

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Denton, Texas

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 30, 2025

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

Prelude Come, Ye Disconsolate

Samuel Webbe, arr. Dale Wood

Welcome and Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP

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.

Abram and Sarai heard God's promise and looked to the future with hope.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

We hear the call to come, eat, and seek the Lord.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

We run away from God and then discover God's grace finds us.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

Opening Prayer Rhys Blosser

*Hymn 411 God Is Here Today DIOS ESTA AQUI

Prayer of Confession+

Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We keep shameful deeds secret, but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly. Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves loved. Bring us into your light that we may live more fruitful lives. Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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

Cici Chavira

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

New Testament, page 170

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem Be Not Afraid Taylor Davis

Chancel Choir with Daeun Kim, piano

Be not afraid, for I have redeemed you. Be not afraid, I've called you by name. My love for you is everlasting. My love for you shall have no end.

When you pass through the waters, I will surround you. When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er. When you walk through the fire you will not be consumed. You are my child, you are so precious to me.

You are my child, and I'll love you always. Just hold my hand, and I'll lead you home. When you feel lost, always remember: I am right here, just call out My Name.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 15: 11-32

New Testament, page 73

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Lenten Questions: Why Do You Treat Me Like This?"

Richard B. Culp

Edie Chavira, Nelson Muna

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn 649 Amazing Grace AMAZING GRACE

*The Affirmation of Faith

(The Confession of 1967)

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of our minds. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals God's love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sung by Choir Leader)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

OFFERTORY

Lenten Contemplation Handbell Choir arr. William E. Moats

*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

Emily Smith

*Hymn 696

O God, You Are My God Alone

GRATUS

*Benediction

Postlude

Plein jeu

Ottorino Respighi

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 and in memory of Rose Harpool by her family. Sarah Barnett is serving as acolyte for today's worship service.

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Dr. Patterson will leave after the sermon today to travel to First Presbyterian Church in Gainesville to meet with the Pastor Nominating Committee on behalf of the Committee on Ministry of Grace Presbytery.

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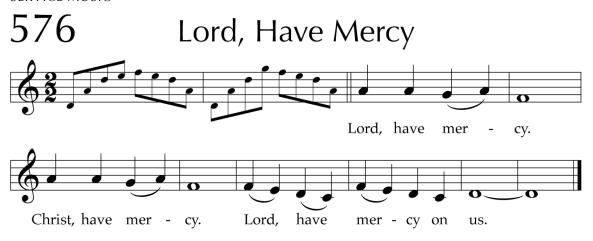
God Is Here Today

Dios está aquí



Though it is popular throughout Latin America, the conditions of this song's creation have remained obscure. It was once thought to have originated in a Mexican jail but is now known to have been written by an Argentinian who has also lived in the United States and Colombia.

SERVICE MUSIC



TEXT: Trad. liturgical text MUSIC: Swee Hong Lim, 1990 Music © 1990 Swee Hong Lim (admin. General Board of Global Ministries t/a GBGMusik) SINGAPURA

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



Shilombish holitopa ma! Ishmminti pulla cha hatak ilbusha pia ha is pi yukpalashke.

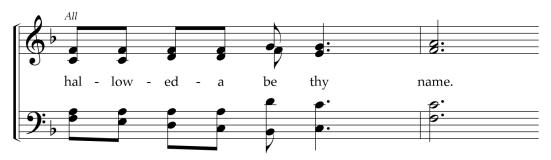
Phonetic Transcr. Navaho © Albert Tsosie

Po ya fek cha he thlat ah ter ah non ah cha pa kas cha fee kee o funnan la kus um e ha ta la yus. Nizhóníígo joobá diits' a' yisdáshíítinigíí, lah yóóiiyá, k'ad shénáhoosdzin, doo eesh'íí da ńt'éé.

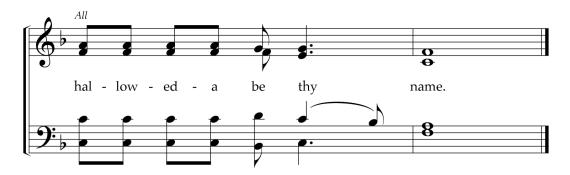
As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it "Faith's Review and Expectation." Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

Our Father, Which Art in Heaven 464





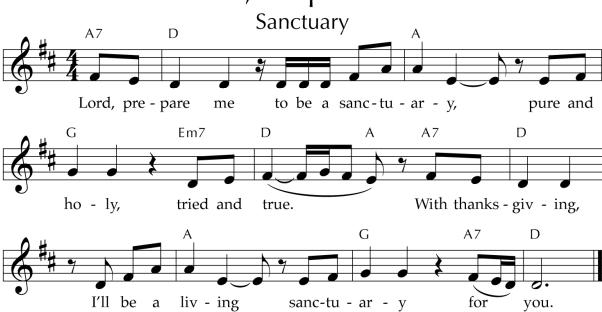




This lively call-and-response setting of the Lord's Prayer, based on the King James Version, uses the opening blessing as the congregation's refrain. This repetition is more than a convenience; it is a reminder of our abiding hope that all people will come to honor God's name.

Lord, Prepare Me

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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]."

TEXT: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs, 1982

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

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SANCTUARY Irregular

696 O God, You Are My God Alone

(Psalm 63)



- 1 O God, you are my God a-lone, whom ea ger ly I seek,
- 2 Your faith-ful love sur-pass-es life, e vok-ing all my praise.
- 3 Through-out the night I lie in bed and call you, Lord, to mind;



though long-ing fills my soul with thirst and leaves my bod - y weak. Through ev - ery day, to bless your name, my hands in joy I'll raise. in dark-est hours I med - i - tate how God, my strength, is kind.



Just as a dry and bar-ren land a-waits a fresh-ening shower, My deep-est needs you sat - is - fy as with a sump-tuous feast. Be - neath the shad-ow of your wing, I live and feel se - cure;



I long with-in your house to see your glo - ry and your power. So, on my lips and in my heart, your praise has nev - er ceased. and dai - ly as I fol-low close, your right hand keeps me sure.

Given its wide range of references, scholars have proposed many occasions and uses for Psalm 63. Because of the imagery that opens stanza three in this paraphrase, for example, the great Reformed theologian and scholar Theodore Beza regularly recited this psalm at night.

2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Luke 15: 11-32

Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. 12The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. 14When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. 15So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! 18I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; 19I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' 20So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.25"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' 31Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.""

Super Wednesday Wednesday, March 26

Dinner at 5:30pm

Menu: Chicken, rice, broccoli, salad, rolls, pie Meals by Mike and Bekah Barnett \$7 for individuals, \$15 for families.

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

Fredrick Sanders presents "Convergence"

with guest artists Roland Guerin, bass, Philip Dizack, trumpet, and Brad Leali, saxophone

Join Fredrick Sanders, composer, and guest musicians who will discuss the fusion of Gospel and Jazz, exploring its rich historical and musical context. He showcases his journey by bridging formal and non-formal learning. This conversation highlights music's cultural diversity and its gradual development, emphasizing its transformative power to transcend boundaries and foster meaningful connections. The Cara Mía Theatre Co. of Dallas, has commissioned his latest collaborative work for their 2024 Latinidades Symposium. Sanders's work is entitled "Convergence." This work studies the crossroads between humanity's Sacred, Soul, and Secular Art behavior.

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 and Alison McStravick Room 207

> Chancel Choir Practice Adult Choir Room 7:30pm

TCP Spring Social Friday, April 4

Please consider supporting The Children's Place by attending our Spring Social on Friday, April 4, from 5:30pm-7:30pm. There will be a grilled meal, a raffle/ auction, games, face painting, Ms. Sue's desserts for sale, and more! Come and spend an evening with children and their families and support this vital mission of St. Andrew. See the Shield for more details.

Prime Time Friday, April 4

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 gather on Friday, April 4, at noon at Cartwright's Ranch House on Denton Square (111 N. Elm St, Denton, www.cartwrightsranchhouse.com). Since this is a very popular lunch spot, the restaurant asked for a firm number of attendees to assure that we are able to sit together. We hope you can join us! Please RSVP to Brad Dunn at (acapulcosunset@gmail.com) by April 2 if you plan to attend.

Lattner Memorial Fund Organ Concert Sam Gaskin

Wednesday, April 9, and Thursday, April 10 We are thrilled to welcome Sam Gaskin back to St. Andrew as part of our Organ Series concert.

A graduate of UNT and former organist at St. Andrew, Sam was awarded a prestigious Fulbright grant to study in France. He is currently pursuing Artist Diplomas in both organ and jazz studies at the Conservatoire à rayonnement régional de Versailles.

Join us on Wednesday, April 9, when Sam will present as part of our Super Wednesday series, and again on Thursday, April 10, at 7:00pm for a stunning concert.

Don't miss this opportunity to experience Sam's extraordinary artistry and celebrate his return to St. Andrew!

Meal Sign Up for Maundy Thursday Thursday, April 17 5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Please use the link below to register for the Maundy Thursday dinner in Fellowship Hall. The menu includes a ham or turkey sub, chips, and a cookie (vegetarian and gluten-free options are available). Deadline to register is Sunday, April 13. Registration available on Realm!

Easter Potluck Breakfast

Easter Sunday is fast approaching. It is time to celebrate our 2nd Annual Easter Potluck Brunch between services. It was a rousing success last year thanks to all of you that contributed food. Let's do it again! You can drop off your breakfast treats before the first service and someone will be there to greet you. Tables will be set up in Fellowship Hall and we can once again greet each other with Easter Joy! Questions? Ask Lisa Dorr, dorll@yahoo.com.

Vacation Bible School 2025

This year's curriculum is titled "Waves of Wonder VBS: Living in God's Light." At Waves of Wonder VBS, we will explore scriptures in which God provides water for plants, animals and people. Through worship and drama, story, art, science, games, music and mission, our campers will deepen their understanding of the importance of water and be invited to join God in caring for this precious natural resource.

Join us for VBS, June 23 - 27, 9:00am-Noon. Registration kicks off the week at 8:45am on Monday, June 23 in the Narthex. We'll also have a VBS wrap-up Event on the evening of Friday, June 27. Questions? Contact Alison McStravick, alison.mcstravick@gmail.com, or Sarah Anne Adams, sarahanneadams@me.com. Sign up your student today using the link in the Shield!

Easter Music and Flowers

The Worship and Music Committee invites you to give to the St. Andrew Easter Music and Flower fund. Let's fill the sanctuary with beautiful lillies and festive Easter music. You are invited to honor or remember family and friends through your donations to this campaign. To do so, fill out a form and put it in the folder in the church office. The deadline for donations is Sunday, April 13.

Chancel Flower Giving Opportunities Are Available!

Celebrating an anniversary or a birthday? Celebrating a person's or ministry's contribution to the church? Wanting to remember a loved one? Consider giving chancel flowers! Chancel flowers provide an ideal opportunity to commemorate that event, loved one, or ministry during a worship service at St. Andrew. A sign up sheet is available outside the church office. Questions? Please contact the coordinator, Lynn Carrico, lwcarrio@gmail.com.

Bell Ringers Needed

The Worship & Music Committee hopes you have noticed the intentional bell ringing at the start of worship. If you are interested in serving in worship in this manner, and are middle school aged or older, we invite you to attend a training Sunday, April 6, immediately following the worship service. Questions? Contact David McCullar at macs50@verizon.net.

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? Brochures are in the narthex or contact Lisa Patterson or Richard Culp.

Denton Christian Preschool Supply Drive

We are gathering supplies needed for the students at the Denton Christian Preschool. These items will be collected through 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!

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 12week 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.

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 Moorehead 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.

Prayer Requests

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

Diann Arthur Steve Davis Norma Rockenbach Margie Ball

Jerry Casas, family member 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 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 Lynn and Charlie Davis, friends of Chuck Smith Megan Terry Crawford, friend of Betty Sue and Mike Grandey Kim Hundley Owens, niece of Barbara Sims

Welcome!

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 4

Abigail Kyzer and Dan Kyzer

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 2/28/25

Income (pledges + other income)\$175,170Expenses\$156,761Difference\$18,409

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