

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 2025

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Ceil Hydrick, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“Victory in Jesus”

We Gather in God’s Presence

Minute for Mission

Peace and Global Witness Offering

John Jordan

Welcome

*Call to Worship:

One: Who is like the Lord our God, high above the heavens in glory?

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

One: Who raises the poor from the dust and lifts up the needy from the ashes?

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

One: Who makes light shine in darkness, gives joy in sorrow, and brings life out of death?

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

*Hymn

“Take My Life” vs. 1-4, 6

#697

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

We have squandered the gifts you have given us. We have failed to forgive our debtors as you have forgiven us. We have been unfaithful and dishonest in small things and great things alike. We are shrewd in seeking wealth and foolish in following your way. Forgive our sins, O Lord, for your name’s sake. Make us faithful stewards of the grace you have given and generous in forgiving others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

“There Is a Redeemer” v.1

#443

Assurance of Pardon

One: God our Judge is also our Savior. The good news is sure:

All: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri

#581

We Listen for God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Amos 8:4-7

Choir Anthem

“Holy Is the Lord”

Scripture Reading

Luke 16:1-13

Sermon

“The Almighty Dollar”

*Hymn

“Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord”

#707

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

“I Surrender All”

*Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn

“We Give Thee but Thine Own ”

#708

*Benediction

*Postlude

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

Wed., Sept. 24 2:00 PM Session Meeting
 4:30 PM Choir

On Friday, September 26, CATS will be taking a trip to The Old Cook Stove, an Amish Restaurant in Danville, AL. The cost is \$14.49. Beverages, other than water, are \$2.29. We will meet in the church parking lot and leave at 10:30 a.m. Bring a friend, everyone is invited! You can sign up by texting CATSCOOKSTOVE to 256-355-6310 or scan the QR code.



The flowers in the sanctuary were placed in memory of Betty Vaughn by John Brandon in honor of what would have been their 60th wedding anniversary.

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



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Scripture Reading, Ceil Hydrick: Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.” The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Luke 16:1-13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the

children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”