

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 29, 2023

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Elder John Jordan, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "Praise to the King" Dr. Gilbreath

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome Elder John Jordan

Minute for Mission Elder John Jordan

Call to Worship:

One: Give praise to God!

All: Praise the Lord,

One: for it is God who saves!

All: It is God who forgives.

One: It is God who delivers.

All: Give thanks and praise to the Lord!

*Hymn "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" #385

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: (Adapted from John Knox's liturgy of 1560)

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you, if you dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen. (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response "O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer" #439,v.2

Assurance of Pardon:

One: Beloved, we are justified by grace through faith. In all things, our gracious God offers us salvation. Believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri #581

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination (Written by John Calvin) Elder John Jordan

Scripture Reading Psalm 31:1-5,19-24 Elder John Jordan

Anthem "God Is Here" Choir

Scripture Reading Romans 3:19-30 Stacey White

Sermon "The Lunacy of Luther and the Grace of God" Stacey White

*Hymn "The Church's One Foundation" #321

We Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith: The Scots Confession, Chapter XVI

As we believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, so we firmly believe that from the beginning there has been, now is, and to the end of the world shall be, one Kirk, that is to say, one company and multitude of those chosen by God, who rightly worship and embrace Him by true faith in Christ Jesus. The Kirk is catholic, that is, universal, because it contains the chosen of all ages, of all realms, nations, and tongues, be they of the Jews or be they of the Gentiles, who have communion and society with God the Father, and with his Son, Christ Jesus, through the sanctification of his Holy Spirit.

Prayers of the People

Call for the Offering
Offertory "Great is Thy Faithfulness" Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" #275
*Benediction Stacey White
*Postlude "Love Lifted Me" Dr. Gilbreath

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

Wed., Nov. 1 5:30 PM Shepherd Group, Stu Strong
Sat., Nov. 4 Remember to set your clocks back.
Sun., Nov. 5 Shepherd Group after service, Barb Mouton
3:00 PM Decatur Music Club Concert at St. Andrew Presbyterian.
Tickets are \$5.00.

Thanksgiving Meal Collection:

Our yearly Thanksgiving meal collection has started! A designated area at the Donation Location is set up for the items. Deadline is Sunday, November 19. We will be accepting donations to purchase the turkeys in the church office. Make check payable to SAPC. These are the items needed per meals: Corn - 2 regular or one large can, Green Beans - 2 regular or one large can, Candied Yams - 2 regular or one large can, Cranberry Sauce - 1 regular can, Cornmeal – 2 lb. bag (or larger), 1 boxed dessert item (if a cake, bring frosting), 1 box of instant potatoes (no fresh potatoes)

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.

Live Streams and recordings of each week's worship service are available on our YouTube channel. For more information, visit us at www.standrewdeatur.org



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Scripture Reading, Elder John Jordan: Psalm 31:1-5,19-24

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

O how abundant is your goodness that you have laid up for those who fear you, and accomplished for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of everyone!

In the shelter of your presence, you hide them from human plots; you hold them safe under your shelter from contentious tongues.

Blessed be the Lord, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me when I was beset as a city under siege.

I had said in my alarm, "I am driven far from your sight." But you heard my supplications when I cried out to you for help.

Love the Lord, all you his saints. The Lord preserves the faithful, but abundantly repays the one who acts haughtily.

Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord.

Scripture Reading, Stacey White: Romans 3:19-30

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For 'no human being will be justified in his sight' by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, irrespective of law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, since God is one; and he will justify the circumcised on the ground of faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith. Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.