

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2024

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Barb Mouton, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "Open My Eyes, That I May See" Dr. Gilbreath

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome Rev. Tripp Brogdon

Call to Worship:

One: God teaches us the way of righteousness,

All: the way of love, the way of peace.

One: We glorify God,

All: gathering to hear God's word.

One: We glorify God,

All: enacting God's word in the world.

*Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth" #14

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

God of light, we confess that we live in the shadows of hypocrisy and self-righteousness. We honor you with our lips, but we have not served you in our hearts. We are satisfied with human traditions and norms and avoid your liberating truth. We have confused meekness with weakness, holiness with social conformity, and anger with righteousness. Forgive us, we pray. By the power of your word, save us from the prison of our conceit, so that we may serve you with sincere hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response "Give Thanks" #647

Assurance of Pardon:

One: Friends do not despair: God renews us by the word of truth, that we might become the first fruits of God's creation.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri #581

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination Barb Mouton

Scripture Reading James 1:17-27 Barb Mouton

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

Scripture Reading Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 Rev. Brogdon

Sermon "Inside Out!" Rev. Brogdon

We Respond to God's Word

Call for the Offering

Offertory "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication

Communion Anthem "The Table of Grace" Choir

Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: We gladly and joyfully thank and praise you, our Lord and God,

One: ... singing the hymn of your eternal glory.

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: Transforming God, you long for us to become holy like you.

One: Great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Rev. Brogdon continues.

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Prayer After Communion

Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Are Sent Into the World

*Hymn	“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”	#729
*Benediction		Rev. Brogdon
Postlude	“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”	Dr. Gilbreath

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar:

Mon., Sept. 2	Labor Day, church office closed.
Tues., Sept. 3	10:00 AM Presbyterian Women’s Meeting in the Fellowship Hall Lesson: “Environmental Justice”, Ezekiel 33:21; 34:8; 17; 18-19 Leader: Nellie Gates
Thurs., Sept. 5	1:00 PM Caring Hands
Mon., Sept. 9	HAD Lunch, Menu: Chicken Tortillia Soup & Vegetables Sign up to bring rolls, dessert or serve.



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Scripture Reading, Barb Mouton: James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus

observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."