

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Transfiguration of the Lord
Pastor, Rev. Dr. Darryl Goldman
Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

February 11, 2018
Elder B. J. Breeding, Liturgist
Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist/Organist

Prelude "The Old Rugged Cross" Dr. Gilbreath

Pastor's Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord has called you here this day.

People: *Lord, reveal to us your purposes for us.*

Leader: Open your hearts to receive God's good news.

People: *Lord, make us ready to serve you.*

Leader: Come, let us worship God!

People: *Let us sing our praises to the Almighty One. AMEN.*

Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" #1
Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, we confess that at times we miss Your wonder in the world. We are caught up in the busy-ness of the world around us, caught up in the way our world works, and we forget that You are Creator. We fail to believe in miracles and we fail to see how close You really are to us. Forgive us when we ignore Your presence. Forgive us when we cover our ears and fail to hear Your voice. Forgive us when we close ourselves off from You by not seeking deeper relationships with our neighbors. Call us back into relationship with each other. Open our eyes, our ears and our hearts so that we might experience Your love and grace more fully. In the name of Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen.. (We offer our own silent confessions.)

Hymn "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" 2X #469

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The Peace

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: *And also with you. (Please share the peace of Christ with those near you.)*

*Gloria Patri #581

Anthem "Here We Stand, Lord" Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading 2 Kings 2:1-12 Elder Breeding

Children's Message Barbara Mouton

Scripture Reading Mark 9:2-9

Message "A Mountain Top Experience" Rev. Godbey

*Hymn "We Are Standing on Holy Ground" #406

*Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith. We believe in one God, the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God from God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made, who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People/the Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Offertory "My Jesus, I Love Thee" #606
*Doxology
*Prayer

*Hymn "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain" #193

*Charge & Benediction

Postlude "He Keeps Me Singing" Dr. Gilbreath

*All that are able are invited to stand.
Bold italic type indicates our shared response.
All hymns are from the Glory to God (purple) hymnal.

To Our Visitors & Guests:

Welcome! It is a blessing to have you in worship with us today! We invite you to consider membership in St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. The pastor and elders will be available following the service to answer any questions you may have. If you are a first time visitor, we would like to take you to lunch, so don't run out on us. ***There is a place for you here. We are delighted to have you with us today!***

St. Andrew Elders & Ministry Teams 2018

Chairperson

Clerk of Session	Stu Strong
Worship	Linda Webster & Linda Grissom
Member Care	B. J. Breeding
Education & Spiritual Formation	John Jordan & Teresa Culbert
Mission	Greg Vogel
Communications & Outreach	Harold Culbert & Ceil Hydrick

Committees & SubCommittees

Administration, Finance & Property.....	Stu Strong, Turner Matthews & Ed Wyle
Personnel & Planning	Ed Wyle
Building/Grounds	Stu Strong
Finance & Stewardship	Turner Matthews & Tommy Gates

Our guest minister today is Rev. Sandra Locke Godbey. Rev. Godbey, a retired Methodist minister, received her education at The University of Alabama; Chandler School of Theology, Emory University; and University of North Alabama. She has served as Pastor of several local UM Churches, Chaplain of Hospice of the Valley, Pastoral Counselor at Decatur Morgan Hospital, Counseled at The Enrichment Center. Rev. Godbey is married to John Godbey, Chief Photographer of The Decatur Daily. They are blessed to have 2 daughters and 3 granddaughters.

Her favorite scripture is "To much is given, much is required." Luke 12: 48b

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Scripture Reading, B.J. Breeding: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its

horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Godbey: Mark 9:2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.