

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

October 19, 2025

Elder Barb Mouton, Liturgist

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“Have Faith in God”

We Gather in God’s Presence

Welcome

*Call to Worship:

One: No matter how far from God we seem to be, we do not lose heart:

All: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

One: No matter how many obstacles we face in life, in the church, we do not lose heart:

All: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

One: No matter how hard it is to continually pray and work for justice, we do not lose heart:

All: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will forgive and restore my people; when I will equip them for every good work; and when I will grant justice, for I hear their cries day and night.

All: Let us worship God!

*Hymn

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

#645

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your commands and teachings all day long. We do not keep your word before us always and in all things. Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth and wander toward easier options. Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours. Forgive us for growing weary in following you; for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice; for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world. Tune our ears to the sound of your justice. Turn our hearts to your commandments and word of grace. Do not remember our sin, but remember your mercy forever. We pray in Christ’s name. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

“There Is a Redeemer” v.1

#443

Assurance of Pardon

One: Grace flows like a river; mercy like a never-ending stream. Believe the good news: in 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 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Choir Anthem “I Am the Vine”

Scripture Reading Luke 18:1-8

Sermon “Will He Find Faith on Earth?”

*Hymn

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

#829

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 Am His, and He Is Mine”

*Doxology

#606

*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory" #307

*Benediction

*Postlude "Faith Is the Victory"

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

Mon., Oct. 20 10:00 AM Holiday Hope Chest Wrapping Party
Wed., Oct. 22 10:00 AM Mission Committee Meeting
4:30 PM Choir
Sun., Oct. 26 PW Luncheon following the service.

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, Barb Mouton: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she

may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"