

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

17th Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor
Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

October 5, 2025
Elder Stu Strong, Liturgist
Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“Perfect Peace”

We Gather in God’s Presence

Welcome

*Call to Worship:

One: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me,

All: Bless God’s Holy Name.

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget God’s benefits,

All: who forgives all our iniquity, who heals all our diseases,

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

All: who redeems our life, who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul, who satisfies us with good as long as we live, so that our youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

All: Bless the Lord!

*Hymn

“Blest Be the God of Israel (Song of Zechariah)”

#109

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. We look at a world undone by strife, torn by violence, separated by hatred. Yet you call us to walk the way of peace. Forgive us, O Lord, for refusing to follow you on this path because the cost is too high, the direction too confusing, the conditions too harsh. Forgive us our complacency. Grant us clarity of vision to see the light, and the strength to walk behind you. In the power of your Spirit we pray, Amen. (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

“There Is a Redeemer” v.1

#443

Assurance of Pardon:

One: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

All: to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri

#581

We Listen for God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

*Hymn

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (Prayer of St. Francis)”

#753

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:76-79

Sermon

“The Way of Peace”

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

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

*Doxology

#606

*Prayer of Dedication

Communion Anthem

“Feed Me, Lord”

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: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...

One: ...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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: We give you thanks for Jesus...

One: Great is the mystery of 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

God our hope, we give you thanks that you have given us this foretaste of the heavenly realm of justice and peace. Strengthen us with this food from your table as we seek to serve you. Lead us in lives of purpose and joy as we await the coming again in glory of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

We Are Sent Into the World

*Hymn	"I Come With Joy "	#515
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*Benediction

Postlude	"He Leadeth Me"
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*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar:

Mon., Oct. 7	10:00 AM Presbyterian Women’s Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
Wed., Oct. 8	4:30 PM Choir 5:30 PM Church Cookout * Action Team Meeting immediately following the cookout.

*At this year’s church cookout we’re going back in time to the 1950’s & 1960’s. Dress for your favorite era. The church will provide all of the food and drinks. Come join the fun! You can sign up by scanning the QR code, texting COOKOUT to 256-804-0363 or sign-up sheet in the church office.



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Scripture Reading, Stu Strong: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous— therefore judgment comes forth perverted. I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Luke 1:76-79

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”