

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 2024

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

John Jordan, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "Higher Ground" Dr. Gilbreath

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome Rev. Tripp Brogdon

Minute for Mission Taylor Shaneyfelt Volunteer Center of Morgan County

Call to Worship:

One: Praise the Lord!

All: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

One: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

All: I will sing praises to my God my whole life long.

One: The Lord will reign forever. Praise the Lord!

All: Praise the Lord!

*Hymn "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #610

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

God of favor, we have not been true to you. You have chosen the poor in the world, but we have dishonored them. You plead the cause of the afflicted, but we crush them. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have favored the rich and despised the poor. We have dismissed the needy with empty words. Soften our hearts and make straight our ways. Heal our unbelief and turn us back to you. Amen. (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response "Give Thanks" #647

Assurance of Pardon:

One: The mercy of our God triumphs over judgment through our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, who has pleaded our cause and forgiven our sin.

All: Thanks be to God for this good news of forgiveness!

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri #581

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination John Jordan

Scripture Reading Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 - CEB John Jordan

Choir Anthem "In the Valley Flows a River" Choir

Scripture Reading James 2:1-10, 14-17 Rev. Tripp Brogdon

Sermon "Do You Really Believe?" Rev. Tripp Brogdon

*Hymn "In Christ There is No East or West" #318

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 "Living for Jesus" Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn "Live into Hope" #772

*Benediction Rev. Tripp Brogdon

*Postlude "Blessed Be the Name" Dr. Gilbreath

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

Mon., Sept. 9 HAD Lunch – Sign up to bring roll, dessert or serve.
Wed., Sept. 11 4:30 PM Choir
5:30 PM CONNECT Bible study w/Rev. Tripp

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, John Jordan: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9,
22-23 - CEB**

A good reputation is better than much wealth; high esteem is better than silver and gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord made them both. Those who sow injustice will harvest evil; the rod of their fury will come to an end. Happy are generous people, because they give some of their food to the poor. Don't steal from the poor because they are poor. Don't oppress the needy in the gate. The Lord will take up their case and press the life out of those who oppress them.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: James 2:1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are

convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.