

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor  
Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

August 3, 2025  
Elder Shelly Shull, Liturgist  
Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“The Living Church Medley”

We Gather in God’s Presence

Welcome

Minute for Mission

Barb Wyle

\*Call to Worship:  
One: Have we not known? Have we not heard?  
**All: *Has it not been told to us since the beginning?***  
One: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;  
**All: *they shall mount up with wings like eagles;***  
One: they shall run and not be weary;  
**All: *they shall walk and not faint.***  
One: Let us take the strength given to us to proclaim the gospel for the salvation of humankind.  
**All: *Let us worship the Lord!***

\*Hymn

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

#610

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:  
***O God you bring healing to our lives and comfort to our hearts. Forgive us, O Lord, when we contribute to the things that break your heart. You would have us share our gifts with the world, but we keep our resources close and our minds closed. You would have us live in faithful community, but we isolate ourselves and eye our neighbors with mistrust. You would have us see all people as our siblings, but we try to separate ourselves from anyone whose existence challenges our comfort. Forgive us, O God, by your grace, and free us to be agents of your healing as we proclaim the good news. Amen. (Silent Confession)***

Hymn of Response

“Go Now in Peace”

Assurance of Pardon:  
One: No matter how many times it needs to be said, it bears repeating: God loves us, God forgives us, God heals us, God restores us to new life.  
**All: *This is good news! God listens to our words, fills us with grace, and sends us forth to proclaim the gospel to others. Thanks be to God. Amen.***

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Gloria Patri

#581

We Listen for God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Romans 10:12-17

Choir Anthem

“Lord, I Give My Heart to You”

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Sermon

“The Proclamation of the Gospel for the Salvation of Humankind”

We Respond to God’s Word

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

Offertory

“Pass It On”

\*Doxology

#606

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn

“Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”

#498

Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.  
**All: *And also with you.***  
One: Lift up your hearts.  
**All: *We lift them to the Lord.***  
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

One: At the beginning of all that is, you poured the foundation of goodness, O God of wisdom and provision.

One: ... we sing your praises forever and ever:.

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

One: You are holy, Namer of the stars and your children, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Child, our Savior.

One: We come to this table in remembrance of his life, singing of his healing and hope for all, even as we tell of that mystery we call faith:

**All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Rev. Brogdon continues.

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Prayer After Communion

**God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

<b>We Are Sent Into the World</b>
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*Hymn	“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”	#722
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\*Benediction

Postlude	“I Love to Tell the Story”
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\*Please rise in body or spirit.

***Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.***

**Calendar:**

Tues., Aug. 5	CATS Trip
Thurs., Aug. 7	1:00 PM Caring Hands
Mon., Aug. 11	HAD Lunch – Sign up to bring rolls, cornbread, dessert, or serve.

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- The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind.
- The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God.
- The maintenance of divine worship.
- The preservation of the truth.
- The promotion of social righteousness.
- The exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.



### **Scripture Reading, Shelly Shull: Romans 10:12-17**

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?” So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

### **Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23-** **The Message**

Still, I want it made clear that I’ve never gotten anything out of this for myself, and that I’m not writing now to get something. I’d rather die than give anyone ammunition to discredit me or question my motives. If I proclaim the Message, it’s not to get something out of it for myself. I’m compelled to do it, and doomed if I don’t! If this was my own idea of just another way to make a living, I’d expect some pay. But since it’s not my idea but something solemnly entrusted to me, why would I expect to get paid? So am I getting anything out of it? Yes, as a matter of fact: the pleasure of proclaiming the Message at no cost to you. You don’t even have to pay my expenses! Even though I am free of the demands and expectations of everyone, I have voluntarily become a servant to any and all in order to reach a wide range of people: religious,

nonreligious, meticulous moralists, loose-living immoralists, the defeated, the demoralized—whoever. I didn’t take on their way of life. I kept my bearings in Christ—but I entered their world and tried to experience things from their point of view. I’ve become just about every sort of servant there is in my attempts to lead those I meet into a God-saved life. I did all this because of the Message. I didn’t just want to talk about it; I wanted to be in on it!