

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 13, 2024

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

B.J. Breeding, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "Living Sacrifice Medley" Dr. Gilbreath

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome

Call to Worship:

One: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name!

All: Make known his deeds among the people.

One: Sing to him! Sing praises to him!

All: Tell of all his wonderful works.

One: Glory in his holy name!

*Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory" #307

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: (by Steve Garnaas-Holmes; used with permission)

God, I confess all that I cling to, all that stands between me and following Jesus, I confess I need your grace; all I have done, all I possess, is not sufficient, but your grace is more than enough. Help me release what I cling to, give freely of all my gifts, and follow you. Amen. (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response "Just as I Am, without One Plea" v.3 #442

Assurance of Pardon:

One: For by grace you have been saved through faith. This is God's gift, given to you.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri #581

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination		B.J. Breeding
Scripture Reading	Hebrews 4:12-16	B.J. Breeding
Choir Anthem	"Psalm of Quietness"	Choir
Scripture Reading	Mark 10:17-31	Rev. Loveman
Sermon	"Mission Possible"	Rev. Loveman
*Hymn	"I Need Thee Every Hour"	#730

We Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith: (by Steve Garnaas-Holmes; used with permission)

We give our hearts to you, God, Creator of all, giver of life, Source of all that is; whose love is faithful, whose grace is abundant, whose heart is generous with mercy. We follow Jesus, the Christ, the embodiment of God's love, who taught and healed, who fed the hungry, who set us free from our fears and wants. He was crucified and died; but in the infinite generosity of your grace you raised him to life. He reigns among us, living proof of your steadfast love, calling us to faithful trust in you. We live by the Holy Spirit, your Word unfolding in us, that leads us to live lives of gratitude and trust, compassion, courage and generosity. We believe in the power of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection, the gift of the community of the Body of Christ, and the mystery of eternal life. In gratitude to God, we commit ourselves to lives of abundant love, for the sake of the world, in the name of Christ, who lives and reigns with the Creator and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Call for the Offering
Offertory "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn "When We Are Living" #822

*Benediction Rev. Loveman

*Postlude "He Leadeth Me" Dr. Gilbreath

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

Mon., Oct. 14 HAD lunch, sign-up to bring rolls, dessert or serve
Thurs., Oct. 17 1:00 PM Caring Hands
Fri., Oct. 18 Church parking lot closed for repairs.

Today we welcome Rev. Traci Loveman from Huntsville, who will lead us in worship this morning. Thank you so much for coming!

* Today's Prayer of Confession and Affirmation of Faith were written by Steve Garnaas-Holmes and are used with permission.

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.

Live Streams and recordings of each week's worship service are available on our YouTube channel. For more information, visit us at www.standrewdeatur.org



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Scripture Reading, B.J. Breeding: Hebrews 4:12-16

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Loveman: Mark 10:17-31

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those

who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age – houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.