

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 11, 2019

Rev. Rosemary McMahan, Interim Pastor

Elder Nellie Gates, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "My Redeemer" Dr. Gilbreath

## We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

Pastor's Welcome (Please sign the friendship roster.)

Minute for Mission: Barb Mouton

Call to Worship

One: God is with us. God dwells in our midst. Listen and hear God speak.

**All: *Our hearts long for God's word. We wait upon the Lord so that we may renew our strength.***

One: God is our help and our support. God's spirit moves among us to lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

**All: *With joyful hearts we sing God's praise. With rejoicing we call upon the Lord, who is our hope and our salvation.***

One: Let us worship God

Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn of Worship "The God of Abraham Praise" #49  
*Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.*

Invitation to Confession: It is written of old: "Help us, O God of our salvation for the glory of your name. Deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake." Let us admit to each other and to God that we are in need of mercy and renewal.

Prayer of Confession: ***Great is your faithfulness, O Lord, yet ours is weak. We know what we are called to do, but often we do not do it. We know what your Son asks us to believe, but often we disregard it. We know we are called to put our faith and trust in you, but often we put it in other people or in ourselves. We are sorry. Help us to be more faithful followers of your Son. Help our words of confession lead to true fellowship with you. Amen. (We make our silent confession.)***

Hymn "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Vs. 1 & 2 #829

Declaration of Forgiveness:

One: Beloved, God who created us and knows us by name sent Jesus Christ to redeem us, not condemn us. In Christ we are forgiven.

**All: *Alleluia! Amen.***

The Peace: As Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace, let us extend our peace to one another and to the world.

\*Gloria Patri #581

Anthem "In the Valley Flows a River" Choir

## We Listen for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Heb. 11:1-3; 8-16 Elder Gates

Scripture Reading Luke 12:32-40 Rev. McMahan

Message "Being Like Abraham" Rev. McMahan

\*Hymn of Reflection "Open My Eyes That I May See" #451

## We Respond to the Word

\* Affirmation of Faith: 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. This we believe.***

Prayers of the People: The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Offertory "Open Our Eyes, Lord" Dr. Gilbreath

\*Doxology #606

\*Prayer

## We Go Forth to Minister

\*Hymn of Sending "It is Well with My Soul" #840

\*Blessing and Sending Rev. McMahan

Postlude "To God Be the Glory" Dr. Gilbreath

\*All that are able are invited to stand.

***Bold italic type indicates our shared response.***

**To Our Visitors & Guests:**

Welcome! It is a blessing to have you in worship with us today. We warmly invite your participation in the worship, fellowship, and ministry of this congregation where everyone is welcome as God's child. The pastor is available to answer any questions you might have after worship or by email or phone. There is a place for you here, and we are delighted to have you with us today.

**To All:**

The baptismal font at the entrance into the sanctuary signifies baptism as the entrance into the Universal Church and our inclusion in the worldwide family of Jesus Christ. It reminds us to remember our baptisms and be thankful.

**Prayer for Wholeness Opportunity:**

***When does this take place?***

After worship on the first Sunday of the month, beginning Sept. 1.

***Who is it for?***

For members who are ill and who would like prayer. For members who have a loved one who is ill and would like to receive prayer for that person. For members who are struggling with emotional or spiritual issues. For anyone desiring any kind of personal prayer.

***What happens during this time?***

The service consists of a brief scripture, a time of prayer, anointing with oil, and laying on of hands for those who desire it. Leaders would include the pastor and at least one other elder (or commissioned member) trained in praying for specific needs in the areas of healing and wholeness.

*James 5:14: "Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord."*

If you have questions, please contact Pastor Rosemary.

An audio and written copy of each week's sermon is available on the website at [www.standrewdecatour.org](http://www.standrewdecatour.org).

# Welcome to



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

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**Scripture Reading Nellie Gates: Heb. 11:1-3, 8-16**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old--and Sarah herself was barren--because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

**Scripture Reading Rev. McMahan: Luke 12:35-40**

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."