

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Denton, Texas

Transfiguration Sunday

March 2, 2025

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

Prelude in C minor WAB 129 Anton Bruckner

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Adapted from Psalm 99)

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!

The Lord sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The Lord is great in Zion; the Lord is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is the Lord!

Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Extol the Lord our God; worship at the Lord's footstool. Holy is the Lord!

Opening Prayer Lisa Patterson

*Hymn 397 O Look and Wonder MIREN QUE BUENO

Prayer of Confession

Mighty and merciful God, you have claimed us as your people and called us to serve and follow Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling. We have been timid and frightened disciples, forgetful of your powerful presence and the strength of your Spirit among us. Forgive us and empower us by your Holy Spirit to go and serve your Son Jesus Christ in whose 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.

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

Anthem

Dazzling Presence on the Mountain Chancel Choir with Daeun Kim, Organ + The Congregation is invited to sing vs. 4 (in bold) Karen E Black

Dazzling presence on the mountain — Human eye had never seen
Such a wonder, such resplendence,
Heav'n and earth in cloud convene.
"This is my Son, my beloved,"
Thund'rous voice from cloud exclaimed.
"Word made flesh to heal creation,"
To disciples God proclaimed.

From this mount of mystic splendor
To the cross Christ presses on;
Here no Moses, nor Elijah,
Only thieves Christ's wings adorn.
"Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,"
Was one's penitential sigh.
With transfiguring assurance,
Christ rejoins his fervent cry.

From the heights of New Creation, Christ beholds his world, redeemed; As with Peter and companions, Bring us now to sights unseen. Justice, mercy, and compassion: These the booths he bids us build, That the earth he loves may flourish As each life with grace is filled.

+ Let our praise ring from each mountain, Into deepest valleys pour, Where with lives of grateful service We adore Christ evermore. To the Son, God's own beloved, And the Spirit endlessly, May the church's praise be lifted To the Blessed Trinity.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 9: 37-43

New Testament, page 65

Sermon Lord of All Egypt Richard B. Culp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn 71 Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me FIRST SONG

*Affirmation of Faith—Hymn 481 I Believe in God the Father GENEVAN 42

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Ride on, King Jesus! arr. Hall Johnson

Maiya Williams, Mezzo-Soprano with Daeun Kim, Piano

*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!

THE SEALING OF GOD'S WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

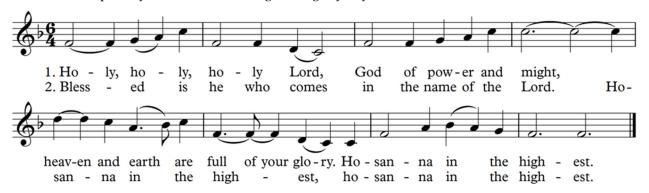
Lift up your hearts.

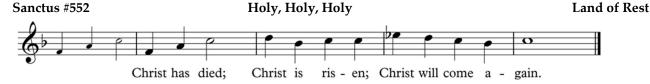
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Therefore, we praise you...who forever sing to the glory of your name.





For great is the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Lifting of the Cup

When communion is served in the pews: You are invited to pick up a piece of bread and a cup of red grape juice or white wine. As you pass the bread, you are invited to say, "the bread of heaven" or "the body of Christ broken for you." As you pass the juice/wine, you are invited to say, "the blood of Christ shed for you" or "the cup of salvation." As you receive the bread and the cup, responses include "Thanks be to God" or "Amen." As you sit, you may think of those who have come to the Lord's Table with you, those who have come before you, those who will come after you; or you may reflect on God's gifts for you. All bread is gluten free.

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn 498

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

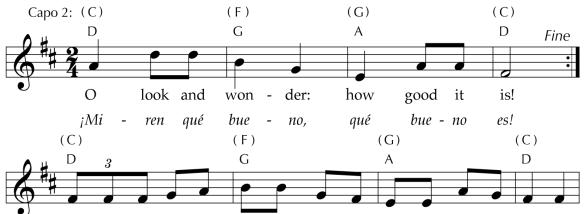
BEACH SPRING

*Benediction

Postlude Toccata

O Look and Wonder

Refrain / Estribillo ¡Miren qué bueno! (Psalm 133)



- 1 How good it is when broth-ers dwell in peace with one an-oth-er;
- 2 How good it is when sis-ters dwell in peace with one an-oth-er,
- 3 How good it is when all earth's peo ple dwell in peace to geth er:
- 1 Mi ren qué bue-no es cuan do los her ma nos es tán jun tos,
- 2 Mi ren qué bue-no es cuan do las her ma nas es tán jun tas,
- 3 Mi ren qué bue-no es cuan do nos reu ni mos to dos jun tos,

to Refrain / al Estribillo



it is like pre-cious oil when run-ning fresh on Aar-on's beard. fresh like the morn-ing dew that falls on Zi-on's ho-ly hill. that is where God will pour the bless-ing, life for - ev - er - more.

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es co-mo a - cei - te bue - no de - rra - ma - do so-bre Aa - rón.
se pa - re - ce al ro - cí - o so - bre los mon - tes de Sión.
por - que el Se - ñor ahí man - da vi - da e - ter - na y ben - di - ción.
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This infectious song from Argentina paraphrases Psalm 133, with the intention of encouraging a sense of communion among the members of a congregation. The underlying dance/song form is the *chamarrita*, brought to South America in the 1800s by Portuguese settlers from the Azores.

Glory to God

Gloria a Dios



May be sung in call and response pattern.

TEXT: Anon. MUSIC: Peruvian melody

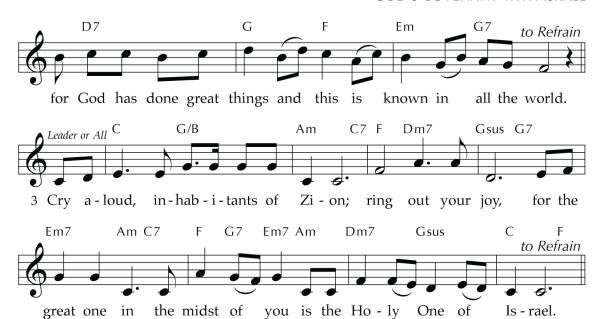
n. MACHU-PICHU

71 Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me



This text is a slightly altered form of an adaptation of Isaiah 12:2–6 that appears as a canticle for Morning Prayer in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer of the Episcopal Church. This selection is identified there as The First Song of Isaiah, a title that influenced the tune name.

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL



I Believe in God the Father



- 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).

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



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



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



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

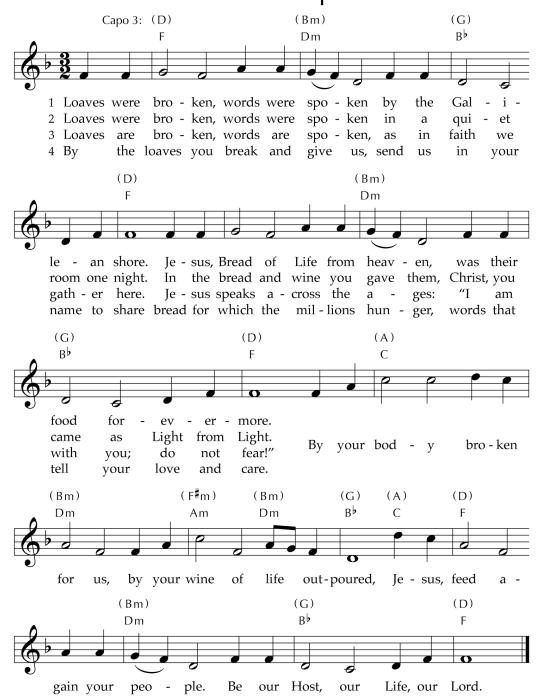


one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

498



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The first two stanzas of this text deal with events in the past (the feeding of the multitude and the Last Supper) and the final two with events in the present. The recurring last four lines of each stanza serve as an affirmation of Christ's continuing presence at all times.

2 Corinthians 3: 12-4:4

¹²Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

4Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God

Luke 9: 37-43

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." ⁴¹Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." ⁴²While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father.

⁴³And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

Super Wednesday Wednesday, March 5

Dinner at 5:30pm

Menu: Bratwurst, sauerkraut, chips, mixed fruit, cake and ice cream Meals by Mike and Bekah Barnett

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

Activities for Youth

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

Classes for Adults

Ash Wednesday Worship Service 6:30pm, Sanctuary

Soren Trachsel is serving as acolyte for today's worship service.

Dr. Culp will be leaving worship following the sermon to go moderate the Annual Meeting at First Presbyterian Church, Gainesville. Thanks to Alison McStravick for assisting during communion.

J. Christine Le's DMA Lecture Recital

Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 7:00pm St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Sanctuary This Recital is free and open to the public!

Women's Lenten Book Study

Wednesdays at Noon March 5-April 16 Lisa Patterson

Curriculum: "A is for Alabaster" by Anna Carter Florence
Join this group of women during Lent to read and discuss
Scripture and interpret it as we read and dig deeper into the
lively Word of God. The readings for the book discussion
group will be short, and we will read several per class session. We will meet in-person with a Zoom option.

Prime Time Friday, March 7

Prime Time is a group for our older adults that gathers over an informal lunch for fellowship and as an opportunity to meet other people in the congregation. We will next gather on Friday, March 7, at 11:30am at Denton Independent Hamburger, 507 W. University Drive (corner of University and Carroll). dentonindependenthamburger.com

We hope you can join us there for lunch and conversation. Please RSVP to Brad Dunn, acapulcosunset@gmail.com.

Footsteps of Paul in Greece October 8-21, 2025 Registration closes: June 21, 2025

Join the group from St. Andrew on a guided tour designed to experience the earliest home of Christianity outside of Israel. This 14-day pilgrimage traces the footsteps of Paul across Greece, including the ruins of Ephesus, Philippi, Thessaloniki, Berea, and more. On the way to Athens, we will spend time in the Meteora region, with its Byzantine monasteries, and we will explore the Acropolis, Roman Forum, Mars Hill, ancient Corinth. The pilgrimage concludes with a 3-night cruise including Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, and Santorini. Questions? Pickup a brochure in the narthex or contact Lisa Patterson or Richard Culp.

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 "Denton Christian Preschool" 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.

Mother's Day Gift Bags

St. Andrew provides Mother's Day Gift Bags each year for "Friends of the Family" to give encouragement and bring a bright spot into the lives of 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 a monetary donation would be appreciated as well! Personal care items can be placed in the Narthex (Mother's Day Gift Bag Box) or you may give online at standrewdenton.com/give by selecting "Mother's Day Gift Bags" from the fund drop down menu. The deadline for all donations is Sunday, April 13. For more information, contact Caia McCullar at macs50@verizon.net or the church office. Thank you for giving!

CPR & AED Training for St. Andrew Members & Staff

Training on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and how to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) will be held at the church on March 27 from 5:30pm to 9:00pm. The training will be conducted by David Becker, Denton Fire Department Assistant Chief. The cost of the training will be \$50 per person to be paid on the training date. American Heart Association Heartsaver CPR/AED Accreditation is available with the training.

If you are interested in receiving the training or need more information, please sign up by contacting Jonny Ramsey at 940-206-4468, jramsey18@verizon.net, or by signing up on the sheet available on the office hallway bulletin board by March 5.

Ed Moorehead Scholarship

We are pleased to announce that a scholarship fund for graduating high school seniors has been established in memory of Ed Morehead 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. More information about the application process will be available soon.

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.

Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services Book Drive

During the month of February, TCU's Mary Couts Burnett Library is celebrating its 100th anniversary with a book drive to support Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services. PCHAS serves over 1400 children in 26 locations across Texas, Louisiana, and Missouri. This drive will provide books to children who have often never owned a book, or had books read to them. Help PCHAS and the TCU Library provide age-appropriate books in celebration of this anniversary! Use this link to the Amazon wish list: https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/32JF1C5SDI2GW. Books will be automatically delivered to the book drive organizers.

Give-a-Meal - \$2.29

St. Andrew donated \$1,332.53 to the Give-a-Meal program in January! 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 and be sure to choose Give-a-Meal from the fund options to the right of your monetary donation.

Prayer Requests

Beverly Noah Jacy Williamson Ted Godwin-Stremler Tim Bergan Diann Arthur Steve Davis Norma Rockenbach Phillip Young

Brian "Peanut" Anderson, friend of Scott Campbell Jon Conway, friend of Scott Campbell Charlene Simpson and family, niece of Jan Lewis Cindy and John Fisher, sister and brother-in-law of Harriet Laney 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 DiClenti, cousin of Steve Pickett Laura Bruening, mother of Lisa Dorr John Tillman, brother of Russ Tillman Debbie Kyzer, mother of Dan Kyzer 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

Welcome!

Te 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

There will be no Time for Young Disciples or Children's Chapel. Children are invited to remain in the Sanctuary with their parents this morning.

Jonah

Vera Odei and Lisa Dorr

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 12/31/24

Income (pledges + other income)\$1,080,349Expenses\$1,040,004Difference\$40,345

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