

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

16th Sunday after Pentecost  
Pastor, Rev. Dr. Darryl Goldman  
Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

September 9, 2018  
Elder Harold Culbert, Liturgist  
Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "Exalt the Lord" Dr. Gilbreath

Pastor's Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus brought healing love to all people.

**People:** *They talked and marveled about his miracles.*

Leader: But they really didn't understand him.

**People:** *They wanted the healing, but not necessarily a change in their lives.*

Leader: Jesus brings us transforming compassion.

**People:** *Lord Jesus, keep our minds and our spirits open to your life-changing words.  
AMEN.*

Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" #275  
*Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*Patient Lord, you know us so well. We are fascinated by healing and can talk all day about the miracles, but we do not understand the compassion of Christ. We often say, "Just heal us; or just make me rich; or just make things go better at work," or other such deals, and then we promise our faithfulness and witness. But in our hearts, we just don't get it. Please forgive us, Lord, when our greed and fear get in the way of understanding. Help us to know the transformational power of your love. Get us ready to be faithful witnesses to you in all that we say and do. It is in Jesus' Name that we pray. AMEN. (We offer our own silent confessions . . .)*

Hymn "O For a thousand Tongues to Sing" #610

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 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Isaiah 35:4-7 Elder Culbert

Youth Message Rev. Goldman

Scripture Reading Mark 7:24-37 Rev. Goldman

Message "Hushpuppy Gospel" Rev. Goldman

\*Hymn "In Christ There is No East or West" #318

\*Let us declare our faith with the Apostles' Creed:

***I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.***

Prayers of the People (debts/debtors)

Offertory "Learning to Lean" Dr. Gilbreath #606  
\*Doxology  
\*Prayer

\*Hymn "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" #620

\*Charge Rev. Goldman

\*Benediction "Go to the World!" (#295 V4) Choir  
(Please remain at your seats until choir is finished)

Postlude "Surely Goodness and Mercy" 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
Nominating .....	Dan Watt & Jim Boyd

**Class of 2018**

Stu Strong  
Harold Culbert  
Linda Webster

**Class of 2019**

Ceil Hydrick  
Greg Vogel  
Turner Matthews

**Class of 2020**

BJ Breeding  
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# Welcome to



## September 9, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.

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**Scripture Reading Harold Culbert: Isaiah 35:4-7**

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

**Scripture Reading Rev. Goldman: Mark 7:24-37**

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go-- the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."