

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

June 29, 2025

Elder Harold Culbert, Liturgist

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“Victory in Jesus”

We Gather in God’s Presence

Welcome

*Call to Worship:

One: God, who rules the universe, calls us;

All: Christ, who took up his cross, calls us;

One: Holy Spirit, who frees us body and soul, calls us.

All: Let us faithfully answer by worshiping the triune God!

*Hymn

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

#36

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

We want to follow you, Lord. But we are busy with our own concerns. We cling to our dead ideas, we embrace our beloved comforts, and we get distracted by the things of this world. We want to follow you, Lord. Guide us back to your goodness, embrace us in your mercy, and turn our faces toward Jerusalem, that we may follow where you would lead us. Amen.
(Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

“Spirit of the Living God”

#288

Assurance of Pardon

One: The crucified Christ has set us free to live in the Spirit of life. Hear the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we 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

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Choir Anthem

“God is Calling Through the Whisper / Where He Leads Me”

Scripture Reading

Luke 9:51-62

Sermon

“Let’s Face It”

*Hymn

“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”

#718

We Respond to God’s Word

Affirmation of Faith: From “A Declaration of Faith”

We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord. He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is 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

“Wherever He Leads, I’ll Go”

*Doxology

#606

*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn

“Jesus Calls Us”

#720

*Benediction

*Postlude

“He Is Jehovah”

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

Tues., July 1	1:00 PM CE Meeting
Thurs., July 3	1:00 PM Caring Hands
Wed., July 9	4:30 PM Choir
	5:30 PM CONNECT Bible Study

The flowers in the sanctuary were lovingly placed by John and Joan Jordan in memory of Jonno Jordan.

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.

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Scripture Reading Harold Culbert: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For freedom, Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Luke 9:51-62

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to

make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."