



## ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DENTON, TEXAS

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 17, 2024

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### GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

Centone No. II for Brass Quintet : I. Overture

Fux, trans. Reynolds

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Whether we are sure of God's work in the world or still waiting for a sign,  
**let us worship the Lord, encouraging one another in hope.**

Whether we are confident in what the future will bring or carry more questions than answers,  
**let us worship the Lord, strengthening one another in faith.**

OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. 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.**

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear the teaching of Christ: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Sung by the Covenant and Noel Choirs

\*SUNG RESPONSE 48

Rain Down

RAIN DOWN

*Rain down; rain down; rain down your love on your people.*

*Rain down; rain down; rain down your love, God of life.*

### PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

James Black

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 28: 16-20

New Testament, page 32

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Welcome Happy Morning  
Chancel Choir with Daeun Kim, organ, and Center Brass Quintet

arr. Robert J Powell

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 11: 19-30

New Testament, page 122

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Sabbatical Snippets: Holy Infrastructure

Richard B. Culp

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN 761

Called As Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)

(Adapted from *The Confession of 1967*)

**The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Their prayer and Bible study are part of the church's worship and theological reflection. Their witness is the church's evangelism. Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world. The quality of their relation with other persons is the measure of the church's fidelity. Each member is the church in the world, endowed by the Spirit with some gift of ministry and is responsible for the integrity of their witness in their own particular situation. Each member is entitled to the guidance and support of the Christian community and is subject to its advice and correction. Each member, in turn, in their own competence, helps to guide the church. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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

Centone No. II for Brass Quintet: II. Aria

Fux, trans. Reynolds

\*SUNG RESPONSE

Hymn 605, *Praise to God the Father*

*Praise to God the Father; praise to God the Son; praise to God the Spirit: praise to the Three-in-One. Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high. Praise to God Almighty; praise to the Holy One.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*HYMN 746

Send Me, Jesus

THUMA MINA

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Centone No. II for Brass Quintet: V. Gigue

Fux, trans. Reynolds

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

# Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:  
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.  
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;  
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

# Rain Down

48

Capo 3: (D) (F#7) (Bm) (D7) (G)

F A7 Dm F7 B $\flat$

Rain down; rain down; rain down your

(D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D) (F#7) (Bm)

F/A Gm7 C7 F A7 Dm

love on your peo - ple. Rain down; rain

(D7) (G) (Em) (A7) (G) (D)

F7 B $\flat$  Gm C7 B $\flat$  F


down; rain down your love, God of life.

This refrain comes from a longer song based on Psalm 33, but the striking image of God's love falling like rain is not actually present in that psalm. That image may be based on Ezekiel 34:26, where God promises to send showers of blessing upon the people of the covenant.


TEXT: Jaime Cortez, 1991  
 MUSIC: Jaime Cortez, 1991; arr. John Carter, 2001  
 Text and Music © 1992 Jaime Cortez (Published by OCP)

RAIN DOWN  
 Irregular


## Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761




1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,  
2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
3 Thus new pat-t-erns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,  
4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life



we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.  
help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.  
that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,  
Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,  
Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,  
Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.  
blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.  
bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.  
mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.

This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

# Praise to God the Father

605

## *Da n'ase*



Praise to God the Fa - ther; praise to God the Son;  
*Da n'a - se! Da n'a - se! Da On - ya - me a - se!*



praise to God the Spir - it: praise to the Three - in - One.  
*Da n'a - se! Da n'a - se! Da On - ya - me a - se!*



Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.  
*Ef - ia - se o - ye n'a n'a - do - e do - e so.*



Praise to God Al - might - y; praise to the Ho - ly One.  
*Da n'a - se! Da n'a - se! Da On - ya - me a - se!*

# Send Me, Jesus

746

## Thuma mina

*Leader* *All*

Thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma mi - na, thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma  
 Send me, Lord. 1 Send me, Je - sus; send me, Je - sus; send me,  
 (2 Lead me,) Je - sus; lead me, Je - sus; lead me,  
 (3 Fill me,) Je - sus; fill me, Je - sus; fill me,

Repeat ad lib.

End

2 Lead me, Lord.  
 3 Fill me, Lord.

mi - na, So - man - dla.  
 Je - sus; send me, Lord. 2 Lead me,  
 Je - sus; lead me, Lord. 3 Fill me,  
 Je - sus; fill me, Lord.

Because such a sending song has a place in many Christian traditions, several versions of both this text (based on Isaiah 6:8) and tune can be found throughout South Africa. When desired, additional English stanzas can be improvised in alternation with the original Zulu text.

## **Matthew 28 :16-20**

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>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, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

## **Acts 11: 19-30**

<sup>19</sup> Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. <sup>20</sup>But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. <sup>21</sup>The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. <sup>22</sup>News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. <sup>23</sup>When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; <sup>24</sup>for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. <sup>25</sup>Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, <sup>26</sup>and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they associated with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called 'Christians'.

<sup>27</sup> At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. <sup>28</sup>One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. <sup>29</sup>The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; <sup>30</sup>this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.



The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God by Lisa, Russ, Rachel and Sarah Rosenberg to honor the memory of Mary Ellen Hogarth.

Lowery Strowe is serving in today's worship service as acolyte. Ella Armstrong and Soren Trachsel are serving as ushers in today's worship service.

We extend our thanks to members of the Center Brass Quintet for serving worship: David Hall, trumpet, McKenna Hill, trumpet, Becca Geitzenauer, horn, Ben Hahn, trombone, Blake Lile, tuba.

**Red Cross Blood Drive**  
*Saturday, November 23*  
**9:00am-3:00pm, Rec Center**  
Register on [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

### **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. Questions? Ask Lou Korom at [lou@standrewdenton.com](mailto:lou@standrewdenton.com).

### **Deacons need medium to smaller vases!**

The deacons deliver flowers to people who are recovering from surgery, are in the hospital, or are homebound. The ministry team needs vases to help separate the large, donated arrangements of flowers to smaller containers that will travel well and can then be placed in a hospital room or home. Please bring your vases to the sacristy or church office. This is a vital ministry that provides signs of St. Andrew's love and God's presence in difficult circumstances for so many.

### **Be a Helping Hand for Treehouse Families**

#### **All donations due today!**

Each year since the beginning of the program, the congregation has generously given to help the families of the Treehouse After School program provide a Thanksgiving meal for their families. Our families are always beyond grateful to receive this gift. This year, the Treehouse Advisory Committee invites you to find the Helping Hand Tree in the narthex and take a leaf (or leaves) from the tree. Then sign on the corresponding number on the donation sheet to indicate how much you would like to donate. Donations can be made in the basket provided by the tree, through the church office, or on Realm by selecting "Treehouse Thanksgiving". Donations are due today. Please contact Stephanie at [treehouse@standrewdenton.com](mailto:treehouse@standrewdenton.com) if you have any questions.

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

St. Andrew donated \$413 to the Give-a-Meal program in September! 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.

### **Volunteers Needed for After Worship Fellowship**

We're looking for a few more people to provide treats after worship on Sunday mornings! Isn't it great to see children rush out of the sanctuary to see what goodies will be on the table? Come to think of it, the treats and conversations with friends are a real highlight of Sunday mornings, right? Feel free to make treats as complex or as simple as you like! Treats can be homemade or store bought, sweet or savory, healthy or divine. Contact Lisa Dorr for more information: [DORRLL@yahoo.com](mailto:DORRLL@yahoo.com), (630) 803-3074.

### **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Hurricane Helene and Now Hurricane Milton**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is in communication with all affected presbyteries and National VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) to share information and coordinate resources as damage is assessed. PDA has deployed a National Response Team to Tampa Bay Presbytery, Presbytery of Western North Carolina, Northeast Georgia Presbytery and Holston Presbytery. PDA has approved several initial assistance grant requests and is anticipating additional requests from affected presbyteries to help respond to needs in their communities. In addition to Hurricane Helene, PDA is already working with FLAPDAN (Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network) and Presbytery leadership to respond to the impacts of Hurricane Milton while responding to the immediate needs of Helene. Your gifts will enable the denomination to support all the congregations and communities in the path of the storm. PDA calls on all of us to pray for those who are grieving, those still in need of assistance, and those on the ground working to bring relief. If you would like to donate to PDA for their Hurricane Helene and Milton relief efforts, you may send your donation to St. Andrew and note it is for PDA Hurricane Helene/Milton. You may also donate directly to PDA using the link in the Shield to DR000169.

### **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.

## Prayer Requests

Kurt Dorr  
Kayla Swenson  
Ann Barnett  
Karissa Sims  
Gina Anderson  
Diann Arthur  
Ray Speir  
Clarice Luce

Sarah Barnett  
Lynn Carrico  
Steve Davis  
Norma Rockenbach  
Jan Lewis  
Hudson Barnhill  
Phillip Young

Carol Syverson, mother-in-law of Karen Raabe  
Craig Pickett, cousin of Steve Pickett  
Peter DiClenti, cousin of Steve Pickett  
Jessica Belcher, niece of Margo Bean and Mark Freeman  
Nancilou Jones, mother of Aaron Jones  
Laura Bruening, mother of Lisa Dorr  
Nancy Anderson, aunt of Margo Bean  
Mary Stream Soderstrom, friend of the Culp family  
John Tillman, brother of Russ Tillman  
Debbie Kyzer, mother of Dan Kyzer  
Eddie Grier, friend of Jan Lewis  
Angela Selvidge, daughter of Liz Whitaker  
Ed Simpson, brother of Jan Lewis  
Ryan Landes and Family, son of Kathy and Gary Landes  
Karen Whitson Ansley, niece of Lynn Carrico  
Norma Watts, mother of Jill Richmond  
Thom Holbrook, friend of Linda Heilig  
Rylen Lewis, grandson of Mark Lewis  
Ben Reynolds, relative of Clarice Luce  
Carolyn Brown, sister-in-law of Janette Hindman  
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  
Kim Hundley Owens, niece of Barbara Sims  
Sophia Lilley, mother of Lisa Haddad  
Family of Janet Daw, friend of Sam and Jim Bays

## 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. 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.*

### Circle of the Church Year

Lynda Schupp and Leigh Kitchens

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 9/30/24

<b>Income</b> (pledges + other income)	<b>\$772,173.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$775,028.00</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-\$2,855.00</b>

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

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Kirsten Trachsel, Director of Children's and Handbell Choirs  
J. Christine Le, Director of Music  
Daeun Kim, Organist



*St. Andrew Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).*



*Let us know you're here!*

#### Ritual of Friendship Online

Use the QR code to fill out the Ritual of Friendship on your phone! The online form has options to show whether you're in person, at Good Samaritan, or online!



**St. Andrew Presbyterian Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation.**

Stephen Ministers are trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing situations such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation. Please contact Richard Culp or Lisa Patterson to connect with Stephen Ministry.