

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Christ the King/Reign of Christ
Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor
Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

November 24, 2024
Nellie Gates, Liturgist
Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "I Surrender All" Dr. Gilbreath

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome Nellie Gates

Blessing of the Thanksgiving Meals John Jordan

Call to Worship: (From Psalm 118)

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

All: His love endures forever.

One: It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in humans.

All: It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

One: Open for me the gates of righteousness;

All: I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

One: This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.

All: You are my God and I will give you thanks;

All: You are my God and I will exalt you!

*Hymn "Rejoice, the Lord is King!" #363

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against you in our thinking, our speaking, and in our actions toward others. We have failed to show love to our neighbors. We have avoided those we regard as different. We fear people we do not know. Speak to each of us so that we may recognize our failings. Strengthen us through the teachings of Christ, our Lord and King. (Silent confessions) Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon:

One: Hear the good news! We can be confident that our sins are forgiven through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri #581

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination Nellie Gates

Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 24:9-22 Nellie Gates

Choir Anthem "Christ, We Do All Adore You" Choir

Scripture Reading Luke 18:9-14 Elder Ted Dixie

Sermon "Let the Lord Judge" Elder Ted Dixie

*Hymn "To God Be the Glory" #634

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 "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn	“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”	#649
*Benediction		Elder Ted Dixie
*Postlude	“A New Name in Glory”	Dr. Gilbreath

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

Mon., Nov. 25	9:00 AM Decorate church for Christmas.
Wed., Nov. 27	Church Office closed for Thanksgiving.
Thurs., Nov. 28	Church Office closed for Thanksgiving.
Sun., Dec. 1	Deadline for Poinsettia orders
Mon., Dec. 2	11:30 AM Chat “N” Chew Advent Bible Study. Bring your lunch and join us in the Fellowship Hall.
Tues., Dec. 3	10:00 AM Presbyterian Women’s Bible Study.

We welcome Elder Ted Dixie of Huntsville as he leads our worship this morning, and thank him for his willingness to share the Word of God with us. Welcome!

The flowers in the sanctuary were placed in honor of the Presbyterian Women of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church by Barbara Allen.

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.standrewdecatour.org



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Scripture Reading, Nellie Gates: 1 Samuel 24:9-22

David said to Saul, "Why do you listen to the words of those who say, 'David seeks to do you harm'? This very day your eyes have seen how the Lord gave you into my hand in the cave; and some urged me to kill you, but I spared you. I said, 'I will not raise my hand against my lord; for he is the Lord's anointed.' See, my father, see the corner of your cloak in my hand; for by the fact that I cut off the corner of your cloak, and did not kill you, you may know for certain that there is no wrong or treason in my hands. I have not sinned against you, though you are hunting me to take my life. May the Lord judge between me and you! May the Lord avenge me on you; but my hand shall not be against you. As the ancient proverb says, 'Out of the wicked comes forth wickedness'; but my hand shall not be against you. Against whom has the king of Israel come out? Whom do you pursue? A dead dog? A single flea? May the Lord therefore be judge, and give sentence between me and you. May he see to it, and plead my cause, and vindicate me against you." When David had finished speaking these words to Saul, Saul said, "Is this your voice, my son David?" Saul lifted up his voice and wept. He said to David, "You are more righteous than I; for you have repaid me good, whereas I have repaid you evil. Today you have explained how you have dealt well with me, in that you did not kill me when the Lord put me into your hands. For who has ever found an enemy, and sent the enemy safely away? So may the Lord reward you with good for what you have done to me this day. Now I know that you shall surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hand.

Swear to me therefore by the Lord that you will not cut off my descendants after me, and that you will not wipe out my name from my father's house." So David swore this to Saul. Then Saul went home; but David and his men went up to the stronghold.

Scripture Reading, Elder Ted Dixie: Luke 18:9-14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."