



## ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DENTON, TEXAS

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 9, 2025

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### GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

Erbarm dich mein, o Herre Gott (Have mercy on me, O Lord God)

J. L. Krebs

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 138)

For forty days and nights the rain fell, and the waters covered the face of the earth.

**Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.**

For forty years the people wandered, seeking the land of God's promise.

**Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.**

Moses spent forty days on the mountain, learning the commandments of God.

**Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.**

Elijah traveled forty days in the wilderness to hear the voice of God in the silence.

**Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.**

Jonah cried out to the people of Nineveh: Repent, or in forty days you will perish.

**Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.**

Jesus fasted and prayed for forty days and was tested by the devil.

**Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.**

For forty days we journey through Lent; learning to believe and confess.

**Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.**

OPENING PRAYER

Lisa Patterson

\*HYMN 415

Come, Ye Sinners Poor and Needy

RESTORATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of grace and mercy, you create a new order for our lives: service before success, faith before knowledge, partnership over independence, the cross over the crown. Forgive us when we fall into the patterns of this world, rejecting your call through our action or inaction. Forgive us, God, and move us to see the world in the light of your great love. Forgive us, God, and grant us peace. 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.**

THE READING OF THE LAW

God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods before me. **(Lord, have mercy)**

You shall not make for yourself an idol. **(Lord, have mercy)**

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God. **(Lord, have mercy)**

Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. **(Lord, have mercy)**

Honor your father and your mother. **(Lord, have mercy)**

You shall not murder. **(Lord, have mercy)**

You shall not commit adultery. **(Lord, have mercy)**

You shall not steal. **(Lord, have mercy)**

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. **(Lord, have mercy)**

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor. **(Lord, have mercy)**

\*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 576)

SINGAPURA

*Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.*

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Steve Davis

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

Old Testament, page 174

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Jesus Lover of My Soul

Parry

Chancel Choir with Daeun Kim

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high;  
hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;  
safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee;  
leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;  
cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want, more all in thee I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick and lead the  
blind.  
Just and holy is thy name. I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am. Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure with-  
in.  
Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee;  
spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 10: 8b-13

New Testament, page 150

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Why Confess?"

Lisa Patterson

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN 621

I Will Call Upon the Lord

I WILL CALL

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*from Confession of 1967*

**To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

After each petition, the following response is repeated. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

**The Lord's Prayer #464, sung by the Chancel Choir**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Pie Jesu from Requiem  
Luo Xiaojing with Daeun Kim, Piano  
Pie Jesu, Qui tollis peccata mundi, Dona eis requiem  
Pious Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them rest.  
Agnus Dei, Qui tollis peccata mundi, Dona eis requiem.  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them rest.

Webber arr. Day

\*DOXOLOGY

Hymn 701, *Lord, Prepare Me*  
*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.*  
*With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*HYMN 694

Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O Lamm Gottes unschuldig (O lamb of God, most holy)

J. Pachelbel

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

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Dr. Richard Culp is worshiping at First Presbyterian Church, Dallas. He is participating in the baptism of his granddaughter, Monroe Claire Culp-McGaffin.

# 415 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

*All or Leader*

1 Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound-ed,  
 2 Come, ye thirst-y, come, and wel - come; God's free boun - ty  
 3 Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y lad - en, lost and ru - ined  
 4 Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness

sick and sore; Je - sus read - y stands to save you,  
 glo - ri - fy, true be - lief and true re - pen - tance,  
 by the fall; if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter,  
 fond - ly dream; all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth

*Refrain*  
*All*

full of pit - y, love, and power.  
 ev - ery grace that brings you nigh. I will a - rise and  
 you will nev - er come at all.  
 is to feel your need of him.

go to Je - sus; he will em-brace me in his arms. In the

arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou - sand charms.



# I Will Call upon the Lord 621

*Part 1 (melody)* D G D G D G

I will call up-on the Lord who is wor-thy to be

*Part 2 (echo)*

I will call up-on the Lord

D G D G D G

praised. So shall I be saved from my en-e-mies.

who is wor-thy to be praised. So shall I be

D G D G D G A

I will call up-on the Lord.

saved from my en - e - mies. I will call up-on the Lord.

*Refrain* D G D G

The Lord liv-eth, and bless-ed be the Rock, and let the God of my sal-

D G A D G

va-tion be ex - alt - ed. The Lord liv-eth, and bless-ed be the Rock,

D G A A7 D

and let the God of my sal-va-tion be ex - alt - ed.

This text is based on Psalm 18:3 and 46 in the King James Version and uses musical repetition to give weight to each verse. The earlier verse is treated as a canon with a concluding unison phrase, and the later one is sung through twice in unison to a nearly identical melody.

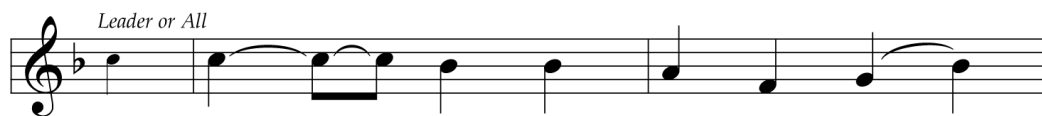
## Our Father, Which Art in Heaven 464



1 Our Fa - ther, which art in heav - en:  
 2 On earth as it is in heav - en:  
 3 And for - give us all our debts:  
 4 And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion:  
 5 For thine is the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry:

*All*

hal - low - ed - a be thy name.



Thy king - dom come; thy will be done:  
 Give us this day our dai - ly bread:  
 As we for - give our debt - ors:  
 But de - liv - er us from e - vil:  
 For - ev - er and ev - er, a - men:

*All*

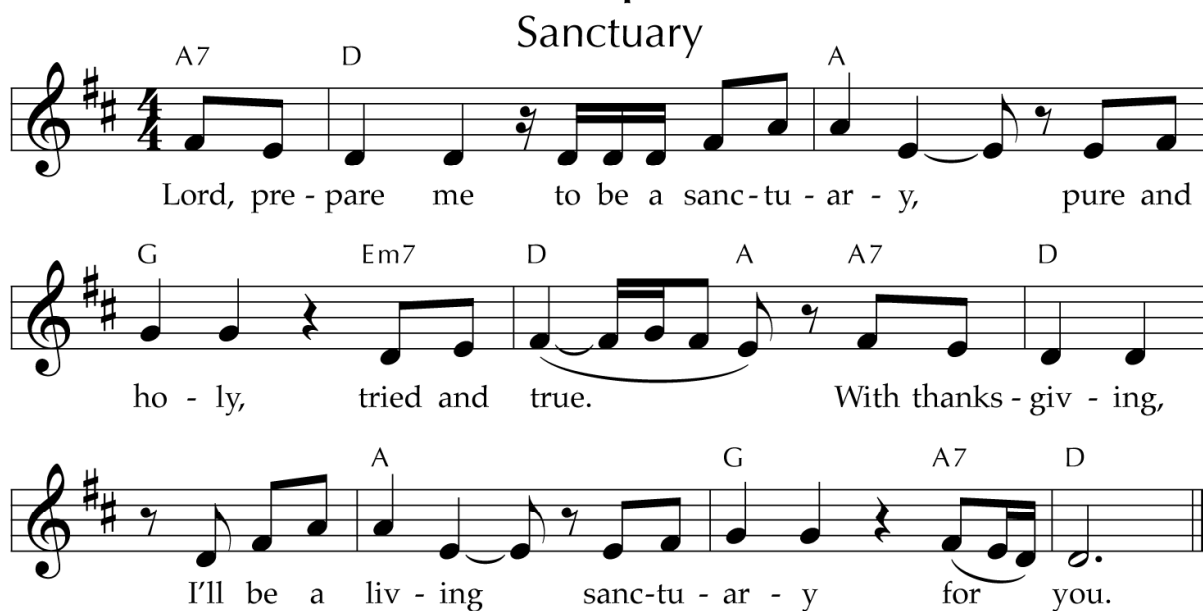
hal - low - ed - a be thy name.

This lively call-and-response setting of the Lord's Prayer, based on the King James Version, uses the opening blessing as the congregation's refrain. This repetition is more than a convenience; it is a reminder of our abiding hope that all people will come to honor God's name.

## Lord, Prepare Me

701

Sanctuary



Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and  
 ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,  
 I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

The lines given here convey the central message of the longer song for which they form the refrain. The principal Scripture reference is 1 Corinthians 3:16–17, Paul's reminder to the Christians at Corinth that "[they] are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in [them]."

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MUSIC: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs, 1982; arr. Nylea L. Butler-Moore

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SANCTUARY

Irregular



# 694 Great God of Every Blessing

1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,  
 2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,  
 3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,

you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.  
 in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.  
 trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:  
 In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:  
 For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:

sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: *Cor meum tibi offero, Domine, prompte et sincere*. By moving from plural to singular the stanzas show how corporate faith becomes personal piety.

## Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. <sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

## Romans 10: 8b-13

<sup>8</sup>But what does it say?

'The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart'

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

### **No Super Wednesday**

*Wednesday, March 12*

Super Wednesday will resume March 19

### **Theology on Tap**

*Monday, March 10*

Theology On Tap will meet on Monday, March 10, 6:30pm, at Denton County Brewing Company (in the back room). Susan and Steve Danbom will be leading the conversation. We hope you will join us for the conversation!

### **Presbyterian Women Circle Meeting**

*Tuesday, March 11*

*9:30am, Fellowship in the Narthex*

*10:00am, Program*

All women in the church are invited!

### **Fifth Sunday Mission Project**

*Sunday, March 30 at 9:30am*

The Mission Committee is hosting a Fifth Sunday Mission Project on Sunday March 30, 9:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. During the Sunday School hour, we will be packing hygiene kits to be donated to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). We hope you will join us on March 30! Breakfast items will be served!

### **Women's Lenten Book Study**

*Wednesdays at Noon*

*Through April 16*

*Lisa Patterson*

*"A is for Alabaster" by Anna Carter Florence*

*Book Cost: \$17*

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. Interested? Contact Lisa Patterson, [lisa@standrewdenton.com](mailto:lisa@standrewdenton.com), to get on the email list.

### **Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services Book Drive**

During the month of February, TCU's Mary Couets 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.

### **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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:macs50@verizon.net) or the church office. Thank you for giving!

### **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.

### **Acrylic Yarn and Crochet Hooks**

#### **Needed for Nursing Research Project**

Shawn Flader, a physical therapist with Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Denton, is assisting with a nursing research project that is investigating whether knitting/crocheting groups can help facilitate a nurse's sense of belonging and self-compassion. The project will be recruiting nurses to participate in weekly crochet groups over a 12-week period. The nurses will be taught to crochet squares. These squares will later be sewn into blankets and each group will then decide where to donate the blankets, perhaps to NICU babies or to a homeless shelter. They are currently looking for donations of acrylic yarn and crochet hooks for use in the project. If you have an extra skein of acrylic yarn lying around (or a partially used skein), the Mission Committee will be collecting the yarn and hooks in a basket in the Narthex. The collected yarn and hooks will be collected by Shawn in the next few weeks. Questions – please contact Kirsten Brown at [brownke@lisd.net](mailto:brownke@lisd.net).

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

St. Andrew donated \$587.69 to the Give-a-Meal program in February! 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

Scott Walker  
Ray Speir  
Beverly Noah  
Ted Godwin-Stremler  
Tim Bergan

Diann Arthur  
Steve Davis  
Norma Rockenbach  
Phillip Young

Karissa Cosas, granddaughter of Barbara Sims  
Lee Barnett, cousin of Mike Barnett  
Brian "Peanut" Anderson, friend of Scott Campbell  
Jon Conway, friend of Scott Campbell  
Charlene Simpson and family, niece of Jan Lewis  
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  
Peter DiClementi, 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!

**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.*

### Faces of Easter I

Shannon Konkle and Ross Konkle

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 1/31/25

<b>Income</b> (pledges + other income)	<b>\$80,600</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$79,557</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$1,043</b>

Give online at: [standrewdenton.com/give](https://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!



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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.