

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Cerese Sweeley, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“Serve the Lord with Gladness”

## We Gather in God’s Presence

Minute for Mission

Recycling

Barb Mouton

Welcome

\*Call to Worship:

One: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, say to the Lord:

**All: My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.**

One: The Lord executes justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry, sets the prisoners free, opens the eyes of the blind, lifts up those who are bowed down, watches over those who are estranged, and upholds the orphan and the widow.

**All: The Lord loves the righteous, but the way of the wicked God brings to ruin.**

One: Come, people of God,

**All: let us pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness.**

**All: Let all generations praise the Lord!**

\*Hymn

“Rejoice, the Lord is King!”

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Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

**God of justice and righteousness, you lift up the lowly and fill the empty; yet we adore the high and the mighty. You reach out to the poor; yet we ceaselessly pursue wealth. You talk about treasure in heaven; yet we want dollars in our accounts right now. Correct our misguided ways. Forgive our lack of generosity. Free us from striving for more and more. Change our hearts so that we can tend to things that matter and find our life in Jesus Christ. Amen. (Silent Confession)**

Hymn of Response

“There Is a Redeemer” v.1

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Assurance of Pardon

One: The Lord welcomes all who return from the exile of greed and self-interest.

**All: We will be at peace, for in Christ we find our way home again, where all are forgiven, loved, and restored.**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Gloria Patri

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## We Listen for God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Psalms 146

Choir Anthem

“On Eagle’s Wings”

Scripture Reading

Luke 16:19-31

Sermon

“The Chasm Between Us”

\*Hymn

“When the Lord Redeems the Very Least”

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## 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

“For the Troubles and the Sufferings”

\*Doxology

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\*Prayer of Dedication

## We Are Sent into the World

\*Hymn "Go To the World" #295

\*Benediction

\*Postlude "Make Me a Channel of Blessing"

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

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

### Calendar of Events:

Thurs., Oct. 2 1:00 PM Caring Hands  
Sun., Oct. 5 Peace and Global Witness Offering

*The flowers in the sanctuary were placed in memory of Ken Anderson by Faye Anderson.*

### 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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### **Scripture Reading, Ceil Hydrick: Psalm 146**

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

### **Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Luke 16:19-31**

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember

that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”