

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 2023

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Elder BJ Breeding, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

Dr. Gilbreath

We Gather in God's Presence

Pastor's Welcome

Call to Worship:

One: Listen! The Lord calls out to us, offering life!

All: Teach, lead, and turn us to your ways, O God.

One: Walk in the paths of God's commandments with delight.

All: Teach, lead, and turn us to your ways, O God.

One: With our whole heart, we will turn to you and live!

All: And we will worship you with our lives!

*Hymn

“We Gather Together”

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Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Beautiful Savior, you have made your law clear: Love. Love one another. Owe one another nothing but love. Do no wrong to a neighbor. But we have not mastered what it is to love. We have fallen short, causing harm to others through careless action and thoughtless lack of action. Forgive us. Teach us how to love more fully, more perfectly, as generously as you love, following your law and fulfilling your will. Amen. (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

#547,v.2

Assurance of Pardon:

One: Christ does not judge us harshly, but forgives all our sin and leads us into new life.

All: We will not take this forgiveness for granted, but will let it transform how we live and love.

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri

#581

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Elder BJ Breeding

Scripture Reading

Romans 13:8-14

Elder BJ Breeding

Anthem

“When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace”

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:15-20

Rev. Brogdon

Sermon

“Where Two or Three Are Gathered”

Rev. Brogdon

*Hymn

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

#729

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

“Make Us One”

Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

#306

*Benediction

Rev. Brogdon

*Postlude

“We Will Glorify”

Dr. Gilbreath

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

Mon., Sept. 11 HAD Lunch
Tues., Sept. 12 10:00 AM Presbyterian Women Fall Meeting, Maranatha Camp
and Conference Center, Scottsboro, AL
Wed., Sept. 13 4:30 PM Choir
5:30 PM CONNECT with Rev. Tripp
Thurs., Sept. 14 1:00 PM Caring Hands
Mon., Sept. 18 9:00 AM Color Group
6:00 PM NAP Men's Fall Meeting, Fellowship Presbyterian
Church, 3406 Meridian St., Huntsville, Al. 35688. Sign-up
sheet is on bulletin board.

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 BJ Breeding: Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near.

Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.

Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Matthew 18:15-20

"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so

that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."