

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

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

November 3, 2024

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Don Koza, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

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Dr. Gilbreath

## We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome

Rev. Tripp Brogdon

Minute for Mission

Stewardship

Call to Worship:

One: A wandering people wondered what their new life would be like, and Moses said:

**All: You shall love the Lord with all your heart.**

One: Generations later, leaders argued over which rules were most important, and Jesus reminded them:

**All: You shall love the Lord with all your soul.**

One: And in this world that so often feels broken, we recognize God's call:

**All: You shall love the Lord with all your might.**

One: With heart, soul, and might, let us worship God.

\*Hymn

“The Lord is God”

#63

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

**O God, you have been faithful, yet we have not loved you with our whole hearts. You showed us how to love our fellow human beings, yet we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Turn us back to you, O God, that we may follow your commandments; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(Silent Confession)*

Hymn of Response

“Just as I Am, without One Plea” v. 3

#442

Assurance of Pardon:

One: For the sake of Jesus Christ who died and rose for us, God forgives you all your sin.

**All: Through the power of the Holy Trinity alive in our midst, God's mercy turns us toward what is good and just, so that we may love God and love your neighbor. Amen.**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Gloria Patri

#581

## We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Don Koza

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Don Koza

\*Hymn

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

#688

Scripture Reading

Mark 12:28-34

Rev. Brogdon

Sermon

“Nothing Greater”

Rev. Brogdon

## We Respond to God's Word

Call for the Offering

Offertory

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Dr. Gilbreath

\*Doxology

#606

\*Prayer of Dedication

Communion Anthem

“At the Table of the Lord”

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: Praise to you, O God, for all your works.

One: ... joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

**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: Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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.***

<b>We Are Sent Into the World</b>
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*Hymn	“Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord”	#707
*Benediction		Rev. Brogdon
Postlude	“”	Dr. Gilbreath

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

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

**Calendar:**

Tues., Nov.5	10:00 AM Presbyterian Women’s Meeting
Thurs., Nov. 7	1:00 PM Caring Hands
Sun., Nov. 10	Veterans Day Breakfast during Sunday School
Mon., Nov. 11	Veteran’s Day, church office closed. HAD Lunch, sign up to bring rolls, dessert or serve

*\*The rosebud in the sanctuary today is in memory of Paulette Devine’s mother who died recently. Paulette has been a soloist here at St. Andrew on many occasions.*



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### **Scripture Reading, Don Koza: Deuteronomy 6:1-9**

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children’s children, may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you. Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

### **Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Mark 12:28-34**

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment

greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’ —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.