

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 2023

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Elder Shelly Shull, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

"My Redeemer, My Messiah!"

Dr. Gilbreath

## We Gather in God's Presence

Pastor's Welcome

Call to Worship:

One: We gather as the body of Christ.

**All: We are many individuals, but together we are one.**

One: Each of us has our own gifts, our own calling, our own role,

**All: but all of us proclaim Jesus Christ is the Messiah!**

**All: Let us worship God**

\*Hymn

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

#610

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

**Almighty God, when faced with earthly powers that seem overwhelming, we crumble. We fear this world. We fear losing our status, our stability, and our station more than we fear you. Forgive our shortcomings and teach us to trust in you when we take a risk for what we know is right. Amen. (Silent Confession)**

Hymn of Response

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

#435,v.1

Assurance of Pardon:

One: If God was not on our side, we could not stand in the judgment. But God is with us, steadfast and faithful, as we seek to live in peace.

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Gloria Patri

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## We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Elder Shelly Shull

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:1-8

Elder Shelly Shull

Anthem

Choir

Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

Rev. Brogdon

Sermon

"F.A.Q."

Rev. Brogdon

\*Hymn

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

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## We Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith: 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.***

Prayers of the People

Call for the Offering

Offertory

"Change My Heart, O God"

Dr. Gilbreath

\*Doxology

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\*Prayer of Dedication

## We Are Sent into the World

\*Hymn

"Lord, Prepare Me (Sanctuary)"

#701

\*Benediction

Rev. Brogdon

\*Postlude

"What a Mighty God We Serve"

Dr. Gilbreath

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

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

**Calendar of Events:**

Tues., Aug. 29 11:30 AM Shepherd Group – Turner Matthews  
Mon., Sept. 4 Labor Day, Office is Closed  
Tues., Sept. 5 10:00 AM Presbyterian Women, “Elizabeth’s Sacred Encounter”,  
Luke 1:1-24; 39-45 with Linda Grissom, Fellowship Hall

**To Our 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 our congregation. The pastor is available to answer any questions you might have after worship, by email or phone. There is a place for you here.

Children’s activity bags are available from an usher for the sermon time. Please leave the bag in the pew as you leave. A nursery is provided for children 3 years of age and under.



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### **Scripture Reading, Elder Shelly Shull: Romans 12:1-8**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God--what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

### **Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Matthew 16:13-20**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.