

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2023

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Elder Faye Anderson, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

"I Would Be Like Jesus"

Dr. Gilbreath

We Gather in God's Presence

Pastor's Welcome

Minute for Mission

Barb Mouton

Call to Worship:

One: Sing a song of thanksgiving.

All: Declare God's wondrous deeds.

One: For the Lord dwells among the people;

All: the glory of God abides with us.

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Hymn

"Sing Glory to the Name of God"

#10

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Sometimes it sounds too hard: deny ourselves, take up our crosses, and lose our lives. Forgive us, Savior, but we'd rather you do it for us. Forgive us, Christ, but we are overwhelmed with what you ask of us. We long to see you come in glory, but fear the road we must take. Have mercy on our weakness. Be patient with our stumbling. Do not leave us behind, even when we are slow to follow, and lead us in your ways of peace. Amen. (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

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

#435,v.1

Assurance of Pardon:

One: Christ does not abandon us, but died for us, was raised for us, and loves us still. This is the good news that prevails!

All: In Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, we are forgiven!

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri

#581

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Elder Faye Anderson

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:9-21

Elder Faye Anderson

*Hymn

"Spirit, Open My Heart"

#692

Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:21-28

Rev. Brogdon

Sermon

"The Moments of Truth"

Rev. Brogdon

We Respond to God's Word

Call for the Offering

Offertory

"Take Up Thy Cross and Follow Me"

Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology

#606

*Prayer of Dedication

Communion Anthem

"At the Table of the Lord"

Choir

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Blessed be your holy name, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob...

One: ...and all the company of heaven, as we join the unending hymn.

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

One: Thank you, O God, for sending us your Son...

One: Great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Rev. Brogdon continues.

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Prayer After Communion

God of grace, you invite us to your table and welcome us as part of your family. You feed us with your body and satisfy our deepest hunger. We thank you for these gifts. Now send us out into the world by the power of your Spirit, that we may be your witnesses, sharing the life-giving news of the gospel. Amen.

We Are Sent Into the World		
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*Hymn	“Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)”	#726
*Benediction		Rev. Brogdon
Postlude	“When We All Get to Heaven”	Dr. Gilbreath

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar:

Mon., Sept. 4 Labor Day, Office Closed
Tues., Sept. 5 10:00 AM Presbyterian Women, “Elizabeth’s Sacred Encounter”,
Luke 1:1-24; 39-45 with Linda Grissom, Fellowship Hall
Wed., Sept. 6 5:30 PM Shepherd Group, Linda Grissom
Mon., Sept. 11 HAD Lunch

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. A nursery is provided for children under the age of three.



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Scripture Reading, Faye Anderson: Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads."

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good

Scripture Reading, Rev Brogdon: Matthew 16:21-28

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."