

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

18th Sunday after Pentecost  
Pastor, Rev. Dr. Darryl Goldman  
Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

September 23, 2018  
Elder Turner Matthews, Liturgist  
Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "Jesus is All the World to Me" Dr. Gilbreath

Pastor's Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Who is wise and understanding among us?

**People:** *Those who seek wisdom and understanding each and every day. Those who delight in God and meditate on God's law.*

Leader: Come, learn more about the wisdom from above, a wisdom that yields a harvest of righteousness.

**People:** *O God, your wisdom is more precious than jewels! We draw near to you.*

Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn "O Word of God Incarnate" #459  
*Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God, we live our lives as best we can—dealing with difficult relationships and situations, putting failures and disappointments behind us, and moving into each new day with as much energy, goodwill, and optimism as we can muster. But here, right now, we seldom have the right answers, we seldom seek your higher wisdom in our lives, we just move ahead. Forgive us for not asking for your insight. Fill us with your wisdom, that we may live lives of goodness and peace. Amen. (We offer our own silent confessions . . .)**

Hymn "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" #775

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 "A Place in the Valley" Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Psalm 1 Elder Matthews

Youth Message Elder Nellie Gates

Scripture Reading Mark 9:33-37 Rev. Taylor Todd

Message "Those Unmasked Questions" Rev. Taylor Todd

\*Hymn "Beneath of the Cross of Jesus" #216

\*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 "Blessed Assurance" Dr. Gilbreath

\*Doxology #606

\*Prayer

\*Hymn "The Church of Christ in Every Age" #320

\*Charge & Benediction Rev. Taylor Todd

Postlude "The Solid Rock" 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  
Dan Watt  
Ed Wyle

Please give a warm welcome to our guest minister today, Rev. Dr. Taylor Todd. Dr. Todd was born in Richmond, Virginia, and raised in Florence, AL. where his father was the minister of First Presbyterian Church from 1962-1996. He holds degrees from Rhodes College and Union Presbyterian Seminary. Ordained in 1985 Dr. Todd has served congregations in North Carolina, Virginia and Alabama. He is married to Abby Jackson and they have a daughter, Caroline, who lives in Chelsea, AL.

# Welcome to



## September 23, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.

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### **Scripture Reading Turner Matthews: Psalm 1**

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

### **Scripture Reading Rev. Todd: Mark 9:33-37**

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."