



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DENTON, TEXAS

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 26, 2025

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

Aus meines Herzens Grunde
(From the bottom of my heart)

Johann Gottfried Walther

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 19)

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.
The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;
The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;
The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

OPENING PRAYER

Lisa Patterson

*HYMN 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

LYONS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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.

CALL TO FAITHFULNESS

(John 1: 1)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 585)

MACHU-PICHU

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest! Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
To God be glory forever! To God be glory forever! Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen!*

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Steve Danbom

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 4: 14-21

New Testament, page 57

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

And the Father Will Dance

Mark Hayes

Chancel Choir with Daeun Kim, Piano

And the Father will dance over you in joy! He will take delight in whom He loves. Is that a choir I hear, singing the praises of God? No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er you in song! And He will joy over you in song; my soul will make its boast in God, for He has answered all my cries, His faithfulness in me is as sure as the dawn of a new day. Awake, my soul, and sing! Let my spirit rejoice in God! Sing, O daughter of Zion, with all of your heart! Cast away fear for you have been restored! Put on the garment of praise as on a festival day. Join with the Father in glorious, jubilant song! And He will joy over you in song. And the Father will dance over you in joy! He will take delight in whom He loves. Is that a choir I hear, singing the praises of God? No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er you in song! God rejoices over you in song!

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Nehemiah 8: 1-10

Old Testament, page 416

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

All the People Way Back When

Richard B. Culp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 50

Deep in the Shadows of the Past

SHEPHERD'S PIPE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—HYMN 481

I Believe in God the Father

GENEVAN 42

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

Weep No More

David Childs

Chancel Treble Group with Daeun Kim, Piano

Shed no tear! O shed no tear! The flower will bloom another year. Weep no more! O, weep no more! Dry your eyes! Oh! dry your eyes! For I was taught in paradise to ease my breast of melodies—shed no tear. -John Keats

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn 609, *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Jakob Hintze by Robert A. Hobby

*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 Chuck Smith and family in loving memory of dear wife and mother, Mary.

Sarah Barnett is serving as acolyte for today's worship service.

41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
 3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love:
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,
 Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form;
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 it streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain,
 your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

Addressing the first two stanzas to the singers of the hymn and the last three to God, this free paraphrase of Psalm 104 recasts the psalmist's imagery with baroque verve. Though it was first published in England, the tune has been more popular in North America than there.

Glory to God

Gloria a Dios



1 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high - est!
 2 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to Christ Je - sus!
 3 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to the Spir - it!

1 ¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria en los cie - los!
 2 ¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Je - su - cris - to!
 3 ¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria al Es - pí - ri - tu!



To God be glo-ry for - ev - er! Al-le-lu-ia, A - men!
 ¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem - pre! ¡A - le - lu - ya, A - mén!



Al-le-lu-ia, A - men! Al-le-lu-ia, A - men!
 ¡A - le - lu - ya, A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya, A - mén!

May be sung in call and response pattern.

Deep in the Shadows of the Past 50

1 Deep in the shad-ows of the past, far out from set - tled lands,
 2 While oth-ers bowed to change-less gods, they met a mys - ter - y,
 3 From Ex - o - dus to Pen - te - cost the prom-ise changed and grew,
 4 For all the writ-ings that sur-vived, for lead-ers, long a - go,

some no - mads trav-eled with their God a - cross the des - ert sands.
 in - vis - i - ble, with-out a name: "I AM WHAT I WILL BE";
 while some, re - mem - ber - ing the past, re - cord - ed what they knew,
 who sift - ed, cop - ied, and pre - served the Bi - ble that we know,

The dawn - ing hope of hu - man - kind by them was sensed and shown:
 and by their tents, a - round their fires in sto - ry, song, and law,
 or with their let - ters and la - ments, their proph - e - cy and praise,
 give thanks, and find its sto - ry yet our prom - ise, strength, and call,

a prom - ise call - ing them a - head, a fu - ture yet un - known.
 they praised, re - mem - bered, hand - ed on a past that prom - ised more.
 re - cov - ered, kin - dled, and ex - pressed new hope for chang - ing days.
 the mod - el of e - merg - ing faith, a - live with hope for all.

This vivid text reminds us of two truths we often forget: how deeply our faith is rooted in God's enduring covenant with the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and how much we can learn from their story. The tune began life as the setting for a family Christmas card.

I Believe in God the Father 481

1 I be-lieve in God the Fa - ther, mer - ci - ful and might-y Lord,
 2 Un - der Pi - late, Je - sus suf - fered, faith - ful to his fi - nal breath.
 3 I be-lieve in God the Spir - it, and the church in ev - ery place;

mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, whom we wor-ship and a - dore;
 He was cru - ci - fied and bur - ied, and de-scend - ed in - to death.
 saints in glo - ri - ous com - mu - nion, all for - giv - en, full of grace;

and in Je - sus Christ the Son, on - ly Sav - ior, sov - ereign one,
 From the grave he did a - rise; he as - cend - ed through the skies;
 flesh and blood will live a - gain; life in Christ will nev - er end.

by the Ho - ly Spir-it giv - en, born of Mar - y, bless - ed vir-gin.
 now en-throned with God in heav-en, he will judge the dead and liv-ing.
 Ho - ly Spir - it, Son and Fa - ther: I will praise your name for - ev - er.

This text is a 21st-century metrical paraphrase of the Apostles' Creed (in the manner of Calvin's Strasbourg liturgy). Its connections with Reformed tradition are further strengthened by being set to the tune created for Psalm 42 in the 1551 Genevan Psalter (see also no. 87).

609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

D A D

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures

Bm A D G D Bm E A D

high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise

D

God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it

G A D Em A Bm

one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

Em D G A Em G A D

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

Luke 4: 14-21

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Nehemiah 8: 1-10

all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁴The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uria, Hilkiyah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hash-baddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁷Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the law, while the people remained in their places. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

Super Wednesday

Wednesday, January 29

Dinner at 5:30pm

Menu: Baked potato bar, salad, cookies, ice cream
Meals by Mike and Bekah Barnett
\$7 for individuals, \$15 for families.

Season Pass Available!

Season pass holders enjoy preregistration for every Super Wednesday during the Spring semester and two free meals!
\$91 for individuals and \$195 for families. Click the link in the Shield to purchase!

Activities for Children

Nursery for infants & preschoolers,
Room 102, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Noel Choir, grades K-1st, Children's Choir Room,
Kirsten Trachsel, 6:00pm

Covenant Choir, grades 2nd-5th,
Children's Choir Room,
Kirsten Trachsel, 6:20pm

Recreation Grades K-1st
Malicia Curran, 6:20pm

Activities for Youth

Middle School and High School
Rec Center and The Den @ 6:00pm-7:30pm

Classes for Adults

America's Presidents: Inspiring Stories and Trivia

Dory Wiley

January 29, Fellowship Hall

Did you know that George Washington owes about \$300k in overdue library fines, or that John Quincy Adams had a pet alligator? In this session, members will learn trivia, anecdotes, and inspiring stories they may not know about our presidents, including Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson, Grant, Arthur, Adams, and others.

Women's Book Study

*Looking for Lovely: Collecting the Moments that
Matter*, by Annie F. Downs
Amy Cole and Amy Fair
Library

Bridge for Beginners

led by Joyce White
Room 207

Chancel Choir Practice

Adult Choir Room
7:30pm

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Following the Worship Service

Please join us following worship for lunch and a presentation from the Session about 2024's year in ministry in Fellowship Hall. Fried/grilled chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, and rolls are on the menu.

Theology on Tap

Monday, January 27

6:30pm, Denton County Brewing Company

Theology On Tap will meet on Monday, January 27th, 6:30 p.m., at Denton County Brewing Company (in the back room). Our topic is, "What's Your Sign?" Ron Harris will be leading a discussion about signs in the bible and how God continues, to this day, to speak to us through signs. We hope you will join us for the conversation!

Save the Date

Worship Through Work

Sunday, February 2, 2025

Worship at 9:30 a.m. followed by meal packing for Kids Against Hunger at 10:15 am in Fellowship Hall.

Our Sexuality: A Gift from God

2nd-3rd Grade Class, teachers Anna Hendrix & Susan Alspach

4th-5th Grade Class, teachers Alison McStravick & Karen Raabe

Parent Class, teachers Robin and David Hines

Parent Meeting

Sunday, February 2

Room 206/208

Immediately following packing meals for "Kids Against Hunger" (11:30am). Children will go to Nursery.

Sunday, February 9

12:00pm-1:30pm, Art Room, Room 205, Room 206/208

Pizza will be served for children and adults.

Sundays, February 23 and March 2,

3:30pm-5:00pm, Art Room, Room 205, Room 206/208

Nursery is available for all sessions. Please RSVP to Karen Raabe at karen@standrewdenton.com to register your children for nursery.

Southern California Wildfire Response Assistance

PDA Donations

As Southern California reels from the recent wildfires, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is seeking your donations to provide critical relief to families impacted and displaced by the fires. To directly help those in need of assistance, monetary donations can be made to PDA using the link below.

PDA DONATION LINK: <https://pcusa.org/disaster-assistance/active-responses/national-disaster/southern-california-wildfires>

Annual Winter Women's Retreat

February 21-22, 2025

We are looking forward to Melissa Hunter's return as our guest speaker at our 2025 women's winter retreat. We'll gather Friday evening at Lisa Patterson's house and then meet at the Hilton Garden Inn, Denton, on Saturday. The cost to attend is \$75, which will cover all expenses except an overnight stay. Scholarships are available for registration fees and overnight stays; please get in touch with Lisa Patterson for details. Register for the retreat on Realm!

Hotel Information for the Annual Women's Retreat

If you want to stay overnight at this year's women's retreat, you will need to make arrangements directly with the Denton Hilton Garden Inn. We have booked a block of rooms that will be placed together so please use the group code, mentioned below. An additional \$6.00 for breakfast will be charged for those who stay overnight. Room pricing for the retreat is as follows:

King - \$114 (1 person), \$114 (2 persons), \$124 (3 persons), and \$134 (4 persons)

Double - \$119 (1 person), \$119 (2 persons), \$129 (3 persons), and \$139 (4 persons)

Denton Hilton Garden Inn, Phone: 940.891.4700.

Note: The pricing above is valid through January 31, 2025.

After that, rooms not reserved will be returned to the hotel and room pricing will go up.

To make reservations use group code 90B | cut-off date: 01/31/2025.

Online booking tool available in the Shield.

Rate does include only 2% fee as not seen on link when viewing reservations

If there is a note indicating that the block has filled up, call Lisa Patterson.

Denton Christian Preschool Supply Drive

We are beginning to gather supplies needed for the students at the Denton Christian Preschool. These items will be collected in February and 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 "school supplies" from the fund drop down menu.

These items may be placed in the Christian Preschool bin outside of Fellowship Hall. If you have questions, please contact Jim White at: acewalton1965@gmail.com. Thank you for your generosity.

Prayer Requests

WELCOME!

Barbara Ball
Ted Godwin-Stremler
Helen Smith
Jonathan Smith
Tim Bergan
Diann Arthur
Ray Speir

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

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 Children's Sermon.

Elijah

Karen Dower and Arminta Jacobson

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.

Liliana, Norman, and Luisa, friends of Margo Bean
Nancilou Jones, mother of Aaron Jones
Bobby Rusk, father of Stephanie Raesz
Tecla Chavira, mother of Frank Chavira
Carole Hatcher, sister in law of Chuck Smith
Shannon Fronz, friend of Barnett family
Bill Tilley, uncle of Sara Armstrong
Keren Billyack, friend of Connie Charat
Richard Gascoyne, friend of Chuck Stoughton
Carol Syverson, mother-in-law of Karen Raabe
Craig Pickett, cousin of Steve Pickett
Peter DiCleri, cousin of Steve Pickett
Jessica Belcher, niece of Margo Bean and Mark Freeman
Laura Bruening, mother of Lisa Dorr
Nancy Anderson, aunt of Margo Bean and Mark Freeman
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
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 Pat Bennett

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Daeun Kim, Organist



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