

THE LORD'S DAY

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026



St. Andrew

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



Community

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Worshipping together, through Christ,
we are made one with God.*

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jenna Hargrave, Worship Leader

PRELUDE

City of God

DAN SCHUTTE, S. J.

*UNITY HYMN (**stand as we are able*)

AURELIA

In Unity, we gather to worship and rejoice.

From our own faith traditions, we pray with one strong voice:

**Lord, help us love each other and serve all those in need,
and live as your disciples – in heart and word and deed.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, you have welcomed us, saying,

I know you by name, and you have found favor with me.

Lord, you have promised us,

My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.

Lord, you have blessed us, saying,

I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you.

Lord, you have humbled us, saying,

I will proclaim my holy name in your presence.

Lord, show us your glory! We worship you!

*HYMN – No. 401 GTG

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

*OPENING PRAYER

Faithful God, you are here. Tuck us into the cleft of the rock;
Cover us with your hand when we are anxious,
That we may be courageous to do your will,
Through Christ, who calls us by name. **Amen**

*CALL & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Lord says: I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy,
and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.
Let us confess our sin, casting ourselves on the promised mercy
And compassion of God. The Lord reigns!

Majestic God, do we tremble in awe before you?

The Lord reigns!

Sovereign God, have we executed justice?

The Lord reigns!

We bow before you, Holy God.

Forgive us. Cleanse us. Free us.

In the strong name of Jesus Christ. Amen

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The Lord said to Moses:
There is a place near me where you may stand upon a rock.
When my glory passes by, I'll put you in a cleft in the rock.
I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by.
Beloved ones, God has shielded us,
Covered our sin with the hand of protection,
As we hide ourselves in Christ, the rock of our salvation.

*RESPONSE – No. 581 GTG

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also, with you.

(As a forgiven people, greet one another and share the Peace of Christ)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jane Ball, Reader

Holy Spirit, illumine for us this Word,

That the message of the gospel may come to us in power. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Exodus 33:12-23; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN – No. 726 GTG *Will You Come and Follow Me*

KELVINGROVE

*GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:15-22

Reverend Stanley Larson

Holy wisdom, holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

*AFFIRMATION: Pg. 35 GTG *Apostles Creed*

*INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Jesus invites us to render to God the things that are God's.

Trusting in God's infinite care, we gratefully present our offerings.

(Please place tithes and offerings in the designated offering plates.)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We trust you, Lord God, to multiply the blessings these gifts represent,

As we pour out your love and grace

on those who long to hear your word to them,

To see your power at work within them,

To feel your comfort beside them,

Through the generous gifts of your Spirit. **Amen**

*DOXOLOGY – No. 606 GTG *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING

*HYMN – No. 708 GTG *We Give Thee but Thine Own* SCHUMAN

*CHARGE & BLESSING

*POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune from “Suite In D” CHARLES CALLAHAN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome friends! May the welcome you feel here be worthy of the gracious God that we serve. In this service, an asterisk (*) invites you to stand as health allows. Material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say. Let us worship God!

The **Wednesday Night Live** menu on October 21st features **Spinach Lasagna**, side salad, dessert, and a beverage. Adults pay \$10, with reduced prices for children. Please RSVP by 11:30 a.m. on Monday. Sign up on Sundays using the link in the e-newsletter, the sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or by contacting the church office at 903-758-4952.

Ministry Group & Committee meetings this month:

Worship & Music MG – today, after worship

Budget, Finance, and Stewardship MG – Tuesday, October 20 @ 3 p.m.

Session – Tuesday, October 20 @ 4 p.m.

Feeding our Firefighters: Once a month, we feed all three of the 7-person crews at Station 6 on McCann Rd. Our October theme is Main Dishes! We need afternoon deliveries on Mon. 10/19& Fri. 10/23. Please contact Rose Briggs (903-238-6463 rosebriggs07@gmail.com) or Katy Manck (903-918-1154 katyroo@gmail.com) to sign up or ask questions.

Scrabble with Friends is being held on Tuesday, October 20th from 6 p.m. to 8:30 pm at East Texas Builders Association. We will reserve a table for 8 for anyone interested. For questions or to sign up, please contact Kay Seager or Quita Russell.

Rev. Ted V. Foote Jr. will be joining the East Texas Pastors Cohort for lunch on Thursday, October 22, 2026 at the Longview United Presbyterian Church, 301 N. Center St., Longview. If you would like to attend, please contact Michele Goff at michele@gracepresbytery.org or call her at 918.232.6422.

Resisting Islamophobia: An Evening of Conversation and Shared Witness

This hybrid event is on October 22, 2026, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. For anyone interested in learning more about rising Islamophobia and efforts to combat it. Registration includes a halal dinner. Any questions, please ask Steve Crane. Register here to attend virtually <https://gracepresbytery.org/event/resisting-islamophobia-an-evening-of-conversation-and-shared-witness/>

LCM Touch a Truck – Feed a Family event is on Saturday, October 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Film Alley, 3070 N. Eastman Rd., Longview, TX.

This unique, community-wide event is designed for children and adults to see, touch, learn about, and interact with dozens of fascinating vehicles. Admission is free, but non-perishable canned food for LCM's food pantry or monetary donation of choice would be gratefully accepted.

Election Reminder – November 3, 2026 General Election

October 19-30 – Early Voting (check your county's website for locations)

October 23 – Mail Ballot Application Deadline

November 3 – Election Day, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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