

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

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

September 22, 2024

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Stu Strong, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "Make Me a Blessing" Dr. Gilbreath

## We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome

Minute for Mission Peace and Global Witness Offering Barb Mouton

Call to Worship:

One: Great and amazing are your deeds,

**All: O Lord God, the Almighty!**

One: Just and true are your ways,

**All: O King of the Nations!**

One: Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name?

**All: For you alone are holy.**

\*Hymn "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" #32

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

***Almighty God, we confess that within us there is sin, but in you there is righteousness and mercy. We are empty vessels that need to be filled. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, so that we may show your love to all people. Amen. (Silent Confession)***

Hymn of Response "Give Thanks" #647

Assurance of Pardon:

One: All those who put their faith and trust in God can be assured of God's gracious forgiveness.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Gloria Patri #581

## We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination Stu Strong

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 10:12-19 Stu Strong

Choir Anthem "I Choose You" Choir

Scripture Reading John 13:1-20 Rev. Dr. Rich

Sermon "RECEIVE" Rev. Dr. Rich

\*Hymn "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" #298

## 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 "I Gave My Life for Thee" Dr. Gilbreath

\*Doxology #606

\*Prayer of Dedication

## We Are Sent into the World

\*Hymn Will You Come and Follow Me"" #726

\*Benediction Rev. Dr. Rich

\*Postlude "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" Dr. Gilbreath

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

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

**Calendar of Events:**

Wed., Sept. 25     4:30 PM Choir  
                         5:30 PM CONNECT – Cookout \*The food from Sam’s Club  
                         will be ordered this Saturday. Therefore, we need a firm count  
                         on the Reservation List by Friday, the 20<sup>th</sup>.  
Sun., Sept. 29     8:45 AM Combined Sunday School w/Rev. Tripp

Today, we would like to welcome Rev. Dr. Judy Rich. Dr. Rich lives in Athens and is the author of several books, three of which are available to check out from the church library. She has served churches in Michigan, Kansas, and Ohio, and is a frequent guest preacher at churches in North Alabama. Welcome back, Dr. Rich!

*The flowers in the sanctuary were placed by Faye Anderson.*

**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, Stu Strong: Deuteronomy 10:12-19**

So now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? Only to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the Lord your God and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being. Although heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to the Lord your God, the earth with all that is in it, yet the Lord set his heart in love on your ancestors alone and chose you, their descendants after them, out of all the peoples, as it is today. Circumcise, then, the foreskin of your heart, and do not be stubborn any longer. For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

### **Scripture Reading, Rev. Dr. Rich: John 13:1-20**

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to

wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But it is to fulfill the scripture, "The one who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' I tell you this now, before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am he. Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me; and whoever receives me receives him who sent me."