

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Stewardship Sunday

November 19, 2023

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Elder Faye Anderson, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "With a Song of Thanksgiving" Dr. Gilbreath

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome Rev. Brogdon

Call to Worship:

One: To you, O God of the heavens, we lift our eyes.

All: Have mercy on us!

One: God has been our dwelling place from generation to generation.

All: Hear us when we call!

One: From everlasting to everlasting, God is with us.

All: We will magnify your holy name!

*Hymn "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" #687

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

God of abundance, you have given us so many gifts. You bless us with talents, resources, skills, and knowledge, and yet we hide them under a bushel. We hoard these gifts, instead of following you and sharing with those in need. We have been poor stewards of all you have given. Forgive us, and help us grow what we are given, that it might be returned in service to you. Amen. (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" #547,v.2

Assurance of Pardon:

One: Children of light, because we belong to our Lord Jesus Christ, we need not fear— for he lived for us, he died for us, and he was raised for us.

All: We believe the promise of our baptisms: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri #581

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination Elder Faye Anderson

Scripture Reading I Thessalonians 5:1-11 Elder Faye Anderson

Anthem "Consecrated, Lord to Thee" Choir

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:14-30 Rev. Brogdon

Sermon "Hidden Talents" Rev. Brogdon

*Hymn "We Give Thee but Thine Own" #708

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.

A Stewardship Litany

Presentation of Pledges

Prayers of the People

Call for the Offering

Offertory "I'd Rather Have Jesus" Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" #716

*Benediction Rev. Brogdon

*Postlude "Make Me a Blessing" Dr. Gilbreath

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

Sun., Nov. 19 Join us after the service to pack Thanksgiving meal bags.
Mon., Nov. 20 9:00 AM Color Group
Wed., Nov. 22 Office Closed
No CONNECT
Thurs., Nov. 23 Happy Thanksgiving, Office Closed

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.standrewdecatour.org



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Scripture Reading, Elder Faye Anderson: I Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live with him. Therefore, encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Matthew 25:14-30

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received

the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' but his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

A Stewardship Litany

One: Because of our faith in You, O Lord...

All: ...we acknowledge You as the source of all that we have and all that we are.

One: Help us to place You, our loving Creator, first in our lives...

All: by becoming more prayerful and more focused on loving and caring for our families and our neighbors in need, and by becoming less preoccupied with material things.

One: Help us, Lord, to find the true source of happiness and fulfillment that we all seek...

All: ...and that You alone can provide.

One: Help us to hear Your call to be good stewards of all Your gifts...

All: ...by sharing them for Your purposes.

One: Help us make Your priorities...

All: ...our priorities.

One: Let us pray that as good stewards we will plan our sharing. As we plan the things in our lives that are most important to us...

All: ...Lord, help us plan our sharing of time with those in need.

One: Help us plan ...

All: ...how to "give back" the talents with which we have been blessed.

One: Help us plan...

All: ...how to share our treasure to do Your work.

One: Let us pray that we will share in proportion to what has been given us.

All: Help us, Lord, return a portion of all You have given us.

One: We do this, O Lord, as a sign of our love...

All: ...and in thanksgiving for the many blessings we have received.

One: We offer not only the "first fruits" of our financial resources...

All: ...but a generous portion of our time and talents, as well.

One: As good Christian Stewards...

All: ...we pray we have a joyful spirit of mind and heart. Amen.