

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 24, 2019

Rev. Rosemary McMahan, Interim Pastor

Elder Nellie Gates, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "Praise to the King" Dr. Gilbreath

We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

Pastor's Welcome (*Please sign the Friendship Roster.*)

Call to Worship

Leader: Holy God, as we gather this morning, we are distracted.

People: ***We confess that we worry about many things in this life.***

Leader: Do not worry about anything. Instead, rejoice and thank God as you make your needs known to Him.

People: ***May we release the many things of this world and focus on being faithful.***

Leader: Lord, help us focus on seeking first your eternal kingdom and leaving everything else up to you.

People: ***God has been so good to us! We trust completely in the one who provides for our needs.***

Leader: It is that kind of faith through which God gives a peace that is beyond our understanding.

Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn "O Worship the King" #41
Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Everlasting God, our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Yet we confess that our hearts have been enslaved by worry, selfish passion and desire. We have sought after many things and have neglected the one thing needful. We have not trusted or loved you with our whole hearts; help us to turn to you and find forgiveness. Lead us home, that we may again find in you our life and joy and peace. Amen. (We offer our own silent confessions . . .)

Hymn "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" V. 1 #803

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: "To Him gave all the prophets witness, that through His name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins." Friends, believe the good news of the gospel

People: ***In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!***

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 "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me" Choir

We Listen for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 17:5-8 Elder Gates

Scripture Reading Matthew 6:25-34 Chase Epps

Message "Worthless Worry" Chase Epps

*Hymn "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine" #839

We Respond to the Word

*Affirmation of Faith: (From "A Declaration of Faith")

We believe that God moves in history with His people. Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record. The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history together with His people's response in faith. It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church toward the kingdom of God, His just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own. It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do. To retell it is to declare what we believe.

Prayers of the People (debts/debtors)

Offertory "In His Presence" Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology #606

*Prayer

We Go Forth to Minister

*Hymn	“Great is Thy Faithfulness” Vs. 1	#39
*Charge & Benediction		Chase Epps
Postlude	“When We All Get to Heaven”	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 Leaders 2019

Chairperson

Clerk of Session	Philip Gilbert
Worship	Nellie Gates
Member Care	B. J. Breeding
Education & Spiritual Formation	B. J. Breeding/John Jordan
Mission	Greg Vogel
Communications & Outreach	Ceil Hydrick

Committees & Subcommittees

Administration, Finance & Property.....	Turner Matthews/Ed Wyle
Personnel & Planning	Ed Wyle
Building/Grounds	Bob Naumann
Finance & Stewardship.....	Turner Matthews
Nominating	Dan Watt

Please welcome our speaker today, Mr. Chase Epps, Director of Maranatha Camp & Conference Center. Chase and his family joined the NAP in October of 2016. He is married and has three daughters ages 4, 7, and 8. He has almost two decades of ministry experience, most of that being in Christian camping, and truly believes God has been preparing him for this calling. He is excited “to reinvigorate this camp, to create an atmosphere of excitement and excellence.”

Welcome to



***“Growing in Faith; Sharing the Good News;
Living in God’s Love.”***

February 24, 2019

Rev. Rosemary McMahan, Interim Pastor
3310 Danville Rd. SW
Decatur, AL 35603
Office: (256) 355-6310
churchoffice@standrewdecaur.org
pastor@standrewdecaur.org
www.standrewdecaur.org

Scripture Reading Elder Gates: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

Scripture Reading Rev. Epps: Matt 6:25-34

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God

and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.