

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

9th Sunday After PentecostAugust 10, 2025

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, PastorElder Jackie Naumann, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir DirectorDr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

We Gather in God’s Presence

Welcome

\*Call to Worship:

One: Welcome to this place:

**All:   *where the children of God sit side by side, where heaven and earth embrace in peace, where God has been, is, and always will be.***

One: Welcome to this place:

**All:   *where we find God’s love, where we hear the tender voice of Jesus, where the Spirit teaches us new songs.***

One: Welcome to this place, where all is made ready by our God:

**All:   *where we bring our hunger, and find food; where we bring our brokenness, and find healing; where we bring our very selves, and find acceptance.***

\*Hymn

“God Is Here!”

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Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

***You gave us commandments, God of love, because you know the hardness of our hearts. You have created us to live in community, and still we oppress others and separate ourselves from each other and from you. Jesus loved the children, but there are still children in the world who live in hunger or fear, rejected and unloved. Forgive us, and call us to faithfulness. Bind all your children together as sisters and brothers, and nurture us with your love and forgiveness, that we might share what we have been given, and receive your kingdom with the wonder and gratitude of children. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.*** (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

“Go Now in Peace”

Assurance of Pardon

One: Jesus said, “Let the children come to me, do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.” Seeing our repentant hearts, Jesus will embrace us in grace and comfort us with mercy. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All:   *We are children of God! We will live in peace!***

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Gloria Patri

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We Listen for God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

1 John 3:1-7

Choir Anthem

“We’re a Fellowship of Believers”

Scripture Reading

Mark 10:13-16

Sermon

“The Shelter, Nurture and Spiritual Fellowship of the Children of God”

\*Hymn

“Jesus Loves Me!”

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Reception of New Members

Jim and Maurine Travis

We Respond to God’s Word

Affirmation of Faith: Apostles’ Creed

***I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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

“The Love of God”

\*Doxology

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\*Prayer of Dedication

<b>We Are Sent into the World</b>
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*Hymn	“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”	#547
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\*Benediction

*Postlude	“Love Lifted Me”
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\*Please rise in body or spirit.

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

**Calendar of Events:**

Mon., Aug. 11	HAD Lunch – Sign up on the bulletin board to bring corn chips, dessert, or serve.
Wed., Aug. 13	4:30 PM Choir 5:30 PM CONNECT Bible Study

**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.standrewdecaturn.org](http://www.standrewdecaturn.org)



- 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, Jackie Naumann: 1 John 3:1-7**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

**Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Mark 10:13-16**

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.