



**ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
DENTON, TEXAS

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
April 30, 2017, 10:30 a.m.

*Hearing devices and large print Bibles and hymnals are available. Ask an usher.*

**GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please sign the Ritual of Friendship pad in the pews.*

RINGING OF THE BELL

Hanna Haddad

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Who are you?

**People: I am a child of God.**

Leader: Who are we?

**People: We are children of God, the family of faith.**

Leader: What does it mean to be children of God?

**People: We belong to God who loves us and calls us God's own. In life and death we belong to God.**

OPENING PRAYER

Lisa Patterson

\*HYMN 616

Our God Is an Awesome God (Twice)

AWESOME GOD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, we confess that we have too often acted as if we can earn your love and have forgotten your free gift of grace. We want to impress you and others, but we have lost our way. Forgive us when we forget that we are your children and find our identity in the message of our culture rather than your Word. Help us to live as your heirs, children who belong to you, who loves us more than we can understand. Show us how to love and trust you with all our hearts. In Christ our brother and our Lord. Amen (time of silent confession).**

SUNG RESPONSE

Hymn 273

*He is King of kings; he is Lord of lords, Jesus Christ, the first and last, no one works like him  
Oh he is (Repeat)*

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

CALL TO FAITHFULNESS

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

**\*SUNG RESPONSE**

Hymn 583

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest! Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!  
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!*

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Bill Beckham

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

John 1: 35-42

New Testament, page 87

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**ANTHEM**

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Allen Pote

Westminster Choir

Jannette Hindman, director

*The Youth Choir asks that the congregation not applaud our singing, as our song is intended as an offering of worship to Almighty God. "Amen" are welcome. Thanks!*

**TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

*Children ages three years through kindergarten are invited to go to the Children's Chapel at this time. Older children are invited to remain in the sanctuary with their parents.*

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

1 Samuel 16: 1-13

Old Testament, page 248

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*The Anointed*

Richard B. Culp

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Study Catechism

**I am a child of God. I belong to God, who loved me even before the creation of all that is. Even though all of us have turned away from God and fallen into sin, God never stops loving us. In the fullness of time, God sent Jesus to be our Messiah – the anointed one – who rescues us from sin and death. Jesus called disciples to follow him. He fed the hungry, healed the sick, blessed children, befriended outcasts, required people to repent, and forgave their sins. He taught people not to fear, but to trust always in God. He preached the good news of God's love and gave everyone hope for new life. As a result of his life and death and resurrection, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we are the church. We are the people who believe the good news about Jesus, who are baptized, and who share in the Lord's Supper. Through these means of grace, the Spirit renews us so that we may serve God in love. I am a child of God. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 691**

Lord, When I Came into This Life

LAND OF REST

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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.**

## RECEPTION OF CONFIRMANDS (SEE INSERT)

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY	Rejoice, the Lord Is King (Text: Hymn 363)	Lau
*DOXOLOGY	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Hymn 608	PRAISE GOD (Hopson)
*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		
*HYMN 157	I Danced in the Morning	LORD OF THE DANCE
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE		

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\*Those who are able are asked to stand.

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God by the Hays family in loving memory of Dr. Lloyd Bennett.

Hanna Haddad is serving as acolyte this morning.

### **Confirmation Sunday, April 30**

Join us in worship today as we confirm this year's confirmation class. This year's youth have spent a year studying, learning and expressing about their faith. They have presented their faith statements to the session and are ready to stand in front of and with the congregation to affirm their baptismal vows and join in membership to St. Andrew. There will be a cookies and punch following the service. This year's confirmation class and mentors include:

Katie Brindle (Natalie Garcia)  
Mason Cole (Chris Garcia)  
Gianna Haddad (Debby Ishee)  
Abigail Lewis (Bekah Barnett)  
JT Turner (Mark Glasschroeder)

### *Save the Date*

#### **Jim White's Retirement Celebration**

On Sunday, May 7, the congregation of St. Andrew will have a chance to gather for lunch and celebrate Jim White's retirement as Facilities Manager. Look for more details later.

### **Mother's Day Brunch**

Mothers and Daughters! Join us on Saturday May 13 at 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall for our annual Mother's Day Brunch. Liz Whitaker will prepare a trio of delicious salads as we celebrate our mothers and their special place in our lives and hearts! Bring your favorite "mom" stories to share!

### *Save the Date*

#### **Vacation Bible School**

**June 26-30**

Watch for registration details in upcoming issues of The Shield.

### **St. Andrew T-shirt Pre-Orders**

Have you been looking for a new t-shirt? This year at the youth BBQ, we will be selling a classic St. Andrew t-shirt! A grey shirt with our blue shield emblem emblazoned in front will be available to show your St. Andrew love! Preorders are open now to guarantee your size and quantity until May 7th. Shirts will be available to purchase at the BBQ, but limited number and adult sizes. The sizes available for preorder include: infant onesies 3-6 mo., 6-12 mo., 12-18 mo. or 18-24 mo. Kids sizes S-L and Adult Sizes XS-XXXL. All shirts will cost \$10. Please email Brandi Schoel Brandi@saint-andrew.com to order before May 7th! All shirts will be picked up/sold at Youth BBQ on May 21. Thanks for supporting St. Andrew and our youth group!

## THE SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

### Words of Preparation

The Apostle Paul writes: *“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.”*

Today is a special day in the life of this congregation as we witness the members of our confirmation class claim the “one hope of our calling” and publicly profess their faith in Jesus Christ. Through their study, work, and prayer, they have chosen to proclaim their trust in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and become members of this community of faith as an expression of their commitment to serve him.

We celebrate today the receiving of these confirmands and commit ourselves to working together as each of us lives out our calling as a disciple of Christ.

### Presentation of Confirmand’s Questions for the Congregation

Leader: On behalf of the Session, I am pleased to report that Katie Brindle, Mason Cole, Abigail Lewis, Gianna Haddad, and JT Turner have completed the confirmation process, met with the Session, and have been received into membership of this congregation.

*Each confirmand is presented to the congregation.*

### Statement of Preparation

#### Questions for Confirmands

Do you trust in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

Do you intend to be Christ’s disciple, to obey his word and to show his love?

Do you promise to be a faithful member of this congregation, to share in its ministry through your prayers and your gifts, your study and your service and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Christ?

#### Questions for the Congregation

Do you commit to nurture these confirmands and to be brothers and sisters in Christ with them as they grow in their faithfulness?

### Response to Membership

Leader: These confirmands have made promises before God and before us, and they have joined with us as faithful members of Christ’s church. What is the church they have joined?

**All: We are the church: the people who believe the good news about Jesus, who are baptized, and who share in the Lord’s Supper. Through these means of grace, the Spirit renews us so that we may serve God in love.**

### Anointing of Confirmands

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Holy God, we praise you for calling us to be servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for adding to our number brothers and sisters in faith. Together, may we live in your Spirit, and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom we give honor and glory forever.**

### Welcome

Leader: We have just welcomed Katie Brindle, Mason Cole, Abigail Lewis, Gianna Haddad, and JT Turner in our midst as professing members of this congregation.

**People: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome them and reaffirm our own baptismal vows, committing ourselves to the service of God.**

### **Prayer Concerns This Week**

Catherine Mitchell

Tareq Fakhouri, cousin of Rafat Haddad

Jolene Higginbotham, mother of Jan McClure

Owassa Rebeck, mother of Tiffanie Dodson

Jayne Trusler

Matt Hogarth

Jim Cole, friend of Barbara Sims

*A complete list of the ongoing prayer concerns is available in the Narthex.*

### **2017 Mo-Ranch Men's Conference May 5-7**

Mark your calendars today! Come join hundreds of other men down in the beautiful Texas Hill Country at Mo-Ranch for the 66th annual Mo-Ranch Men's Conference. This year's keynote speaker will be Rev. Dr. Blair R. Monie, former pastor of Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church. Furthermore, our very own Jeff Snider will be serving as the conference music director. Other familiar faces will include Rev. Dr. Alan Baroody and Darhyl Ramsey who will be serving as workshop leaders. Get ready to be spiritually renewed!

You can register for the conference by calling 800-460-4401 or online at [www.moranch.org](http://www.moranch.org). For more information, please feel free to contact Michael Ball at 940-391-0178.

### **Mother's Day Gift Bags**

Once again, we are approaching that time of year when we have an opportunity to donate Mother's Day Gift Bags to give encouragement and hopefully bring a bright spot into the lives of some of the homeless and less fortunate moms in our community through Giving Hope, Inc. We are requesting help from the congregation in the form of new personal care and beauty products such as: shampoo, conditioner, nail products, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotion, lipstick, etc.

Join us in creating awesome Mother's Day Gift Bags for these moms! Please place your donations in the designated collection bins by the soda machine outside Fellowship Hall during the months of March and April. Thank You!

### **Volunteers for After Worship Refreshments Needed**

Do you enjoy conversing with friends over a cup of coffee with a treat in the Narthex after worship on Sundays? If so, please consider signing up to help one Sunday by hosting or providing refreshments. Contact Sara Armstrong at 940.453.7046 or [sarm1407@gmail.com](mailto:sarm1407@gmail.com) for available time slots. You may view the signup calendar online once you provide your email to Sara, or a printed copy is available in the Sacristy on the cabinets.

### **Children's Place Enrollment**

The Children's Place Preschool is continuing to enroll for the fall semester. Our ones, young fours, pre-kindergarten, and kindergarten classes each have a few openings available. We hope you will spread the word to interested parents looking for a high-quality and developmentally appropriate preschool. Information is available at [www.thechildrensplacedenton.com](http://www.thechildrensplacedenton.com), [thechildrensplacedenton@gmail.com](mailto:thechildrensplacedenton@gmail.com), and 940-387-7716.

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# 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, worthy of God's love and grace. We welcome all, celebrating our differences while finding unity in Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Join us in the Narthex following worship so that we can get acquainted.

The session, our governing body, will be in the parlor immediately following the 10:30am worship service to receive new members.

## Children's Chapel

During the worship service, children ages three years through kindergarten go to chapel immediately following the Children's Sermon.

## Jesus & the Twelve Amy Ball

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.

## Sunday School

### CHILDREN, 9:30-10:15am

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Nursery	Room 102
Preschool	Room 100
K-5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Media Room

### YOUTH, 9:30-10:15am

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element	The Den
High School	The Cave

### ADULTS, 9:30-10:15am

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Breakfast Club	Rafat Haddad	Room 206/208
Pastor's Class	Fred Cassell	Room 207/209
Pathfinders	Richard Sale	Room 205

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## THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

### TODAY

- 9:00 a.m. Youth Choir, Children's Choir Room  
9:15 a.m. Presbyterian 101, Parlor  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

### Monday, May 1

- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Ministry, Parlor  
6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry, Room 206/208  
6:30 p.m. Theology on Tap, East Side Social Club  
Topic: Take this \$500 and do good in the world

### Tuesday, May 2

- 6:00 p.m. Deacons Outreach Committee,  
Room 200  
6:00 p.m. Mission Committee, Room 206/208

### Wednesday, May 3

- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Chancel Choir Room

### Thursday, May 4

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Book Study, Upper Park Cafe

### *By the Numbers: As of 3/31/17*

<b>Income</b> (pledges + other income)	\$217,375
<b>Expenses</b>	\$228,330
<b>Difference</b>	\$ (10,955)

**Attendance 4/23/17** 198

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