

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

13th Sunday after Pentecost  
Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor  
Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

September 7, 2025  
Nellie Gates, Liturgist  
Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

## We Gather in God’s Presence

Welcome

\*Call to Worship:

One: We gather as witnesses to God's reign, called to make visible the Kingdom of Heaven in our world.

**All: We come as ambassadors of Christ's love, bearing light into darkness.**

One: Jesus proclaimed the Kingdom through word and deed, calling us to follow his example.

**All: We seek to embody God's justice, mercy, and peace in all we do.**

One: Let us worship the God who sends us forth to exhibit the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

**All: By the power of the Holy Spirit, may our worship and our lives proclaim the good news of God's reign!**

\*Hymn

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

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Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

**Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive ways. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ, and help us to live as though the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Amen. (Silent Confession)**

Hymn of Response

“Go Now in Peace”

Assurance of Pardon:

One: God offers forgiveness to those who turn to God in true repentance.  
Therefore, trust in God, who forgives each and every one of us!

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Gloria Patri

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## We Listen for God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

Choir Anthem

“We Are One in Christ”

Scripture Reading

Matthew 4:12-25

Sermon

“The Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the World”

## 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

“Jesus Paid It All ”

\*Doxology

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\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn

“Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven”

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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: Worthy of praise and thanksgiving are you, Lord God.

One: And so with your people on earth and with the company of heaven, we join the unending hymn:

**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: Sustaining God, in you, many become one.  
One: ...we speak 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  
**Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**We Are Sent Into the World**

\*Hymn "O for a World" #372  
\*Benediction  
Postlude "Let Others See Jesus in You"

\*Please rise in body or spirit.  
***Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.***

**Calendar:**  
Mon., Sept. 8 HAD Lunch – Sign up, on the bulletin board, to bring rolls, cornbread, dessert, or serve.  
Wed., Sept. 10 4:30 PM Choir  
5:30 PM CONNECT w/Rev. Tripp

On Friday, September 26, CATS will be taking a trip to The Old Cook Stove, an Amish Restaurant in Danville, AL. This is an excellent, Amish cooking, all you can eat, buffet. The cost is \$14.49, beverages other than water is \$2.29. We will meet in the church parking lot and leave at 10:30 a.m. You can sign up by texting CATSCOOKSTOVE or scan the QR code.



Live Streams and recordings of each week’s worship service are available on our YouTube channel. For more information, visit us at [www.standrewdecatour.org](http://www.standrewdecatour.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, Nellie Gates: Matthew 4:1-11**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

### **Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Matthew 4:12-25**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he cured them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.