

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 2023

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Elder Ceil Hydrick, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

Dr. Gilbreath

## We Gather in God's Presence

Pastor's Welcome

Call to Worship:

One: Rejoice in the Lord always!

**All: All thanks and praise to God!**

One: Do not worry about anything.

**All: We trust in God, who provides for us.**

One: Let the peace of God settle among you.

**All: We will share God's peace with all.**

\*Hymn

"The Mighty God with Power Speaks"

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Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: Written by Rev. John Wurster

**God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us, and restore us to the people you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen. (Silent Confession)**

Hymn of Response

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

#547, v.2

Assurance of Pardon:

One: God shows us a different way - a way of truth, honor, justice, purity, and excellence. This path is open to all of us if we reach out and accept God's forgiveness.

**All: Thanks be to God! We will live as God's people, forgiven and freed.**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Gloria Patri

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## We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Elder Ceil Hydrick

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 25:1-9

Elder Ceil Hydrick

Anthem

"God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!" and  
"Come, Worship God" Medley

Choir

Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:1-14

Rev. Brogdon

Sermon

"Many Are Called, Few Are Chosen"

Rev. Brogdon

\*Hymn

"Rejoice, the Lord is King!"

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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

"Because He Lives"

Dr. Gilbreath

\*Doxology

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\*Prayer of Dedication

## We Are Sent into the World

\*Hymn

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

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\*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:**

- Sun., Oct. 15 Thanksgiving meal collection starts today. The Donation Location is set up on the table outside of the Fellowship Hall.
- Mon., Oct. 16 9:00 AM Color Group
- Wed., Oct. 18 4:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting  
5:00 PM Church Cookout, sign-up 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 Ceil Hydric: Isaiah 25:1-9**

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

**Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Matthew 22:1-14**

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying:

"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call

those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come.

Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.'

But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them.

The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.'

Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless.

Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

For many are called, but few are chosen."