

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Pastor, Rev. Dr. Darryl Goldman  
Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

September 24, 2017  
Stuart Strong, Liturgist  
Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist/Organist

Introit Dr. Gilbreath

Chiming of the Hour

Pastor's Welcome

Minute for Mission - Peace Offering Barb Mouton

Call to Worship

Leader: Open your hearts to God's loving mercy.

**People: Lord, come into our hearts this day.**

Leader: Having received God's mercy, help us bring that love to others.

**People: Lord, be with us as we reach out to others in compassion.**

Leader: Feel your spirits filled with the goodness of God.

**People: Lord, we thank you for the many blessings which you pour into our lives.**

**AMEN**

Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #12  
*Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

***You know how fickle we can be, O Lord. We proclaim your presence with us and then we behave in ways which run counter from your word. We get caught up in our own needs and complain about the injustices we feel in our lives. Help us to place our trust in your mercy and your compassionate love. Forgive us when we stray from your ways and wander into paths of self-pity and self-destruction. Lift us from the troubles we can cause ourselves, and put us back on track. Give us confidence in your presence and your direction throughout our lives, for we ask these things in Jesus' name (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 "O Worship the King" Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Jonah 3:10-4:11 Elder Stu Strong

Children's Message Mr. J. K. Huggs

Scripture Reading Matthew 10:1-16 Rev. Goldman

Message "Justice" Rev. Goldman

\*Hymn "God Is So Good" #658

\*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  
\*Doxology #606  
\*Prayer

\*Hymn "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" #649

\*Charge & Benediction

Postlude Dr. Gilbreath

\*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**

- 4:30 PM Member Care Meeting
- 6:00 PM Potluck Supper
- 6:30 PM Classes for all ages
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Welcome to



September 24, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

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**Scripture Reading, Stu Strong: Jonah 3:10-4:11**

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.” But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

**Scripture Reading, Rev. Goldman: Matthew 10:1-16**

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. “See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.