

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Elder D. Ann Norris, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“More Love to Thee”

We Gather in God’s Presence

Welcome

*Call to Worship:

One: Jesus has told us who is blessed:

All: *the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek.*

One: We gather today to hear who Christ calls blessed;

All: *those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, the persecuted.*

One: We desire to be merciful, pure in heart, and makers of peace. May we also hunger and thirst for righteousness, so that all may be blessed.

All: *Let us worship God and commit ourselves to God’s way of justice and righteousness!*

*Hymn

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

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Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, you call us your own children and cover us with your love. We would seek to be merciful as you are, and to show compassion as you do, but we fail to live the life to which we have been called. Where we ought to forgive, we condemn; the evil we should shun, we embrace. Forgive our sinful ways, tame our wayward wills, and make us more like Christ, until we truly hunger and thirst for righteousness. Amen. (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

“Go Now in Peace”

Assurance of Pardon

One: Sisters and brothers, hear the good news this morning. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: *We will rejoice and be glad, for God’s mercy is great; Jesus brings healing, justice, and peace.*

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri

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We Listen for God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Amos 5:18-24

Solo – Dr. Jeff Gilbreath

“Reach Out and Touch/In Heaven’s Eyes”

Scripture Reading

Micah 6:1-8

Sermon

“The Promotion of Social Righteousness”

*Hymn

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

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We Respond to God’s Word

Affirmation of Faith: From A Brief Statement of Faith

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

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

“Something for Thee”

*Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn

“Come! Live in the Light”

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*Benediction

*Postlude

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

Mon., Sept. 1	Labor Day – Church Office Closed
Tues., Sept. 2	10:00 AM Presbyterian Women's (PW) Meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Lesson: "Mary Magdalene, the Tower" Leader: Nellie Gates
Thurs., Sept. 4	10:00 AM Finance Committee Meeting 1:00 PM Caring Hands
Mon., Sept. 8	HAD Lunch – Sign up to bring rolls, cornbread, dessert, or serve.
Wed., Sept. 10	4:30 Choir 5:30 PM CONNECT 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.

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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, D. Ann Norris: Amos 5:18-24

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.” “With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a

year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?