



## ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DENTON, TEXAS

FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

April 30, 2023

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### GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE	Prelude in G Major	J. S. Bach
PROCESSIONAL	Lorica Processional and Introit Handbell Choir	Adam La Spata
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Lisa Patterson
CALL TO WORSHIP		Michael Ball
Who are you? <b>I am a child of God.</b>		
Who are we? <b>We are the children of God, the family of faith.</b>		
What does it mean to be a children of God? <b>We belong to God who loves us and calls us God's own. In life and death we belong to God, who loves us.</b>		
Like a shepherd searches for a lost lamb. <b>So God seeks and saves the lost. Christ taught us not to fear, but to trust in God always.</b>		
By sending Jesus, God welcomes all into a new life of hope and blessings.		

### OPENING PRAYER

HYMN 231	Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers	SUOGAN
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### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

O Lord our God, we give you thanks that we are joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

**In baptism, we die to what destroys and are raised to new life with Christ.**

Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here today and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### \*SUNG RESPONSE

Hymn 240, (Refrain)

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name*

### PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Michael Ball

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2: 42-47

New Testament, page 112

ANTHEM

Fantasia on FOREST GREEN  
Handbell Choir

Lloyd Larson

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 10:1-10

New Testament, page 97

SERMON

*Easter Possibilities: The Abundant Life*

Lisa Patterson

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

\*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 MISSION

*Clergy Renewal*

Jake Blosser, Bekah Barnett, Emily Smith, Allison Green, Joe Allen, Jacob Fritz, and Amy Fair

RECEPTION OF THE 2023 CONFIRMATION CLASS

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 & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Sing a Joyful Song

Timothy G. Bushong

Noel & Covenant Choirs with Ashley Townsley, Sarah Harvey & Christine Le

\*DOXOLOGY

Hymn 608, *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN 541

God Be with You till We Meet Again

RANDOLPH

SENDING OF DR. PATTERSON

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata from *Symphonie V*

Charles Marie Widor

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

# THE SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

## WORDS OF PREPARATION

The Apostle Paul writes: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all."

Today is a special day in the life of the congregation as we witness the members of our confirmation class claim the "one hope of our calling" and publicly profess their faith in Jesus Christ. Through their study, work, and prayer, they have chosen to proclaim their trust in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and become members of this community of faith as an expression of their commitment to serve him.

We celebrate today the receiving of these confirmands and commit ourselves to working together as each of us lives out our calling as a disciple of Christ.

## STATEMENT OF PREPARATION

Amy Fair

## PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMANDS

Stephanie Raesz

As one of the confirmation class leaders, I am pleased to report that Matthew Barnett and Connor Callaway have completed the confirmation process, met with the Session, and have been received into membership of this congregation.

*Mentors present each confirmand*

## QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and commit to nurture these confirmands by word and deed with love and prayer?

Will you encourage them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of Christ's church?

*Who stands with these confirmands as they profess their faith in Jesus Christ?*

## QUESTIONS FOR THE CONFIRMANDS

Do you trust in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

Do you intend to be Christ's disciple, to obey his word and to show his love?

Do you promise to be a faithful member of this congregation, to share in its ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and your service and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Christ?

## ANOINTING OF CONFIRMANDS

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Holy God, we praise you for calling us to be servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for adding to our number brothers and sisters in faith. Together, may we live in your Spirit, and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom we give honor and glory forever.**

## WELCOME

# Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers 231

1 Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers; Christ has ris-en where hope died,  
 2 Christ has ris-en for the peo - ple whom he died to love and save;  
 3 Christ has ris-en and for ev - er lives to chal-enge and to change

as he said and as he prom-ised, as we doubt-ed and de - nied.  
 Christ has ris-en for the wom-en bring-ing flowers to grace his grave.  
 all whose lives are messed or man-gled, all who find re - li - gion strange.

Let the moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus-tain the cheer;  
 Christ has ris - en for dis - ci - ples hud - dled in an up - stairs room.  
 Christ is ris - en, Christ is pres - ent mak - ing us what he has been:

let the world con-firm the ru-mor: Christ is ris - en, God is here!  
 He whose word in-spired cre-a-tion can't be si-lenced by the tomb.  
 ev - i - dence of trans-for-ma-tion in which God is known and seen.

Beginning with rather conventional Easter imagery, this text moves into unexpected territory by declaring that Christ's Resurrection is for "all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange." The name of this traditional Welsh melody simply means "lullaby."

# 240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

*Descant*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

*Refrain* E C#m F#m B

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -

al - le - lu - ia! Praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B E

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

*Fine*

E C#m F#m B

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.  
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.  
 4 Come let us praise the liv - ing God,

E C#m F#m B

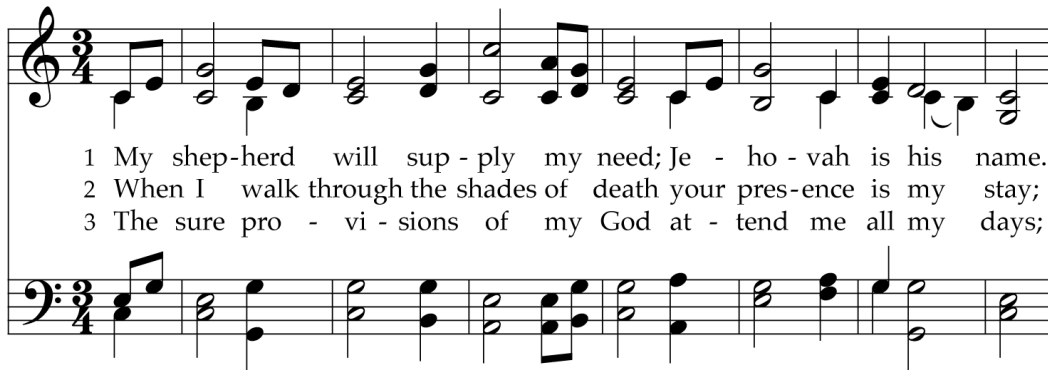
He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.  
 Now we shall live for - ev - er.  
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

*to Refrain*

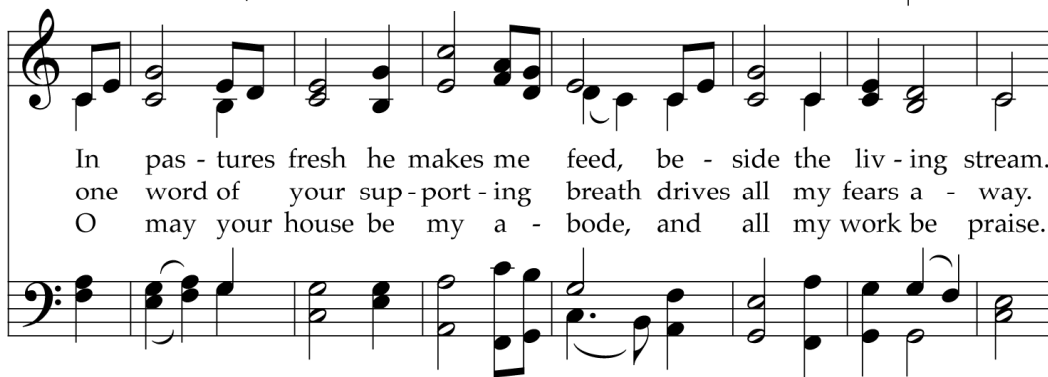
This text and tune were created together in the context of an ecumenical, charismatic, missionary Christian community in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Their energy and emphasis center in the opening and closing refrain's "Alleluia"—the essential Easter word of proclamation.

# My Shepherd Will Supply My Need 803

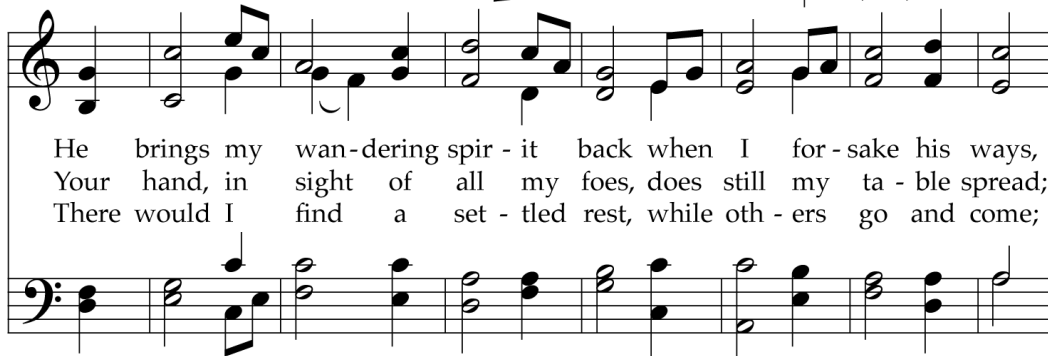
(Psalm 23)



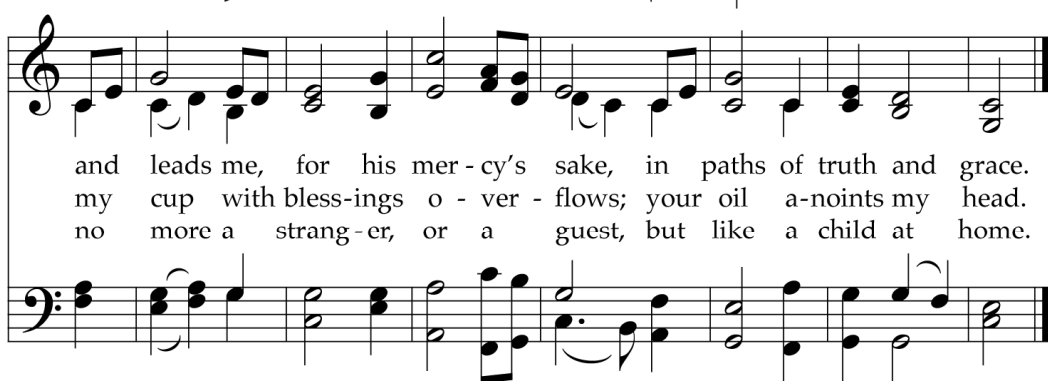
1 My shep-herd will sup - ply my need; Je - ho - vah is his name.  
 2 When I walk through the shades of death your pres-ence is my stay;  
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fresh he makes me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.  
 one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.  
 O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.



He brings my wan - dering spir - it back when I for - sake his ways,  
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;  
 There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;

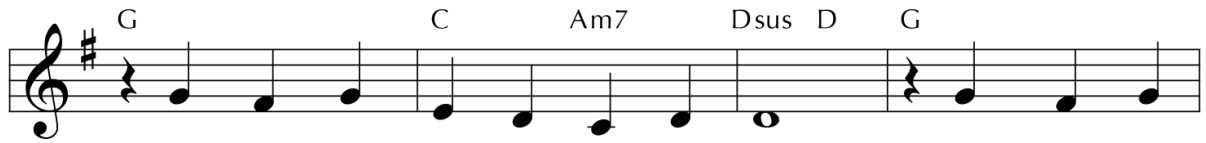


and leads me, for his mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
 my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows; your oil a - noints my head.  
 no more a strang - er, or a guest, but like a child at home.

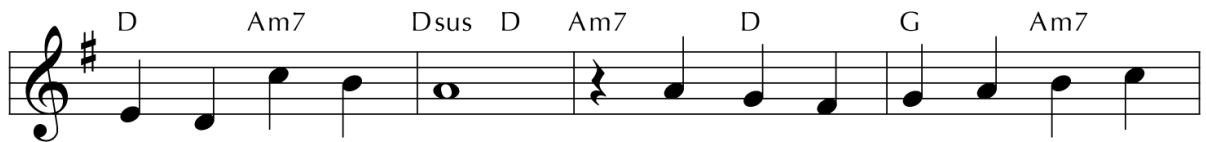
The effectiveness of this beloved paraphrase of Psalm 23 owes much to the flowing shape note melody that serves as a "living stream" to carry the text, which in turn has been given a remarkable clarity and lightness through the poet's masterful use of single-syllable words.

# Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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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  
Text © 1990 Neil Weatherhogg  
Music © 2008 Hal H. Hopson

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)  
LM

# God Be with You Till We Meet Again 541

*Unison* *Harmony*

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing coun - sels  
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen wings pro -  
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils  
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's ban - ner

guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en - fold you:  
 tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you:  
 thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a - round you:  
 float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be - fore you:

*Unison*

God be with you till we meet a - gain.

A North American Congregational minister wrote this text as a Christian expansion of the root sense of "good-bye": God be [with] ye/you. The tune, named for a cousin, was composed by one of the few 20th-century British composers to make a major contribution to hymnody.



## **Acts 2: 42-47**

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

## **John 10:1-10**

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nunzio and Virginia La Spata by their son and daughter-in-law, Adam and Michelle La Spata .

Rhys Blosser is serving today as acolyte.

It is with much gratitude that we recognize this year's confirmation mentors: Leigh Kitchens, Darhyl Ramsey, Russ Tillman, and Jim White. Their gifts of time and talents, service to God and this congregation, and support and encouragement to this class are greatly appreciated.

**5th Sunday Mission at St. Andrew**  
**9:00am in Fellowship Hall**

The Mission Committee is beginning a new mission ministry to address needs in the community, nationally, and globally, and it is inviting church members of every age to participate. We can't do this without you! Join us before worship and do "hands on" mission work. This month, in response to the earthquake in Turkey and Syria and now in the wake of the tornado in Mississippi, we will pack hygiene kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Just like on mornings spent packing needed food for "Kids Against Hunger," we will have work for all ages to help assemble and pack together.

5th Sunday Mission is being done with the support of the Ruth Anderson Endowment and Birthday Fund Committee, who is helping fund the needed supplies for the mission. We are grateful for the lives of the faithful who have gone before us who have left legacies of endowments that support our efforts beyond the church budget. Your ongoing financial support of the Birthday Fund is also vital in helping ministries flourish.

**Mother's Day Gift Bags**

St. Andrew donates Mother's Day Gift Bags each year to give encouragement and hopefully bring a bright spot into lives of the homeless and less fortunate moms in our community. We are requesting help from the congregation in the form of new personal care and beauty products or if you'd like us to do the shopping, a monetary donation would be appreciated as well! Give online at [standrewdenton.com/give](http://standrewdenton.com/give) by selecting "Mother's Day Gift Bags" from the fund drop down menu. Deadline for all donations is Sunday, May 7. For more information, contact Tara Brindle at [jtckbrindle@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jtckbrindle@sbcglobal.net).

**Register for the 2023 Mo-Ranch Women's Conference**  
**May 19-21, 2023**

The women of St. Andrew are invited to participate in this year's Mo-Ranch Women's Conference! This year's theme is Shalom of Life, and the scripture for the weekend is Jeremiah 29. If you are interested, you can register online. Scholarships available from Ruth I. Anderson endowment fund. Questions? Contact Linda Steger at [linst9@verizon.net](mailto:linst9@verizon.net).

*Registration link available in the Shield.*

**Save the Date!**

*Super Wednesday Field Trip to the  
Kimbell Art Museum to see the exhibit  
Lives of the Gods: Divinity in Maya Art*  
**Saturday, June 10, 2023**  
**9:00am-1:30pm**

**100 rarely seen sculptures, vessels, and ornaments.**

Registration for the trip will open in late May and transportation on the church bus will be provided. To learn more about the stunning pieces in the exhibit, which has been organized by The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, and the Kimbell Art Museum in Ft. Worth, visit: [kimbellart.org/exhibitions](http://kimbellart.org/exhibitions).

Questions? Contact Linda Steger, [linst9@verizon.net](mailto:linst9@verizon.net).

**Mo-Ranch 71st Annual Men's Conference**  
**May 5-7, 2023**

Men's Conference is a God-filled weekend in the wide-open spaces of the Texas Hill Country along the banks of the Guadalupe River at Mo-Ranch. This is the single largest and longest-running conference at Mo-Ranch where hundreds of men from all ages gather together annually for fellowship and spiritual renewal.

Want to go and need financial assistance? St. Andrew has scholarships available. Contact Richard Culp, [richard@standrewdenton.com](mailto:richard@standrewdenton.com).

*Registration link available in the Shield.*

**Give-a-Meal - \$2.29**

St. Andrew donated \$403.00 to the Give-a-Meal program in March! Thank you for supporting the needs of those who are experiencing food insecurity during this time. A monetary donation of \$2.29 feeds a person in need for a week. Donations can be made by mail or online. Please write Give-a-Meal-a-Month on your envelope or check when giving by mail. To give online, visit [standrewdenton.com/give](http://standrewdenton.com/give) and be sure to choose Give-a-Meal from the fund options to the right of your monetary donation.

## Prayer Requests

Betty Lynn Jordan  
Hudson Barnhill  
Lynn Carrico  
Steve Pickett

Phillip Young  
Jan Lewis  
Lisa Haddad  
Beth Lorino

Sally O'Bannon, sister-in-law of Betty Culp  
Dave Hueholt, son of Sunny Hueholt  
Mason Harder, relative of Lisa Patterson  
Bill and Ann Whitworth, parents of Wendy Cruz  
Doug Arthur, husband of Dianne Arthur  
Karin Diaz, friend of Harriet Laney

Mary Marcello, friend of Betty Culp and Elaine Martin  
Todd Smith, nephew of Judy and Chuck Stoughton  
Mike Demers, brother-in-law of Chuck Stoughton  
Lois Kress, aunt of Chris Fair

Marcia Freeman, mother of Margo Bean and Mark Freeman  
Bob Bates, friend of Chuck Smith  
Beth Eaton, friend of Chuck Smith  
JoAnn Templeton, mother of Stephanie Long  
Marti Seaton, friend of Susan Conn  
Edgar, friend of Barbara Sims  
Joey Torneo, cousin of Barbara Sims  
Bob Cheesman, father of Brian Cheesman  
Ben Pierce and Family, brother of Bekah Barnett  
Rosario Garza, friend of Clarice Luce  
Lynn and Charlie Davis, friends of Chuck Smith  
Margie Ball,  
mother of Marissa Glasschroeder and Michael Ball  
Megan Terry Crawford,  
friend of Betty Sue and Mike Grandey  
Debra Johnson, friend of Earlayne Martin  
Kim Hundley Owens, niece of Barbara Sims  
Mae Berlau, grandmother of Natalie Green  
John Pierce, father of Bekah Barnett  
Family of Edna Mooney, grandmother of Stephen Carey

## WELCOME!

**W**e proclaim that ALL people are created in the image of God and affirm that each person is a beloved child of God, worthy of God's love and grace. 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 Children's Sermon.*

### Enrichment: The Books of the Bible

Karen Raabe

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 3/31/23

<b>Income</b> (pledges + other income)	<b>\$217,125</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$248,402</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-\$31,277</b>

Give online at: [standrewdenton.com/give](http://standrewdenton.com/give)

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Stephanie Raesz, Youth Director  
Kirsten Trachsel, Director of Children's and Handbell Choirs  
J. Christine Le, Director of Music



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