support of their endeavor to be of assistance. The economy continues to create real challenges for families not able to make a "living wage".

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: travel size shampoo, travel size body wash, ethnic hair care products, women's new underwear (sizes S, M, L), men's new underwear (all sizes), sports bras (all sizes), food safe rubber gloves, napkins.

Together – One Meal at a Time Kids Against Hunger Event

**Sunday, March 15, 2026, 9:30 am to 10:30 am
in Fellowship Hall**

Mark your calendar! After a false start due to inclement weather, we have rescheduled the Kids Against Hunger event for Sunday, March 15th from 9:30 am to 10:30 am. This year we are doing something different...instead of the past two-hour event, we will see how many meals we can prepare in one hour before the start of our worship service. Via several table stations, we will assemble soy-rice casserole meals for use by Kids Against Hunger in world-wide humanitarian.



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**Atmos energy
Pay Off
Your Bills Event**

**Save the date!
3/28/2026**

**Date: Saturday, March 28, 2026
Time: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**Place: Denton Senior Center
509 N. Bell Ave.
Denton, TX 76209**

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be an Atmos Energy residential customer and bill must be in applicant's name.
- Must bring photo ID.
- Must bring a copy of your last bill and/or your account number.
- No appointment necessary.

Funds are limited and are disbursed on a first come, first served basis.




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Atmos energy

**¡Evento para Pagar
tus Facturas en la
Sala Naranja!
03/28/2026**

**Date: Sábado, 28 de marzo de 2026
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**Place: Denton Senior Center
509 N. Bell Ave.
Denton, TX 76209**

Requisitos:

- Usted debe ser cliente residencial de Atmos Energy y la factura debe ser a nombre de quien presenta la solicitud.
- Debe traer identificación con foto.
- Usted debe presentar una copia de su última factura y/o el número de su cuenta.
- No es necesario hacer cita.

¡No se pierda esta oportunidad! Los fondos son limitados y son distribuidos por orden de solicitud. Venga al evento para saber si podemos ayudarle.



Prayer Requests

Jean Harden
Ross Konkle
Charlie Okpala
Roger Lewis
Kit McRae
David McCullar
Jim Major
Reca Oliver
Sue Rose

Stephanie Long
Evans Odei
Jim Griffin
Renee Poinboeuf
Diana Dunklau
Steve Pickett
Harriet Laney
Steve Davis

Ryder Shaw, friend of the Hooper family
Larry Hendrick, uncle of Laurel Fritz
Jerry Casas, relative of Barbara Sims
Brandon Speir, nephew of Ray Speir
Blayne Huffman, nephew of Caia and David McCullar
Darlene Doyle, mother of Tanya Holley
Charlotte Ellis, niece of Reca Oliver
The Smith Family
Sean Fuller, brother of Christina Sims
Bill Tilley, uncle of Sara Armstrong
Tracy Barnett, relative of Mike Barnett
Jim Elliott, husband of Sue Elliott
Kay Rockwell, friend of Susan Conn
Dixie McMath, friend of Sandra Giesler
David Agawu, friend of the Haddad Family
Danny Higginbotham, daughter of TJ and David Strutton
Blaine Smith, grandson of Connie Charat
Leo Perez, friend of Steve Davis
Heather Baker, sister-in-law of Diana Dunklau
Ami Gray, friend of Mike Barnett
Meredith Tompkins, friend of the McCullars
Marilyn Boots, friend of many at St. Andrew
Parker Riggs, brother of Beth Ann Black
Barry Wachal, friend of Chuck Smith
Sophia Lilley, mother of Lisa Haddad
Rosemary Meals, friend of Lisa Haddad
Lori Garrett, sister of Shim Garrett
Ryker Elliott, grandson of Sue Elliott
Cindy Fisher, sister of Harriet Laney
Peter DiClenti, cousin of Steve Pickett
John Tillman, brother of Russ Tillman
Debbie Kyzer, mother of Dan Kyzer
Ed Simpson, brother of Jan Lewis
Norma Watts, mother of Jill Richmond
Rylen Lewis, grandson of Mark Lewis
Ben Reynolds, relative of Clarice Luce
Megan Terry Crawford,
friend of Betty Sue and Mike Grandey
Laura Hill, friend of Lauri Goldston
Kim Hundley Owens, niece of Barbara Sims
Family of John Pierce, father of Bekah Barnett

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.

Faces of Easter 3

Vera Odei and Anne 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 1/31/26

Income (pledges + other income)	\$64,744
Expenses	\$88,795
Difference	-\$24,051

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Daeun Kim, Organist



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