

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

July 20, 2025

Elder Bob Martin, Liturgist

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“Come Christians, Join to Sing”

We Gather in God’s Presence

Welcome

*Call to Worship:

One: In Jesus Christ, all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

All: Through him, God was reconciled to all things in heaven and on earth,

One: even to us, that we might be holy and blameless before God.

All: In awe and gratitude, let us worship the Lord our God!

*Hymn

“Come, Great God of All the Ages”

#309

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, we confess that we have been distracted with many things and have not loved you with our whole heart and strength. We have not paid attention to your Word. We have allowed the poor to be neglected and the weak to be oppressed. We have been impatient in worship and insincere in our dealings with others. We have ignored signs of injustice and disregarded warnings of judgment. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us repentance. Free us from our habits of pride, and make us steadfast in faith, that we may live as those who are reconciled with you in Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom we pray. Amen. (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

“Spirit of the Living God”

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Assurance of Pardon

One: Though we were once estranged, in Jesus Christ we have been reconciled with God.

All: Baptized, forgiven, and freed, we are one with the Lord and with each other. Thanks be to God!

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri

#581

We Listen for God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Psalm 15

Choir Anthem

“My Savior and My God”

Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:15-28

Sermon

“Music to Our Ears...and Hearts”

*Hymn

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

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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

“There’s Something about that Name”

*Doxology

#606

*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn

“The Church’s One Foundation”

#321

*Benediction

*Postlude

“Because He Lives”

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

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.



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, Bob Martin: Psalm 15

O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill? Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart; who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors; in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt; who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Colossians 1:15-28

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under

heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh, I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.