

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

July 13, 2025

Elder Linda Grissom, Liturgist

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

We Gather in God’s Presence

Welcome

*Call to Worship:

One: We come to worship today with willing hearts and eager minds.

All: Lead us in your truth, O God of our salvation!

One: We come even in our weakness and amid our wanderings.

All: Teach us your ways, O God of our salvation!

One: We come seeking a path that leads to justice and peace.

All: We are ready to follow where you lead us, O God of our salvation!

All: Let us worship God!

*Hymn

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy”

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Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, Jesus tells us that our lives are enriched by loving you and loving our neighbors. We confess that love is sometimes hard for us. We can be selfish and pessimistic, hollow and hardened, or just too tired to give ourselves to love’s demands. Forgive our arrogance and laziness. Cleanse our hearts so that we can find the strength to do what love requires and the grace to receive what love has to give. We pray in the name of Jesus, whose love knows no boundaries. Amen. (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

“Be Thou My Vision” v.1

#450

Assurance of Pardon

One: Hear the Good News! Mercy flows as unceasingly from the heart of God as water from a fountain! In Jesus Christ, our sin is 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 82

Choir Anthem

“I Love You Lord”

Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:1-14

Sermon

“Rescued”

*Hymn

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

#494

We Respond to God’s Word

Affirmation of Faith:

This is the Good News which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are being saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sin according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that this Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end. He is our Lord and our God! 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

“Living for Jesus”

*Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

#307

*Benediction

*Postlude

“The Solid Rock”

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

This morning we welcome Rev. Bob Phelps, who serves as Executive Presbyterian for North Alabama Presbytery. Prior to this work, Bob was pastor at First

Presbyterian, Albertville for three years and served in other congregations in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida for nearly forty years. Bob serves on the Board of Trustees for the Presbyterian Home for Children in Talladega and on the Board of the Mid-South Region of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians and sings in and serves on the Board of the Huntsville Master Chorale. He has authored church school curriculum and devotions for THESE DAYS. He is a graduate of Western Kentucky University and Memphis Theological Seminary. Bob and his wife, Deanna, are parents to two adult sons and enjoy life with a two-year-old granddaughter. Be careful. He has both pictures and videos on the phone!

Calendar of Events:

Mon., July 14	HAD Lunch – Menu: Spaghetti and Turnip Greens Sign up to bring rolls, cornbread, dessert or serve.
Thurs., July 17	10:00 AM Finance & Administration Meeting 1:00 PM Caring Hands
Wed., July 23	4:30 PM Choir 5:30 PM CONNECT w/Linda Webster & Kay Grubs

On August 5, CATS will journey south to Jasper, Alabama to tour First Methodist church known as “A White Marble Church”. After touring the church, they will eat lunch at Victoria’s, a meat and three buffet. To sign up for the trip, text CATS2025 to 256-804-0363 or scan the QR code.



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Scripture Reading, Linda Grissom: Psalm 82

God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment: "How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? (Selah) Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked." They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken. I say, "You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you; nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince." Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you!

Scripture Reading, Rev. Bob Phelps: Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with

the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.