

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Stewardship Sunday

November 17, 2024

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Cerese Sweeley, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Dr. Gilbreath

## We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome Rev. Tripp Brogdon

Call to Worship:

One: We come to this place,

**All: bringing our deepest hopes and our strongest fears.**

One: We come with rejoicing on our lips.

**All: We come with sorrow in our hearts.**

One: We come with trouble in our souls.

**All: We come with gratitude in our eyes.**

One: We come with all we are.

**All: We come with faith and perseverance. Let us worship the Lord!**

\*Hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness" #39

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of grace, all around us are wars, and rumors of wars, and we are afraid for ourselves and our world. We follow after false prophets and grasp for whatever security we can find. Forgive us, Lord, for we are quick to forget that all of life is in your hands. Renew our hope, increase our courage, and keep us watchful for the signs of your just and peaceful reign that is to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Silent Confession)**

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

Assurance of Pardon:

One: Hear the good news! Our guilty hearts have been sprinkled clean, our bodies washed with pure water. Live in peace, forgiven and freed!

**All: We are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Gloria Patri #581

## We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination Cerese Sweeley, Liturgist

Scripture Reading Hebrews 10:15-25 Cerese Sweeley, Liturgist

Choir Anthem "We Bring Our Thanks" Choir

Scripture Reading Mark 13:1-8 Rev. Tripp Brogdon

Sermon "Light at the End of the Tunnel" Rev. Tripp Brogdon

\*Hymn "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" #629

## We Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith: From The Confession of Belhar

**We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. We believe that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.**

Prayers of the People

Call for the Offering

Presentation of Pledges

Offertory "I Need Thee Every Hour" Dr. Gilbreath

\*Doxology #606

\*Prayer of Dedication

## We Are Sent into the World

\*Hymn "Standing on the Promises" #838

\*Benediction Rev. Tripp Brogdon

\*Postlude "Soon and Very Soon" Dr. Gilbreath

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

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

### **Calendar of Events:**

Sun., Nov. 17 PW Fundraiser Lunch after service.  
Last day to collect food for Thanksgiving meals.

Wed., Nov. 20 2:00 PM Session Meeting  
4:30 PM Choir  
5:30 PM Mission Night-packing Thanksgiving meals & purses

Thurs., Nov. 21 1:00 PM Caring Hands

Sun., Nov. 24 Holiday Hope Chest boxes are due.

Mon., Nov. 25 9:00 AM Decorate Sanctuary for Christmas

Wed., Nov. 27 Church office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday.

Thurs., Nov. 28 Thanksgiving Day – church office closed

*The flowers were placed in the sanctuary today by John and Shelly Shull in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary.*

### **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](http://www.standrewdeatur.org)



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**Scripture Reading, Cerese Sweeley: Hebrews 10:15-25**

And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,” he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

**Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Mark 13:1-8**

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.” When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you

astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.