

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Ascension of the Lord

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June 1, 2025

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Prelude

“O Worship the King”

We Gather in God’s Presence

Welcome

*Call to Worship - Adapted from Psalm 47

One: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

All: For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great ruler over all the earth.

One: God chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom God loves.

All: Sing praises to God, sing praises!

One: Sing praises to our ruler, sing praises!

All: For God is the ruler of all the earth; let us worship God!

*Hymn

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

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Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, day by day we have failed to believe in your presence and your promised forgiveness. We have not trusted in your power to give the riches we cannot see. We have not honored our sisters and brothers as heirs of your desired peace. We have not forgiven others or ourselves. Give us the wisdom and faith to be your body on earth, that we may rejoice in the presence of your saving bounty, to the glory of your ascended Son. Amen

(Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

“We Are Forgiven”

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Assurance of Pardon

One: By the power of the Holy Spirit, as a witness to the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus and the assurance of pardon in Jesus’ name, I proclaim to you the forgiveness of all your sins.

All: With renewed life, we may now serve this creation and the people of God in peace and strength. God is with us.

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri

#581

We Listen for God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Choir Anthem

Scripture Reading

Sermon

*Hymn

Acts 1:1-11

“Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me”

Luke 24:44-53

“Do You Want the Good News or the Bad news First?”

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

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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

(The offering plate is not passed, but is located on a stand outside the sanctuary doors.)

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

“How Great Thou Art”

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We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn

*Benediction

*Postlude

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

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“Victory in Jesus”

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

Mon., June 9	HAD Lunch – sign up on the bulletin board to bring rolls, cornbread, dessert or serve.
Wed., June 11	4:30 PM Choir 5:30 PM CONNECT Bible study

Guests

Welcome! It is a blessing to have you 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, Stu Strong: Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Luke 24:44-53

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about

me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.