

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 15, 2019

Rev. Rosemary McMahan, Interim Pastor

Elder Bob Naumann, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "Trust and Obey" Dr. Gilbreath

## We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

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

Call to Worship:

One: Loving Christ, you are our gentle Shepherd.

**All: We are your people; we long to know your will and to live in your way.**

One: Lead us, Shepherd Lord, into new paths of love and service.

**All: As you lead and guide us, touch our hearts and minds in this worship time.**

One: Let our spirits be refreshed and our lives filled with joy, dedication, and praise for you, the One whose voice we know and follow.

Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn of Worship "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #12  
*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 need mercy and renewal.

Prayer of Confession: **O God, you search after us when we have gone far from you, yet we confess that we have become consumed with our own affairs. We seldom pause to listen for your word or to seek your guidance. When we feel that the burdens of the world fall entirely on our shoulders, we are slow to put our trust in you or to cooperate with others. When we take ourselves too seriously, we forget that you are waiting right here for us. Help us to remember that we are precious to you because you have accepted us and called us to be your very own, and help us to extend that same love to others. Amen.** (We make our silent confession.)

Hymn "Jesus Calls Us" Vs. 1 & 4 #720

Declaration of Forgiveness:

While we were sinners, we were reconciled to God through Jesus Christ. Because we have received God's mercy, we are able to grant mercy to those who have wronged us.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

\*Gloria Patri #581

Anthem "The Lord Will be My Shepherd" Choir

## We Listen for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Elder Naumann

Scripture Reading Luke 15:1-10 Rev. McMahan

Message "Only in the Movies" Rev. McMahan

\*Hymn of Reflection "Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling" #418

## We Respond to the Word

\* Affirmation of Faith: from the Heidelberg Catechism

***Our only comfort, in life and death, is that we belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to ourselves but to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all our sins and has completely freed us from the dominion of the devil; that he protects us so well that without the will of our Father in heaven not a hair can fall from our heads; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for our salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures us of eternal life, and makes us wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. This we believe.***

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

Offertory "As the Deer" Dr. Gilbreath

\*Doxology #606

\*Prayer

## We Go Forth to Minister

\*Hymn of Sending "Standing on the Promises" #838

\*Blessing and Sending Rev. McMahan

Postlude "What a Mighty God We Serve!" 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.

St. Andrew's Wednesday Night Study continues to look at Paul's short Letter to the Philippians. This letter, written from prison, is generally considered Paul's "Joy Letter." In his most dire circumstances, Paul is able to rejoice that Jesus Christ is working through him. We, as followers of Christ, are called to do the same, to "Rejoice always! Again, I say, rejoice! The Lord is near!" (Phil 4:7). How difficult that rejoicing, that deep abiding trust that Christ is near, is for all of us. This week, I invite you to be intentional about looking for, being aware of, those moments of joy that come from Christ and then to share that moment with someone else. Joy is contagious! ~ Pastor Rosemary

Scripture for this Wednesday's study: Phil 1: 27-2:4, "Unity in Christ."

**Prayer for Wholeness Opportunity:**

Individual prayers for Healing and Wholeness are available after church and on Wednesdays by appointment. Please contact Pastor Rosemary.

**"Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise." Jer. 17:14.**

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 Bob Naumann: I Tim 1:12-17**

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Scripture Reading Rev. McMahan: Luke 15:1-10**

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them,

'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."