

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Christ the King/Reign of Christ
Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor
Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

November 26, 2023
Cerese Sweeley, Liturgist
Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "Praise to the King" Dr. Gilbreath

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome Rev. Brogdon

Call to Worship: Psalm 95:1-7a

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

One: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

All: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

One: The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

All: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

*Hymn "All Creatures of Our God and King", vv.1-4,6 #15

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have done something different. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have given you food. If we had known it was you, we would have taken you in. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would not have passed you by. But we did. Too often we make excuses for not taking care of each other. We have ignored your commandments to love and care. We do not deserve forgiveness, but we ask for it anyway, and ask you to help us change our ways. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

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

Assurance of Pardon:

One: God seeks the lost, brings back those who have strayed, binds up the injured, and strengthens the weak.

All: We are forgiven and restored. Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri #581

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination Cerese Sweeley

Scripture Reading Ephesians 1:15-23 Cerese Sweeley

Anthem "Christ, We Do All Adore You" Choir

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:31-46 Rev. Brogdon

Sermon "Putting Power to Work" Rev. Brogdon

*Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" #263

We Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith: [From the Theological Declaration of Barmen](#)

As Jesus is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness, is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords — areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Call for the Offering

Offertory "Christ, We Do All Adore Thee" Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" #761

*Benediction Rev. Brogdon

*Postlude

“King of Kings”

Dr. Gilbreath

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

Wed., Nov. 29 4:30 PM Choir
Fri., Dec. 1 9:00 AM Decorate church for Advent
Sun., Dec. 3 1st Sunday of Advent
Last day to turn in Holiday Shoe Boxes
Mon., Dec. 4 9:00 AM Color Group
11:30 AM Chat “N” Chew, Advent Bible study & lunch

Christmas Poinsettias:

THE POINSETTIAS ARE COMING! If you would like to order a poinsettia for the sanctuary, there is a sign-up sheet and envelope on the counter in the church office. The cost is \$20 per plant. Please note if it is in honor or in memory of a loved one. Checks should be made payable to the church. THE DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd.

Holiday Hope Chest Project:

The Holiday Hope Chest Project is underway for the 2023 Christmas season! The Volunteer Center of Morgan County provides Christmas boxes for children from low-income households. Here’s how you can help; preassemble a box, donate items to fill a box or give a monetary donation. More information can be found at the table set up in front of the Fellowship Hall. Boxes must be turned in by Sunday, December 3rd.

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.

The flowers were placed in the sanctuary today by Barbara Allen in loving memory of her parents, Clyde & Stella Allen’s, wedding anniversary.

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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Christ the King Sunday

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Scripture Reading, Elder Cerese Sweeley: Ephesians

1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Matthew 25:31-46

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right

hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."