

THE LORD'S DAY
19th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2026



St. Andrew

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



Community

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

GATHERING

GATHERING *Amazing Grace/Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring* BILL HOLDA/GA-YOUNG PARK

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Judy Haley, Worship Leader

PRELUDE *Weave (sung while members weave the communion table)*

Refrain: Weave, weave, weave us together

Weave us together in unity and love.

Weave, weave, weave us together,

Weave us together, together in love.

We are many textures, we are many colours,

Each one different from the other.

But we are entwined with one another in one great tapestry —.

We are different instruments, playing our own melodies,

Each one tuning to a different key.

But we are all playing in harmony in one great symphony —

A moment ago, we did not know our unity, only diversity.

Now the Christ in me greets the Christ in thee, in one great family —.

*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

What does the Holy One require of us?

To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

Let us worship God.

*OPENING PRAYER

Mighty and merciful God, lover of justice and equity,

You call us to support the weak, to help those who suffer, and to honor all people.

By the power of your Holy Spirit, make us advocates of your peace,

so that all may be reconciled in Your beloved community;

through Jesus Christ Our Savior. **Amen**

*HYMN – No. 525 GTG

Let us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

*CALL & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Loving God, through Jesus Christ, you taught us,

“where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Yet we continue to put our faith in earthly treasures,

hoarding up possessions that moth and rust will destroy,

clinging to power and privilege whenever we can.

Set us free from greed and fear.

Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Teach us to trust in you alone;

Through Jesus Christ, our true Redeemer. Amen

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS – Pg. 4b GTG

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen**

*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

Kate Day Estes, Reader

Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Philippians 3:4b-14

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN – No. 515 GTG

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

*GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:33-46

Reverend Stanley Larson

Holy wisdom, holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

*AFFIRMATION: Pg. 35 GTG

Apostles Creed

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS OF THE CHURCH

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Faithful Shepherd, you call us beyond our resumes and our trophies, beyond what we have been, toward who we are becoming in Christ. As we lay these gifts before you, free us from clinging to what we think gives us worth. Turn our eyes toward the future you are unfolding. Let our giving press us deeper into mercy, widen the circle of belonging, and shape us into people who embody your justice and grace. Keep us moving; keep us growing; keep us following. We press on toward your kingdom, trusting you to lead. **Amen** *(Please place tithes and offerings in one of the designated offering plates at the entrance to the sanctuary.)*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord, giver of all good gifts, thank you for the resources gathered here.

Use these gifts for the advancement of your kingdom; in Jesus' name we pray. **Amen**

*DOXOLOGY – No. 608 GTG *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

LASST UNS ERFREUN

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING – Pg. 9 GTG

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe,
for You have satisfied our souls with this feast of Your grace.

Keep us faithful in Your service until Your realm of glory comes;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen**

THANKSGIVING

*HYMN – No. 530 GTG

One Bread, One Body

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

*CHARGE & BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Largo, from "Xerxes"

G. F. HANDEL

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 7th features **Hamburger Steak**, side salad, dessert, and a beverage. Adults pay \$10, with reduced prices for children. Please RSVP by 11:30 a.m. on Monday. You may 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.

We will be packing snack bags for **One Love** on Wed. October 7th at 1:30 p.m. Our biggest current needs are cereal/protein bars, dry roasted peanuts, tuna pouches, Vienna sausage, and water bottles.

Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 11, to vote for Session Ruling Elders, Trustee, Nominating Committee, and Class of 2029.

Election Info: Is your voter registration up-to-date? The last day to register to vote in the 11/3/2026 election is Tuesday, Oct 5th. You can check your registration, change your address, learn how to vote by mail, register to vote, and more at <http://www.Texas.gov/living-in-texas/Texas-voter-registration/>. Early in-person voting runs 19-30 October at select sites in each county, and Election Day is Tuesday, 11/3. St. Andrew is an Election Day polling place, but not an early voting site.

Gilmont Camp is hosting its **Battle of the Bags fundraiser** on Saturday, October 10, 2026. We're sponsoring 3 cornhole teams, plus paying for 15 lunches. Sign up in the Narthex, and see more info at <https://www.gilmont.org/battle-of-the-bags/>!

Rev. Ted V. Foote Jr. will be joining the East Texas Pastors Cohort for lunch on 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.

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