

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor
Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

June 22, 2025
Elder Barb Mouton, Liturgist
Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

We Gather in God’s Presence

Welcome

*Call to Worship:
One: When we long for your presence,
All: you are there with us, O source of comfort.
One: When we face dangers and perils,
All: you are there for us, O source of strength.
One: When we need to do justice,
All: you are there within us, O source of courage.
One: So we come with songs and praises,
All: that all the ends of the earth and all the families of the nations may know of your love. Let us praise God!

*Hymn “Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)” v.1, 3-5 #301

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:
God of gospel freedom, we find it difficult to imagine that we could indeed be your children through faith. We cannot believe that we could belong to Christ and be heirs of the promise made to Abraham and his offspring. Help our unbelief. God of Grace, we have harmed your children whom you love. Because we do not understand them, we segregate them, we reject them, we demonize them, and we hurt them. Forgive us, in your infinite love, and teach us to welcome all of your children, until our hospitality is as wide as your mercy. Help us to understand others as we wish to be understood. Guide us to love one another as you love us. (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response “Spirit of the Living God” #288

Assurance of Pardon
One: Christ covers us with baptismal waters, so that our lives are hidden in him.
All: This Jesus, the Son of the Most High God, is sovereign even over the powers of evil, so that his reign brings freedom and joy.

One: By the power of the Holy Spirit, in Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.
All: Thanks be to God!

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri #581

We Listen for God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Psalm 22:19-28

Choir Anthem “As a Little Child”

Scripture Reading Galatians 3:23-29

Sermon “Making Fools of Ourselves”

*Hymn “In Christ There is No East or West” #318

We Respond to God’s Word

Affirmation of Faith: PC(USA) Book of Order - F-1.0301
The Church is the body of Christ. Christ gives to the Church all the gifts necessary to be his body. The Church strives to demonstrate these gifts in its life as a community in the world: The Church is to be a community of faith, entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life. The Church is to be a community of hope, rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in Christ, God is making a new creation. This new creation is a new beginning for human life and for all things. The Church lives in the present on the strength of that promised new creation. The Church is to be a community of love, where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down. The Church is to be a community of witness, pointing beyond itself through word and work to the good news of God’s transforming grace in Christ Jesus its Lord.

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 “I Love You with the Love of the Lord”

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #306

*Benediction

*Postlude "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

Wed., June 25 4:30 choir
5:30 PM CONNECT w/Misty Cowger, Children's Advocacy Center
Sun., June 29 Combined Sunday School w/Rev. Tripp

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.standrewdecatatur.org



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Scripture Reading, Barb Mouton: Psalm 22:19-28

But you, O Lord, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid! Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog! Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me. I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him. From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.