

ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



MARCH 21, 2010
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
8:30 A.M. AND 10:50 A.M.



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GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

Prelude in E Minor

J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Lord, open my lips.

People: And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Leader: You look for truth deep within me,

People: And teach me wisdom in my heart.

Leader: Purify me, and I shall be clean;

People: Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

*HYMN 446

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

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OPENING PRAYER

Brandon Lewis

CONFESSION OF SIN (unison)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen. (Silent Confession)

KYRIE (Hymnal No. 565) *Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

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

READING OF THE COMMANDMENTS

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

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PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Darhyl Ramsey

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

Old Testament, page 672/632

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S SERMON (10:50 a.m.)

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.

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

New Testament, page 198/187

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Christus Paradox

arr. Alfred V. Fedak

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave. You, peacemaker and sword-bringer of the way you took and gave. You the everlasting instant. You, whom we both scorn and crave. Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross, shining in eternal glory, beggar'd by a soldier's toss. You, the everlasting instant. You, who are both gift and cost. You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side. You, who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide. You, the everlasting instant. You, who are our pilgrim guide. Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ! Worthy your defeat and vict'ry. Worthy still your peace and strife. You, the everlasting instant. You, who are our death and life. You, the everlasting instant. You, who are our death and our life. Alleluia. You, who are our death and our life.

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GOSPEL READING

John 12:1-8

New Testament, page 106/100

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Extravagant, Uncalculating Love

Steve Plunkett

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*HYMN 76

My Song Is Love Unknown

LOVE UNKNOWN

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

My Song Is Love Unknown

Michael Burkhardt

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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.

*HYMN 84

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Christopher Tambling

*Those who are able are asked to stand. ✠ Latecomers may be seated.

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God by Ray and Betty Lynn Jordan, Bob and Bette Sherman, and Judd and Pat Sherman in memory of Robert and Margaret Sherman.

We are grateful to Andrew Dittman for conducting the choir today. Morris Martin is at a professional conference.

WELCOME!

We are delighted that you have joined us for worship today and pray that you experience the presence of Jesus Christ in our midst. For more information about St. Andrew and our ministry together, please stop by the Visitor Information table in the narthex. If you are interested in becoming a member of this congregation, we will gladly provide you with that information.

Adult Inquirer's Class Continues Today

March 21 & 28 9:30-10:30 a.m., Parlor

The St. Andrew Adult Inquirer's Class is for those who are interested in membership at St. Andrew, as well as members who would benefit from a refresher course. Remaining topics include: Why We Worship the Way We Worship and Spiritual Formation.

Register today in the Narthex or call the church office, 940-387-3897.

Parent Forum on "Our Sexuality: A Gift from God"

Today, Rooms 206/208, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

During this one-time forum on Sunday afternoon, the parents of elementary aged children at St. Andrew will meet the leaders and get to ask questions about the format, content, and need for teaching sexuality to elementary school aged children.

Guatemala Mission Team Returns Today

Remember our mission team is returning from Guatemala City. The team includes Stephanie Blue, Patti Brumm, Cody Culberson, Bevan Del Toro, Sarah Gibbs, Brittany Henderson, Raven Pena, and Brandi Lynn Schoel from The Link, our college ministry. Other adults from our congregation on the team are Leslie Kregel, David Strutton, Jan and Roger Lewis. Please keep them in your prayers as they return to Denton.

Service for Wholeness

Tuesday, March 23, 6:00 p.m.

A Service for Wholeness will be held at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening, December 9. This service is open to all members of the community interested in setting aside an hour for quiet contemplation and reflection during a busy time of the year. Visitors are welcome and invited to attend.

What Kind of Service Is This?

It is an informal service, consisting of a short meditation from the minister, responsive reading, and silent prayer, a time of waiting in faith upon God. Prayers of thanksgiving, intercession, and supplication are offered up either silently or aloud. The service concludes with the celebration of Holy Communion. The opportunity to speak with trained lay leaders is available, but many of those in attendance remain seated in the pews, praying with and in support of all who are present. The service is an affirmation of God's love in the face of spiritual and perhaps physical pain and suffering, a way for the church to be present for others in love.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED REMEMBERING THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL?

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church is a joyful community of faith committed to
Worshiping in ways that inspire awe and praise; Growing in God's Word;
Practicing the radical hospitality of divine grace;
Sharing God's love with people of diverse backgrounds and ages;
Reaching out to human need in Denton and beyond;
Growing in all forms of giving—time, talent, and treasure;
Becoming faithful disciples of Jesus as we learn to love God with
all that is in us, and the neighbor as the self.

Prayer Concerns This Week

Avery Parker, granddaughter of Hope Edwards
The family of Elfrieda Ball

Super Wednesday Resumes

March 24, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Menu: Baked Spaghetti & Manicotti, Italian Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Assorted Desserts

Six Great Bible Chapters

Fellowship Hall, 6:30 p.m.
Jim Hancock

Quilting

Rec Center Mezzanine, 6:30 p.m.
Nancy Griffin and Elizabeth Hagen

Practical Parenting

Room 207, 6:30 p.m.
Barb Haflich

Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World

Room 206/208, 6:30 p.m.
Amy Cole, Marissa Glasschroeder,
Jeanie Fite

Lenten Spiritual Disciplines

Parlor, 6:30 p.m.
Diane Smith

Easter Music & Flowers

Donations for Easter music and flowers can be made in the church office. If you would like to make a contribution in memory or in honor of family or friends, please fill out the form provided, attach it to your donation and leave it in the folder marked Easter Flowers and Music Donations on Sue Russell's desk. **Thank You!**

Pura Vida Coffee

Our church coffee supplier inadvertently sent us several packages of whole bean coffee. We have seven 2 lb. packages of Sumatra blend that we need to get rid of. If you are interested, please see Brandon. First come, first served. Cost is \$10 each package.

Display Shower* for Hillary Lewis *Saturday, March 27, Parlor & Narthex* *11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*

Ladies, save some time on Saturday, March 27th, to join us at St. Andrew for a display shower for Hillary Lewis; she and Brandon will welcome their new arrival sometime in April. Plan to participate in a come-and-go brunch, complete with conversation and lots of lovely baby things to admire.

*What *Is* a Display Shower? One that doesn't require any gift wrapping; rather, the gifts are on display for all to see and enjoy right away.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

TODAY

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Adult Inquirer's Class, Parlor
9:45 a.m. Chancel Choir
10:50 a.m. Worship Service
1:30 p.m. — Stephen Ministry Training, Room 200
6:00 p.m.
3:30 p.m. — Parent Forum on "Our Sexuality: A Gift from God," Room 206
5:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service
Paul Dunklau, Meditation
6:15 p.m.
7:30 p.m. Crew, Room 205

Monday, March 22

- 7:00 p.m. The Link, Room 207

Tuesday, March 23

- 10:00 a.m. Sewing & Crafts, Mezzanine
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Children's Choir Room
1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study, Room 206
6:00 p.m. Service for Wholeness

Wednesday, March 24

- 12:00 p.m. Ladies Book Study, Room 206
5:30 p.m. Super Wed. Meal, Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. *element*, Rec Center
6:15 p.m. Covenant Choir, Children's Choir Rm.
6:15 p.m. Children's Recreation
6:20 p.m. Handbells, Adult Choir Room
6:30 p.m. Adult Tracks
7:00 p.m. Noel Choir, Children's Choir Room
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Adult Choir Room
7:40 p.m. Session Meeting, Room 206

Thursday, March 25

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 26

- 9:00 a.m. The Children's Place Board, Treehouse

Saturday, March 27

- 11:30 a.m. — Hillary Lewis' Shower,
1:00 p.m. Narthex & Parlor

Sunday, March 28

Passion/Palm Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Adult Inquirer's Class, Parlor
9:45 a.m. Chancel Choir
10:50 a.m. Worship Service
6:15 p.m. Evening Worship Service
Jordan Dodson, Testimonial
7:30 p.m. Crew, Room 205

Give-A-Meal-A-Month

March Menu

- Beef Ravioli or Tuna
Canned Corn, Macaroni and Cheese
Canned Fruit
Optional: Sugar, Flour

Please return your non-perishable donations for the Denton County Food Bank to the collection bin by the Coke machine near Fellowship Hall.

Thank You!

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**St. Andrew Presbyterian Church is a
Stephen Ministry Congregation.**

Children's Chapel

*During the 10:50 worship service,
children ages three years through kindergarten go to
chapel immediately following the Children's Sermon.*

Faces of Easter 4

Tara & Joey Brindle

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 10:50 service.

Sunday School, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

CHILDREN

Nursery	Room 103
Preschool Children	Room 102
Kindergarten & First Grade	Room 101
Second Grade	Room 100
Third Grade	Rec Center
Fourth & Fifth Grade	Rec Center, The Treehouse

YOUTH

6th & 7th Grade	The Den
8th Grade Confirmation	Room 203
High School	Room 205

ADULTS

The Breakfast Club Lisa Patterson Room 206/208
Join us on Sunday mornings for a walk through the Bible, where we'll meet the interesting and flawed characters in the text.

Contemporary Christians Paula Flowerday Room 209
We are studying the DVD series *Eclipsing Empire*.

Java Jive Joe Fritz Room 201
Each Sunday this class reads and discusses an article from various Presbyterian publications.

Mighty Acts Elinor Caldwell Room 100
This class uses The Present Word quarterly study and the three units in the winter quarter focus on Christ's fulfillment of God's promise of a Messiah.

Pastor's Class Steve Plunkett Fellowship Hall
As part of celebrating the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this class is reading and discussing *John Calvin: Reformer for the 21st Century*, by William Stacy Johnson.

Sojourners Wayne Shourds Room 202
The Sojourner class will use *Dream.Think.Be.Do*, a DVD series from Living the Questions.

PLEASE RECYCLE YOUR BULLETIN.