

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

11th Sunday after Pentecost  
Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor  
Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

August 24, 2025  
Elder Bob Naumann, Liturgist  
Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

## We Gather in God’s Presence

Welcome

Minute for Mission  
Presbyterian Women  
Nellie Gates

\*Call to Worship:  
One: Sisters and brothers, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts.  
**All: For many signs and wonders are being done among us.**  
One: Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.  
**All: Let us give what we can to all who have needs so that all people, no matter who they are, may regard us with good will.**  
One: Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.  
**All: Let us worship the Lord!**

\*Hymn

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

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Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:  
**Merciful God, we confess that we have not always been faithful stewards of your worship. We have approached your presence casually, without reverence or preparation. We have allowed our minds to wander when we should have been attentive to your Word. We have sung your praise with our lips while our hearts were far from you. We confess that we have sometimes made worship about ourselves rather than about you. We seek what pleases us rather than what honors you, preferring comfort over transformation and entertainment over encounter with you, the living God. Forgive us for the times we have neglected this sacred calling and continue to call us to follow the Truth. Amen.** (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

“Go Now in Peace”

Assurance of Pardon

One: Hear the good news: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, and by his death and resurrection, we are forgiven and made new.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Gloria Patri

#581

## We Listen for God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading  
John 4:19-26

Choir Anthem  
“O Worship the King”

Scripture Reading  
John 14:1-14

Sermon  
“The Maintenance of Divine Worship and The Preservation of the Truth”

\*Hymn  
“Open My Eyes, That I May See”  
#451

## We Respond to God’s Word

Presbyterian Women Presentation

Betty Matthews

Affirmation of Faith: From *The Confession of 1967*  
**Wherever the church exists, its members are both gathered in corporate life and dispersed in society for the sake of mission in the world. The church gathers to praise God, to hear his word for mankind, to baptize and to join in the Lord’s Supper, to pray for and present the world to him in worship, to enjoy fellowship, to receive instruction, strength, and comfort, to order and organize its own corporate life, to be tested, renewed, and reformed, and to speak and act in the world’s affairs as may be appropriate to the needs of the time. The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Their prayer and Bible study are part of the church’s worship and theological reflection. Their witness is the church’s evangelism. Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world. The quality of their relation with other persons is the measure of the church’s fidelity.**

Prayers of the People

One: Lord, in your mercy,  
**All: hear our prayer**

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

Offertory

“Have Faith in God”

\*Doxology

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\*Prayer of Dedication

<b>We Are Sent into the World</b>
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*Hymn	"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"	#611
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\*Benediction

*Postlude	"The Solid Rock"
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\*Please rise in body or spirit.

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

**Calendar of Events:**

Mon., Aug. 25	Member Care Meeting
Wed., Aug. 27	4:30 PM Choir 5:30 PM CONNECT Ice Cream Social w/Hymn Sing
Sun., Aug. 31	Combined Sunday School Class w/Rev. Tripp

**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.standrewdecatur.org](http://www.standrewdecatur.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, Bob Naumann: John 4:19-26**

The woman [at the well] said to [Jesus], “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

**Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: John 14:1-14**

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’ Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us

the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.