

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

DENTON, TEXAS

EASTER SUNDAY

April 20, 2025

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

Prelude Christ the Lord Is Risen Today arr. Jack Gale

Brass Quintet

Announcement from the Tomb

*Hymn 232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today EASTER HYMN

Welcome and Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Acts 10)

Hear the good news! The Lord is alive!

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

The risen Lord destroys death, conquers sin, and wipes away all shame.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

We are drenched in radiating mystery:

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

Opening Prayer Lisa Patterson

*Hymn 238 Thine Is the Glory JUDAS MACCABEUS

Affirmation of God's Love

We lift our voices and proclaim your saving grace.

We marvel at the power of your love, O God.

We proclaim the resurrection and remember the ways you have given us new life (silent affirmation)....we marvel at how again and again you have given us hope in the depths of our despair and joined us in our joys (silent affirmation)....we give thanks for the hope you have given us in the face of our own mortality and the death of loved ones (silent affirmation)....we pray that your transforming power be at work in our lives freeing us from that which holds us back and shaping us into the new creations you call us to be (silent prayer for transformation)....Christ is risen.

He is risen, indeed. Alleluia. Amen.

*Sung Response Hymn 240, (Refrain)

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Wills Blosser (8:30 a.m.) Jake Blosser (10:45 a.m.) FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Isaiah 65: 17-25

Old Testament, page 654

Anthem

Hymn of Resurrection

Gwyneth Walker

Chancel Choir with Daeun Kim, Organ, Brass Quintet, Timpani

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20: 1-18

New Testament, page 108

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON An Easter Question: Why Are You Weeping?

Richard B. Culp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn 246 Christ Is Alive! TRURO

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (10:45am)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sonata from 'Die Bänkelsängerlieder'

arr. King

Brass Quintet

*Doxology

Hymn 608, Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.

Invitation to Discipleship

During Easter we celebrate and affirm that "Christ is risen indeed!"

This is good news because Christ's resurrection is not only for him, it is for us as well.

Through Christ's resurrection, God offers us a new life in which sin and death no longer hold power over us.

Claiming this new life, we are called to follow the risen Christ into the world, sharing the good news of resurrection for all people.

With the Spirit's help, let us join together in this life of discipleship.

*Hymn 826 Lift High the Cross CRUCIFER

*Benediction

Postlude

Toccata from Symphony No. 5 *Bold Text indicates congregational participation.*

Charles-Marie Widor

The rosebud in the chancel announces the birth of Everett Hughes Baylock, born Sunday, April 13, to Francis Baylock and Sarah Alexander. Proud brother is Adrian Baylock. Proud grandparents are Maria and Alan Baylock. Congratulations!

For the 8:30am service, thanks to Maggie McStravick and Vivian Jones for serving as ushers and Soren Trachsel for serving as acolyte. For the 10:45am service, thanks to Sarah Barnett for serving as acolyte.

Thank you to our musicians this morning:

Members of the Brass Quartet Henry Lesser, Chris Doty, Trumpet Zachary McKinnon, French Horn Ben Hahn, Trombone Blake Lile, Tuba

One Great Hour of Sharing Collected Today

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be collected today. This is a wonderful way to give generously in a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression when millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Questions? Contact the Mission Committee.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR

CHARLOTTE CATHERINE FITE

PARENTS CHRISTINA AND JONATHON FITE

APRIL 20, 2025

St Andrew Presbyterian Church

Denton, Texas

Words of Preparation

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

In baptism, we are graced with a new beginning. Baptism is a sign and seal of God's covenant of grace still with us today. In baptism we are engrafted into the family of God. It is a relationship that endures for a lifetime and beyond. In baptism we are marked as Christ's own; it is a visible sign of God's continuing faithfulness and proclamation of our intention to dwell in covenant with God and one another. Let us remember with joy our own baptism as we celebrate this sacrament.

Presentation of Charlotte Catherine Fite

Ruling Elder Stacy Hays: On behalf of this congregation and its Session, I present Charlotte Catherine Fite to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Questions for the Parents

Christina and Jonathon, do you trust in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

Putting your whole trust in Jesus Christ, do you desire that Charlotte Catherine be baptized?

Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith and to teach that faith to Charlotte Catherine?

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn away from the ways of sin and renounce evil in the world?

Questions for the Congregation

In receiving this child of God, do we as members of the body of Christ promise to guide Charlotte Catherine that one day she may confess Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior?

Do we promise to nurture her with love and prayer and encourage her to know and follow Christ and be a faithful member of Christ's church?

*Profession of Faith (Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer Over the Water of Baptism

Baptism

Who stands with this child?

Charlotte Catherine, child of the covenant, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit....

Welcome

Ruling Elder Stacy Hays: We have just received Charlotte Catherine into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has reaffirmed the covenant made to Abraham and made to us in the baptism of Charlotte Catherine.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome Charlotte Catherine into Christ's church, and we reaffirm our own baptismal vows, committing ourselves to the service of God.

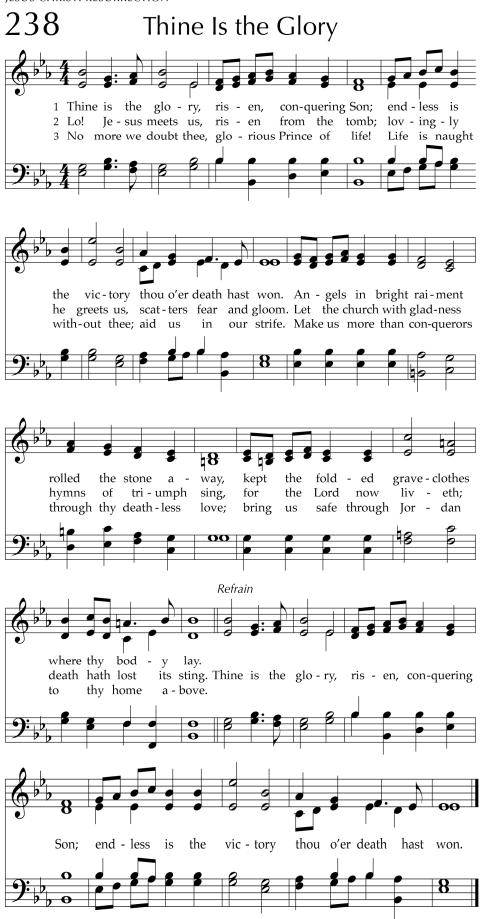
(Ministers introduce Charlotte Catherine to the congregation).

Prayer

Congregation sings first verse of "Jesus Loves Me."

232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today





240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks



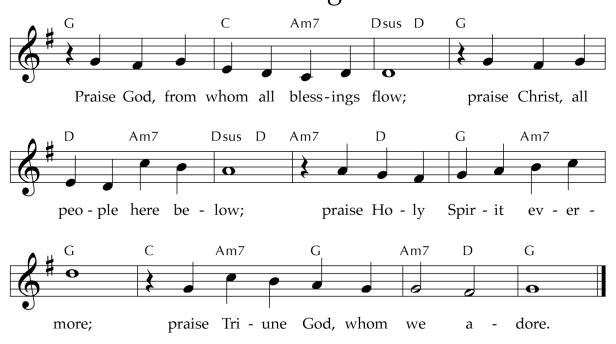
This text and tune were created together in the context of an ecumenical, charismatic, missionary Christian community in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Their energy and emphasis center in the opening and closing refrain's "Alleluia"—the essential Easter word of proclamation.



In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988 MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 2008 Text © 1990 Neil Weatherhogg Music © 2008 Hal H. Hopson PRAISE GOD (Hopson)



This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.

Isaiah 63: 17-25

¹⁷For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord— and their descendants as well. ²⁴Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

John 20: 1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

We are grateful to all those people who have offered these lovely gifts of flowers and music.

In Memory of...

Lowell and Lenora Ebersole

Leland and Beverly Steward

Sterling and Maxine Ramsey

John and Marjorie Hatmaker

Randal and Laura McCullar

Van and JoNell Kent

Christi Kent

Megan Lewis and Andrew Lewis

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In Honor of...

Michael Lewis and Amy Lewis Anderson

Family of Gayle Strange

Children, Grandchildren and Great Granddaugher of AW and Reca Oliver

Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren of Bob and Ruby Crouch

Anna Louise Eberts Hinkle

The children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of Sam and Jim Bays

The family of Betty Culp

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James Fite

Charlotte Fite

Andrew Fite

Sophia Lindsey-Boeck

Ben Lindsey-Boeck

Will, Jessie, Kacen and Karson Hooper

Laurie LaMonica and Jackson Cheatham

Bailey and Carol Wilden

Katie Raabe

Will, Walker, and Ann Patterson

Monroe Claire Culp-McGaffin

Super Wednesday

April 23, 2025

Dinner at 5:30pm

Menu: Chili, cheese and crackers, salad, cookies, 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 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

The Phenomenology of the Homecoming Mum Neville McFerrin April 23, Fellowship Hall

This talk will focus on the ways that homecoming mums relate to some growing theories of how and why we wear large things with moveable parts. We will think a bit about the tradition of the mum in Texas, and how such mums might be related to the kinds of things that were once worn in places like ancient Mesopotamia.

Women's Book Study

The Book of Joy

by His Holiness the Dalai Lama,

Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and Douglas Abrams

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

Easter Potluck Breakfast

Easter Sunday is April 20. 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, or drop off at any time before 9:30am. 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. RSVP with your contribution by using the SignUpGenius link below.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering *April* 20, 2025

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received on Easter Sunday, April 20. You will find the envelopes in the pew racks. This offering is distributed among the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Self-development of People Program. Please give generously as we remember to share joyfully through our giving.

Update to date and time! UKirk and You Connecting with Students through Campus Ministry Wednesday, May 7 5:30pm, Room 207/209

You are invited to a Lunch and Learn, hosted by the Mission Committee, on Wednesday, May 7, at 5:30pm in Room 207/209. Rev. Gini Norris-Lane, Executive Director of the PC(USA)'s UKirk Campus Ministries, will be speaking on the many ways congregations can connect with students through campus ministries. We hope you will join us as we explore this important topic. Register/pay for lunch (a sub sandwich) using the link in the Shield.

Fellowship with St. Andrew at Twilight Tunes! Thursday, May 15 Meet at 6:00pm

The Communications and Administration committee is trying something new in May! We're inviting everyone to join us on the courthouse lawn for Twilight Tunes with Lady Cass & the Fellas! Wear your favorite St. Andrew spirit wear and meet us at the corner of Oak and Locust streets at 6:00pm on Thursday, May 15. Look for our St. Andrew-specific event on Facebook and let us know if you're coming. We're really looking forward to hanging out with you and seeing Cassandra Berry!

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Monday, April 21. The church office will reopen on Tuesday, April 22, at 8:30am.

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 below. 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 available in the Shield.

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.

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.

Prayer Requests

Chuck Smith	Ray Speir
Perry McNeill	Beverly Noah
Harriet Laney	Tim Bergan
Sunny Hueholt	Diann Arthur
Scott Walker	Steve Davis

Lori Garrett, sister of Shim Garrett Dean Wynn, husband of Felecia Wynn Mary Joan Fallon, family member of Trish and Glenn Highland 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 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 Margie Ball

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 Time with Young Disciples.

Mystery of Easter

Karen Raabe and Nursery

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 3/31/25

Income (pledges + other income)\$269,296Expenses\$242,562Difference\$26,734

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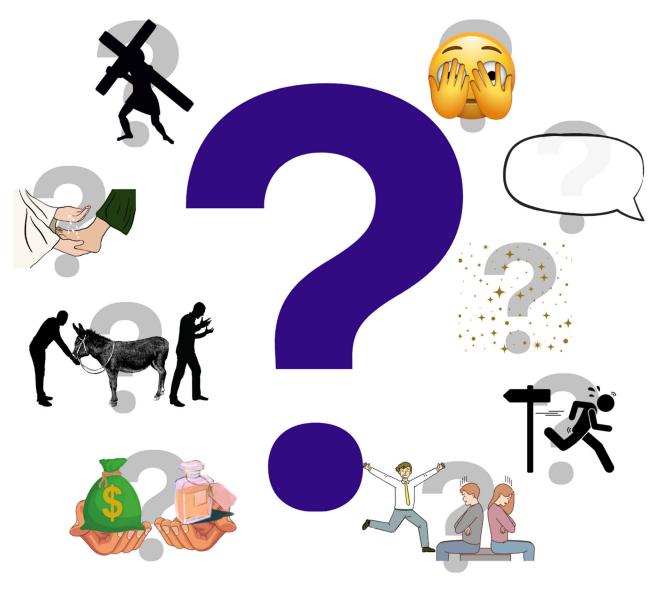


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Stephen Ministers are trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing situations such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation. Please contact Richard Culp or Lisa Patterson to connect with Stephen Ministry.



Why are you weeping?

