

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 20, 2019

Rev. Rosemary McMahan, Interim Pastor

Elder Philip Gilbert, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "All Hail King Jesus!" Dr. Gilbreath

We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

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

Minute for Stewardship Ed Wyle

Call to Worship

One: Everyone who serves God, come and offer thanks.

All: Thank you, God, for your love to me.

One: Everyone who is gathered in this place, lift your voices and praise God.

All: Thank you, God, for your love in this place.

One: Shout praises to God for you are God's servants.

All: Thank you, God, for opportunities to share your love with others.

One: All who serve in this place, who serve our God, come and give thanks.

All: Thank you, God, for your Word, Jesus Christ, that we follow.

One: Praise the name of our God who is kind and good and has entrusted us with holy work.

All: Thank you, God, for your love endures forever.

Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Worship "Praise to the Lord" #35

Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.

Invitation to Confession: We are told in 1 Corinthians 4:2 that a steward must be found trustworthy. Acknowledging that in our sin we have neglected and rejected gifts that have been provided by God, let us confess our sins together.

Prayer of Confession: (Responsively)

One: God of grace, you have called us to give ourselves completely to you. Yet, we often hold back part for worldly pursuits.

All: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

One: You have given us the gift of time. You give us time to serve, time to learn, time to grow, time to share, yet we spend our time serving self.

All: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

One: You provide us with the opportunity to serve in numerous ways, using the talents and abilities we have been given, but we tend to hide our gifts.

All: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

One: You have provided even the least among us with more financial resources than most of the world. We resist sharing because of fear for the future.

All: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

One: You have provided us with a beautiful creation to enjoy. We take it for granted and abuse this incredible earth.

All: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

One: You have given us every single gift we have, and yet we fail to notice or even to say thank you.

All: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us. (We make our silent confession.)

Hymn "Lord of All Good" #711

Declaration of Forgiveness: While God knows our sin, God also hears our cries. In our sin, God still reaches out to forgive and restore us. Having confessed our sins, rejoice in forgiveness through Christ and live in God's love.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

*Gloria Patri #581

Anthem "We Bring Our Thanks" Choir

We Listen for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading I Cor. 16:1-4, 13-14 Elder Gilbert

Scripture Reading Luke 18:35-43 Rev. McMahan

Message "What Will We Give the King?" Rev. McMahan

*Hymn of Reflection "Take My Life" Vss. 1, 3, 4, 6 #697

We Respond to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith:

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal. We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. This we believe. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Offertory "Great is Thy Faithfulness" Dr. Gilbreath
*Doxology #606
*Prayer

We Go Forth to Minister

*Hymn of Sending "How Great Thou Art" #625
*Blessing and Sending Rev. McMahan
Postlude "Great is the Lord" 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.

From Pastor Rosemary:

During this Stewardship Season, you are invited to pray with each other for the spirit of generosity and gratitude in "faith giving" at St. Andrew as you discern what God is inviting you to give to support the ministry and mission of this congregation.

Gracious God, giver of all we have and hold as stewards; grant the people of this church a deep and abiding awareness that all things come from you – our health, our incomes, our jobs, our talents and our generous impulse. Send your Holy Spirit to help us as we swim against the rising tides of materialism, envy, individualism and greed in our culture.

When we are tempted to think of money as a private matter, remind us that you have asked for part of what we are given, to be returned to you as a symbol of our awareness that you give all we have. And further, help us to help each other in this grace of giving, for you are the lover of our souls and call us to nothing less than transformation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Study of Philippians for Oct. 23: Phil. 3: 1-16.

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Welcome to



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

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Scripture Reading Philip Gilbert: 1 Cor 16:1-4, 13-14

Now concerning the collection for the saints: you should follow the directions I gave to the churches of Galatia. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn, so that collections need not be taken when I come. And when I arrive, I will send any whom you approve with letters to take your gift to Jerusalem. If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me.

Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.

Scripture Reading Rev. McMahan: Luke 18:35-43

As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” Then he shouted, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has saved you.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.