

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

17th Sunday after Pentecost  
Pastor, Rev. Dr. Darryl Goldman  
Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

September 16, 2018  
Elder Stu Strong, Liturgist  
Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "This is My Father's World" Dr. Gilbreath

Pastor's Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: The heavens shout of God's glory!

**People: *There is so much beauty in this earth and in the heavens!***

Leader: Day by day we are reminded of God's creative love.

**People: *Day by day we are blessed with large and small visions of God's glory.***

Leader: Come, let us praise the God of creation.

**People: Let us sing and shout our praises of thanksgiving and joy to God. Amen.**

Prayer of Adoration

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

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

***Lord, it is easy for us to say that we will follow you, and then turn our backs and act as though our commitment to you does not mean anything to us. Jesus challenges us to take up our crosses, and when we don't understand what that means, we just shrug and turn away. Forgive us when we idealize the past or refuse to live in the here and now. Forgive us for our lack of commitment and faith. Heal us of our greed and fears. Help us embrace the journey of our lives and look forward to blessings ahead. Give us courage to be disciples and enable us to joyfully proclaim your healing mercies and your transformational love. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN. (We offer our own silent confessions . . .)***

Hymn "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" #471

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 "Christ, We Do All Adore You" Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Elder Strong

Youth Message Elder Nellie Gates

Scripture Reading Genesis 19:15-26 Rev. Goldman

Message "Looking Backward While Driving" Rev. Goldman

\*Hymn "Shall We Gather at the River" #375

\*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 "All That Thrills My Soul" Dr. Gilbreath #606

\*Doxology

\*Prayer

\*Hymn "Live into Hope" #772

\*Charge & Benediction Rev. Goldman

Postlude "I'll Fly Away" 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**

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 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**

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| 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 16, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.

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**Scripture Reading Stu Strong: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So, we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**Scripture Reading Rev. Goldman: Genesis 19:15-26**

When morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, "Get up, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, or else you will be consumed in the punishment of the city." But he lingered; so the men seized him and his wife and his two daughters by the hand, the LORD being merciful to him, and they brought him out and left him outside the city. When they had brought them outside, they said, "Flee for your life; do not look back or stop anywhere in the Plain; flee to the hills, or else you will be consumed." And Lot said to them, "Oh, no, my lords; your servant has found favor with you, and you have shown me great kindness in saving my life; but I cannot flee to the hills, for fear the disaster will overtake me and I die. Look,

that city is near enough to flee to, and it is a little one. Let me escape there--is it not a little one?--and my life will be saved!" He said to him, "Very well, I grant you this favor too, and will not overthrow the city of which you have spoken. Hurry, escape there, for I can do nothing until you arrive there." Therefore, the city was called Zoar. The sun had risen on the earth when Lot came to Zoar. Then the LORD rained on Sodom and Gomorrah sulfur and fire from the LORD out of heaven; and he overthrew those cities, and all the Plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground. But Lot's wife, behind him, looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.