

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2024

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Shelly Shull, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

Dr. Gilbreath

## We Gather in God’s Presence

Welcome

Call to Worship:

One: The Lord redeems the life of his servants.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

One: No one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

**All: Praise the Lord!**

One: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

**All: Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord rescues them all.**

\*Hymn

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

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Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

**Watchful God, you know our plight. Offended, we have not believed your words. Complaining, we have betrayed your love. We are weak, estranged, wandering, and lost. Seeking to stand in our own strength, we fall. Strangers to your holiness, we wander. Defenseless against evil within and without, we are lost. Shine your light in our darkness, and guide us back to our place in you. Amen. (Silent Confession)**

Hymn of Response

“Give Thanks”

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Assurance of Pardon:

One: Hear the good news: Christ himself is the Word that offers eternal life to all who receive him. This proves his love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Gloria Patri

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## We Listen for God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Shelly Shull

Scripture Reading

Psalm 84

Shelly Shull

Choir Anthem

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus/  
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Choir

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20

Rev. Tripp Brogdon

Sermon

“Stand Strong”

Rev. Tripp Brogdon

\*Hymn

“Fight the Good Fight”

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## 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.***

Prayers of the People

Call for the Offering

Offertory

“My Tribute”

Dr. Gilbreath

\*Doxology

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\*Prayer of Dedication

## We Are Sent into the World

\*Hymn

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

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\*Benediction

Rev. Tripp Brogdon

\*Postlude

“Oh, How I Love Jesus”

Dr. Gilbreath

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

***Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.***

**Calendar of Events:**

Wed., August 28 4:30 PM Choir  
Mon., Sept. 2 Labor Day – Church Office Closed

**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.

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### **Scripture Reading, Shelly Shull: Psalm 84**

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Selah

Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. As they go through the valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion. O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed. For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness. For the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly. O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

### **Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Ephesians 6:10-20**

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power; put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, for our struggle is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you

may be able to withstand on the evil day and, having prevailed against everything, to stand firm. Stand, therefore, and belt your waist with truth and put on the breastplate of righteousness and lace up your sandals in preparation for the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.