St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

12th Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

August 11, 2024 Don Koza, Liturgist Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

"Praise the Almighty King"

Dr. Gilbreath

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome

Call to Worship:

One: I will bless the Lord at all times:

All: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

One: O magnify the Lord with me,

All: and let us exalt God's name together.

*Hvmn "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above" #41

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have been angry with the world and nursed grudges against our adversaries. We have hoarded the fruits of our labors rather than share our bounty with the needy. We have not built up our neighbors with words of kindness but have indulged in evil gossip. We have not forgiven the wrongs others have done, even though we desire your forgiveness toward us in Jesus Christ. Heal us, O God, and give us the grace to love as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. Amen. (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

"Give Thanks"

#647

Assurance of Pardon:

One: Let us put away bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven us.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri #581

We Listen for God's Word						
Prayer for Illumination	n	Don Koza				
Scripture Reading	Psalm 34:1-8	Don Koza				
Choir Anthem	"My Savior and My God"	Choir				
Scripture Reading	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	Rev. Tripp Brogdon				
Sermon	"Do What Now?"	Rev. Tripp Brogdon				
*Hymn	"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"	#444				
	We Respond to God's Word					

Affirmation of Faith: From A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet, God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Prayers of the People One: Merciful God. All: hear our prayer.

Call for the Offering

*Doxology

Offertory Dr. Gilbreath "They'll Know We Are Christians"

#606

*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn "Great God of Every Blessing" #694

*Benediction Rev. Tripp Brogdon

*Postlude "Shine, Jesus, Shine" Dr. Gilbreath

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

Mon., August 12 HAD Lunch – Sign up on the bulletin board to bring rolls,

dessert, or serve.

Wed., August 14 4:30 PM Choir

5:30 PM CONNECT Ice Cream Social & Hymn Sing

Thurs., August 15 1:00 PM Caring Hands

<u>Guests</u>

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.

<u>Children's activity bags</u> 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.standrewdecatur.org



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Scripture Reading, Don Koza: Psalm 34:1-8

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Look to him, and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed. This poor soul cried and was heard by the LORD and was saved from every trouble. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him and delivers them. O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Tripp Brogdon: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.