

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2023

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Elder B.J. Breeding, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“To God Be the Glory”

Dr. Gilbreath

We Gather in God’s Presence

Welcome

Call to Worship:

One: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne.

All: Unfailing love and truth walk before you as attendants.

One: Happy are those who hear the joyful call to worship.

All: They will walk in the light of your presence, O Lord.

One: They exult in your faithfulness.

All: You are their glorious strength.

*Hymn

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

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Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

This morning, Lord, we come before you humbly, confessing that sometimes we think we are God, when we know that you alone are God. Sometimes we think we have all the right answers, all the right opinions, and that if the world would only listen to us, all would be well. We forget that the only source we need to listen to, or that others need to hear, is you. In our self-righteousness, we choose our wisdom over yours. When it is easier for us, we choose the world’s wisdom over yours. Please forgive us, and please save us from ourselves. Help us to turn back to you, to ask for your wisdom, and to follow the wisdom of your Son, our Savior and our Way, Jesus Christ. Amen. (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

“O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer”

#439,v.2

Assurance of Pardon:

One: Friends, when we are truly sorry, when we humbly repent, and when we turn back to God, we can trust our gracious forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri

#581

We Listen for God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Elder B.J. Breeding

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 5:15-20

Elder B.J. Breeding

Anthem

“Blessed Assurance”

Faye Anderson,
Linda Faulk & Ceil Hydrick

Scripture Reading

I Kings 3:5-12

Rev. Rosemary McMahan

Sermon

“The Gift of Wisdom”

Rev. Rosemary McMahan

*Hymn

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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We Respond to God’s Word

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe in God, who created our world and every living thing in it. We believe in Jesus Christ, who died on the cross as a ransom for our lives and who rose to give us new life. We understand and believe that the power of his redeeming grace is available to all who seek it. As recipients of that grace, we also believe we are called to live out and share the good news of the gospel. We believe in the power of the Holy Spirit to make all things new through God’s grace, wisdom, and love. We believe in the Triune God, who continues to create, wash us clean in the baptismal water and inspire and empower us to serve in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

“Let All Things Now Living”

#37

*Benediction

Rev. Rosemary McMahan

*Postlude

“Awesome God”

Dr. Gilbreath

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

- Mon., Nov. 13 HAD Lunch-The menu is hot dogs, slaw, chips, and dessert.
Please sign up on the Bulletin board to bring chips or dessert.
- Wed., Nov. 15 The last day to bring food for the Thanksgiving Meals.
- Thurs., Nov. 16 7:00 PM Civic Chorus Concert, St. Andrew Presbyterian Church
Tickets can be purchased at the door. Adult \$10 Children \$5
- Sun., Nov 19 Stewardship Sunday
8:45 AM Presbyterian Women's breakfast. All are invited.
Donations will be accepted to help support PW's mission projects.

Thanksgiving Meal Collection:

These are the items needed per meal: 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 B.J. Breeding: Ephesians

5:15-20

¹⁵ Be careful, then, how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to one another, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰ giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Rosemary McMahan:

I Kings 3: 5-12

⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?"¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to

him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you."