

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 3, 2019

Rev. Rosemary McMahan, Interim Pastor

Elder Ceil Hydrick, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

"Our Father's Love"

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath

## We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

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

Stewardship Minute: Financial Health and Faith-giving

Philip Gilbert

Call to Worship

One: Hear, O Church, the Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

**All: We shall love the Lord our God with all our heart and soul and strength.**

One: The Lord calls us to hear and heed God's word.

**All: We will treasure God's words in our hearts.**

One: We will teach them to our children.

**All: We will talk about them when we are at home and away.**

One: We will meditate on them when we go to bed and when we rise.

**All: We will keep God's words ever before us.**

One: God's Word lights our way and makes our paths straight.

**All: He is our God, the Lord alone. Thanks be to God!**

Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn of Worship

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

#408

*Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.*

Call to Confession: As we come before the Lord, ready to receive both Word and Sacrament, let us be intentional about preparing our hearts with honesty and humility, being ever ready to turn back to God:

Prayer of Confession: ***Far too often, O Lord, we desire to look wise in the world's eyes. Yet we know our failings. We have not spoken truth with our hearts. We have not loved as you love. We have said and done hurtful things to others. We have forgotten our true identity, wandering into ways that are not yours. We have lost the path of true worship, focusing on form and words rather than deeds. We have forgotten what true discipleship is. Forgive us, we pray, and help us live into becoming the people you have created and called us to be: people of justice and love, truth and humility. We ask these things in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen. (We make our silent confession.)***

Hymn

"Will You Come and Follow Me" V. 1, 2, & 5

#726

Declaration of Forgiveness: Therefore, if we are *in Christ*, we are new creations; old things have passed away; behold, *all things* have become *new*. Believe and rejoice!

**All: We do believe, and we give thanks!**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

\*Gloria Patri

#581

Anthem

"In Remembrance of Me"

Choir

## We Listen for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Psalm 71:1-9; 17-19

Elder Hydrick

Scripture Reading

Luke 19:1-10

Rev. McMahan

Message

"What's Your Angle?"

Rev. McMahan

\*Hymn of Reflection

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

See Screen

## We Respond to the Word

\* Affirmation of Faith: *Nicene Creed*

***We believe in one God, the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God from God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made, who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. This we believe. Amen.***

Prayers of the People

Offertory

"I Give All to You"

\*Doxology

#606

\*Prayer

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion: *Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, given us balm for our wounds and a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**We Go Forth to Minister**

\*Hymn of Sending      “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”      #546

\*Blessing and Sending      Rev. McMahan

Postlude      “The Way of the Cross Leads Home”      Dr. Jeff Gilbreath

\*All that are able are invited to stand.

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

**Prayers for Wholeness**

**Those who would like a private prayer for healing and wholeness are invited to gather at the communion table after worship.**

**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: Stewardship Prayer**

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, as our own, 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.



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

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**Scripture Reading Ceil Hydrick: Psalm 71:1-9; 17-19**

In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me. Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel. For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth. Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you. I have been like a portent to many, but you are my strong refuge. My mouth is filled with your praise, and with your glory all day long. Do not cast me off in the time of old age; do not forsake me when my strength is spent.

O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to all the generations to come. Your power and your righteousness, O God, reach the high heavens. You who have done great things,  
O God, who is like you?

**Scripture Reading Rev. McMahan: Luke 19:1-10**

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

## “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus.  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me.  
The world behind me, the cross before me.  
The world behind me, the cross before me.  
No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, I still will follow,  
Though none go with me, I still will follow,  
Though none go with me, I still will follow,  
No turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
No turning back, no turning back.