St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Stewardship Sunday Pastor, Rev. Dr. Darryl Goldman <u>Mavis Stephens, Choir Director</u>	November 11, 2018 Elder Harold Culbert, Liturgist Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist	
Prelude	Dr. Gilbreath	
Pastor's Welcome		
Minute for Mission – Thanksgiving Dinner	John Jordan	
Call to Worship		
 Leader: What do you bring before the Lord this day? People: We bring our hopes and our dreams to the Lord Leader: What do you seek? People: We seek peace for our weary souls. Leader: You will find it in this place, for this is the house of the Lord. People: Open our hearts and our spirits, O Lord, to hear your words of comfort and peace. AMEN. 		
Prayer of Adoration		
*Hymn "The Church of Christ in Every Ag Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle		
Call to Confession		
Prayer of Confession		

Gracious God, so often we look at ourselves, our gifts and our talents, and wonder what you would do with these offerings. We don't think that we have much to give. Far too often, we belittle our gifts and turn our backs on the needs and opportunities present to serve, believing that our gifts cannot possibly make a difference. We think that we must possess the greatest of talents and wealth in order to truly please and serve you. Forgive us when we stop listening to your healing and comforting words and focus on our anxieties. Heal us, Lord. Help us know that you have given to us such blessings, and that these blessings are truly wonderful and meant to be used in joy and service to others. Help us to bring our lives, just as they are, to you and to receive your gentle touch and healing grace. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN. (We offer our own silent confessions . . .)

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 "Consecrated Lord, to Thee" Choir Anthem Prayer for Illumination Scripture Reading Ephesians 2:19-22 Elder Culbert Youth Message Rev. Goldman Rev. Goldman Scripture Reading Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8 "Drama at the Thanksgiving Table (These are My People?)" Rev. Goldman Message

*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.

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

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Prayers of the People (debts/debtors)

*Hymn

Offertory	Dr. Gilbreath
*Doxology	#606
*Prayer	

Ordination and Installation of Elders

*Hymn

#643

*Charge & Benediction

Rev. Goldman

Postlude

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	
Mission	
Communications & Outreach	

Committees & Subcommittees

Administration, Finance & Property	Ed Wyle, Turner Matthews & Stu Strong
Personnel & Planning	Ed Wyle
	Stu Strong
	Turner Matthews & Tommy Gates
Nominating	Dan Watt & Jim Boyd
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Class of 2018 Stu Strong Harold Culbert Linda Webster Ceil Hydrick Greg Vogel Turner Matthews Class of 2020 BJ Breeding Dan Watt Ed Wyle

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Rev. Darryl Goldman, Pastor 3310 Danville Rd. SW Decatur, AL 35603 Office: (256) 355-6310 Cell: (256) 520-1771 churchoffice@standrewdecatur.org www.standrewdecatur.org <u>Scripture Reading Harold Culbert: Ephesians 2:19-22</u> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Scripture Reading Rev. Goldman: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8 All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting

up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.