



Denton, Texas

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025

# GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

Prelude

Andantino from L'Organiste

C. Frank

Welcome and Announcements

### CALL TO WORSHIP

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.
Mary anoints Jesus's feet with oil and wipes them with her hair.
Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

Opening Prayer

\*Нумл 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Lisa Patterson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION+

Why are you so extravagant, O God? We work hard, use our intelligence, keep our ledgers balanced, accomplish feats daily, care for our families, and honor our inherited legacies. Is this not enough to earn our place among the favored? Yet you throw open windows and doors, revealing a vision we do not possess, where accomplishments don't count, where tears reap joy, where peace is found in suffering, where confidence is gained by giving away what is ours to treasure. Show us again what matters. Forgive our misplaced values, and draw us into your extravagance, that we, too, might be generous with our love. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen (Time of silent confession).

### Declaration of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

### The Reading of the Law

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

# Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

### You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

\*Sung Response (Hymn 576)

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

SINGAPURA

	Proclaiming God's Word	
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		Alison McStravick
FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	Isaiah 43: 16-21	Old Testament, page 632
Anthem	How Majestic Is Your Name Covenant Choir	Mark Patterson
Time with Young Disciples		
Second Scripture Lesson The Word of the Lord. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	John 12: 1-8	New Testament, page 100
Sermon	"Lenten Questions: Do You Not Perceive It?"	Richard B. Culp
	Responding to God's Word	
*Нумл 201	A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar	HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING
Christ. He has fully paid the devil. He also watches God in heaven; in fact, all	fe and in death? out belong— body and soul, in life and in death- for all my sins with his precious blood, and has se s over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from I things must work together for my salvation. Becau e of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly will	et me free from the tyranny of n my head without the will of use I belong to him, Christ, by
Presentation of Tithes and	Offerings	
Offertory	Suite No. 2 in D Minor, BWV 1008: IV. Sarabande Maria Baylock, Cello	J.S. Bach

\*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.

# THE SEALING OF THE 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.

The Lord's Prayer (Sung by Zhihui Pang)

Breaking of the Bread and Lifting of the Cup

*When communion is served by intinction*: You are invited to take a piece of bread and dip it into the chalice of wine or juice. The wine chalice has three rings and will contain white wine; the juice chalice has no rings and will contain red grape juice. As you move back to your pew, notice those who have come to the Lord's Table with you and be reminded of those with whom we share the journey to meet and follow Christ.

Prayer after Communion

*Нумп 698	Take, O Take Me As I Am (twice)	TAKE ME AS I AM
*Benediction		
Postlude	Postlude in D Minor	A Bruckner
	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 Adam and Michelle LaSpata in loving memory of Adam and Michell's parents, Nunzio and Virginia LaSpata and Bonnie Owens.

Sophia Armstrong is serving as acolyte for today's worship service.

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE



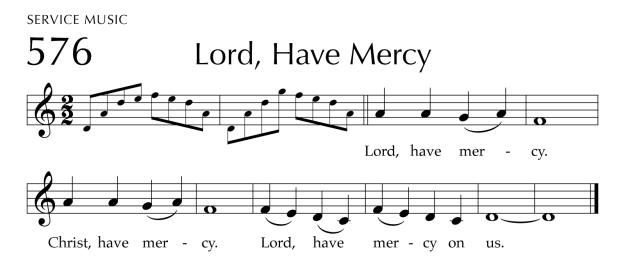
\*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10 with refrain

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE





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

SINGAPURA

JESUS CHRIST: PASSION AND DEATH



This text seeks to reverse the neglected witness of biblical women by celebrating the woman who washed Jesus' feet (unnamed in Matthew 26:6–13/Mark 14:3–9/Luke 7:36–50; Mary of Bethany in John 12:1–8) and Mary Magdalene (John 20:1–18; Matthew 28:1–10/Mark 16:1–7/Luke 24:10).

JESUS CHRIST: PASSION AND DEATH





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.

WEST INDIAN Irregular

#### DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP



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
SANCTUARY

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

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#### DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP



The brevity of this text and tune invite repeated singing, either as a sustained chain of sound or as a sung response in a series of prayers. It offers a more reflective approach to the same theme of self-dedication evident in older hymns such as "Just as I Am" (see no. 442).

TEXT and MUSIC: John L. Bell, 1995 Text and Music © 1995 WGRG, Iona Community (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.) TAKE ME AS I AM 7.7.7.4

### Isaiah 43: 16-21

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup>who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. <sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

### John 12: 1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor? <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

# Super Wednesday Wednesday, April 9

### Dinner at 5:30pm

Menu: Chicken Fried Steak, Fried Chicken or Chicken Tenders provided by Babe's. 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 Covenant Choir, grades 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, Children's Choir Room, Kirsten Trachsel, 6:20pm

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

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**

### An Introductory Presentation by Sam Gaskin

We are thrilled to welcome Sam Gaskin back to St. Andrew as part of our Organ Series concerts. 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!

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

### Lattner Memorial Fund Organ Concert Sam Gaskin

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### Parents' Night Out Saturday, April 12

Parents' Night Out is a program for the young families of St. Andrew. The program has a two-fold purpose: it gives parents an opportunity to spend quality time together without their children and it gives the children an evening of fun, age-appropriate activities with their friends at St. Andrew. The evening runs from 4:00pm to 8:00pm for infants-5yrs old in the Nursery. In the Rec Center, Kindergarten-elementary age will meet 4:00pm to 9:00pm, with pick-up from the media room in the main church building. Registration is required on Realm or email Karen Raabe at karen@standrewdenton.com.

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

Please use the link in the Shield 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.

#### **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.

#### **Child Care for Holy Week Worship Services**

Please sign up for child care for the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship services in the Shield or on Realm. RSVPs give staff an idea of how to staff the nursery for these worship services. Questions? Please contact Karen Raabe, karen@standrewdenton.com.

#### **5th Sunday Results!**

Last Sunday, over 60 members actively participated in putting together hygiene kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) distribution. Three assembly tables put together nine items in each kit. Unfortunately, production had to stop when the tables ran out of fingernail clippers. This, combined with an earlier youth assembly of 100 kits, raised the production to 527 hygiene kits. (To round this effort out to 600 hygiene kits, some additional fingernail clippers have since been obtained and were assembled by the St. Andrew youth this Sunday.) This coming week, these 600 kits are being driven over to Camp Gilmont in east Texas. Camp Gilmont serves as an assembly point in Texas for collecting and delivering kits to the PDA main distribution center in Little Rock, AR. In closing, many thanks to those who took time to participate in this effort. Also thanks to the Ruth Anderson Committee for providing the funds necessary to purchase the many kit items.

#### 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 at standrewdenton.com/vbs!

#### **Director of Music Search**

St. Andrew is currently accepting applications for its Director of Music position. Our current Music Director, Christine Le, will be moving in June. Download the job description using the link in the Shield. Applicants should apply using a cover letter, updated CV, a recent video of the applicant conducting a choir, and three references that can speak to the applicant's experience leading a music ministry. More information is available using the full job description in the Shield.

#### **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.

#### Pickup Your Items from the Lost and Found

The work room off the Narthex will be cleaned out on Monday, April 7. Please pick up your items from the lost and found. All items left will be donated!

#### **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.

#### 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 gathering supplies needed for the students at the Denton Christian Preschool. These items will be collected in 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!

#### **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.

To apply, fill out the application using the link in the Shield. Return applications to Darhyl Ramsey, d.ramsey2@verizon.net.

#### 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.

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

There has been an update to February's total! St. Andrew donated \$1,587.69 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 and be sure to choose Give-a-Meal from the fund options to the right of your monetary donation.

### **Prayer Requests**

Perry McNeill	Ted Godwin-Stremler	
Harriet Laney	Tim Bergan	
Sunny Hueholt	Diann Arthur	
Scott Walker	Steve Davis	
Ray Speir	Norma Rockenbach	
Beverly Noah	Margie Ball	

Ryker Elliott, grandson of Sue Elliott Cindy Fisher, sister of Harriet Laney 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 Family of Jack Strutton, father of David Strutton

# 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 5**

Sarah Adams and Jamie Adams

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

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

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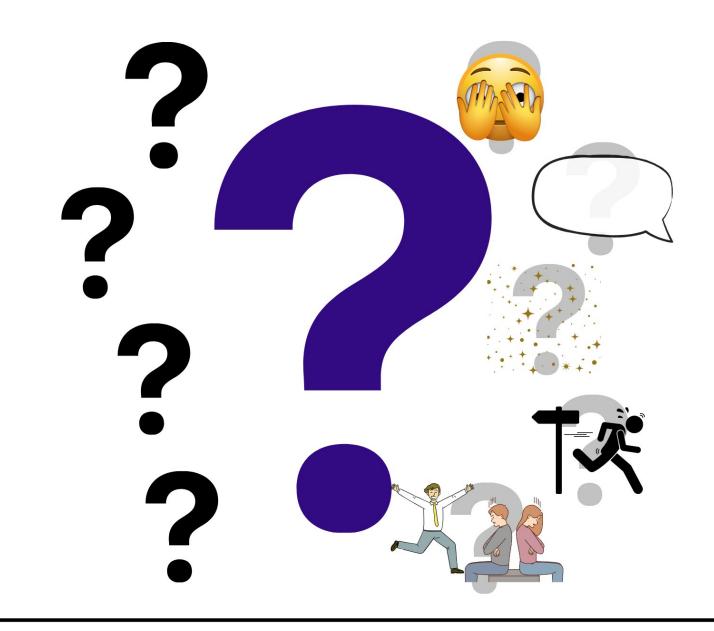
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

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



### *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!



Why do you not perceive it?

