

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Pastor, Rev. Dr. Darryl Goldman
Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

September 10, 2017
Ceil Hydrick, Liturgist
Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist/Organist

Introit "I Give You Praise" Dr. Gilbreath

Chiming of the Hour

Pastor's Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Sing praise to God who rescues us when we fall!

People: Sing praise to God who walks with us on all our journeys!

Leader: Even when we may have low expectations, God lifts us and places us on paths of peace.

People: Even though we stray, God finds us and lifts us up to lives of hope.

Leader: Thanks be to God, who has plans for us beyond what we can imagine.

People: Praise be to God, whose mercy is over us all. AMEN.

Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #610
Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Just like the beggar at the Temple gate, Lord, we expect today to be like yesterday. We have so much trouble envisioning a better future and we get what we expect. We too easily settle for what has always been. Inspire us, merciful Lord, to expect more. Help us to be more merciful, more generous, and more forgiving. Forgive us for thinking small. Teach us again about your healing, forgiving love and lift us up to walk with renewed strength. Show us Your ways of merciful living so we may reach out to others to lift them up with unexpected love. (We offer our own silent confessions. . .)

Hymn "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" (X2) #654

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 "Glory to God in the Highest" Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Joshua 1:7-16 Elder Ceil Hydrick

Children's Message Mr. Fred Crow

Scripture Reading Acts 3:1-10 Rev. Goldman

Message "Expectations" Rev. Goldman

*Hymn "Seek Ye First" #175

*The Confession of Faith: 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/the Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Offertory "I Love You, Lord" #606
*Doxology
*Prayer

*Hymn "I Love to Tell the Story" #462

*Charge & Benediction

Postlude "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

*All that are able are invited to stand.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

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 2017

Chairperson

Administration, Finance & Property.....	Stu Strong & Turner Matthews
Building/Grounds/Clerk of Session	Stu Strong
Communications & Outreach	Harold Culbert & Ceil Hydrick
Education & Spiritual Formation.....	Shelly Shull
Finance & Stewardship	Turner Matthews & Tommy Gates
Member Care	B. J. Breeding
Nominating	Nellie Gates
Mission	Greg Vogel
Worship.....	Linda Webster & Linda Grissom
Head Usher	Donald Foster

Wednesday Activities

- 6:00 PM Potluck Supper
- 6:30 PM Classes for all ages
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

W e l c o m e t o



September 10, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

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Scripture Reading, Ceil Hydrick: Joshua 1:7-16

Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.” Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, “Pass through the camp, and command the people: ‘Prepare your provisions; for in three days you are to cross over the Jordan, to go in to take possession of the land that the LORD your God gives you to possess.’ ” To the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh Joshua said, “Remember the word that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, ‘The LORD your God is providing you a place of rest, and will give you this land.’ Your wives, your little ones, and your livestock shall remain in the land that Moses gave you beyond the Jordan. But all the warriors among you shall cross over armed before your kindred and shall help them, until the LORD gives rest to your kindred as well as to you, and they too take possession of the land that the LORD your God is giving them. Then you shall return to your own land and take possession of it, the land that Moses the servant of the LORD gave you beyond the Jordan to the east.” They answered Joshua: “All that you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go.

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o’clock in the afternoon. And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, “Look at us.” And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, “I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk.” And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God, and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.