

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Stewardship Sunday

November 16, 2025

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Robert Sparks, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

We Gather in God’s Presence

Welcome

*Call to Worship:

One: Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously; let us sing God’s praises throughout all the earth.

All: Shout aloud and sing for joy, from the highest peaks, to the deepest caverns.

One: Shout aloud and sing for joy, from the tiniest creatures, to the greatest herds.

All: Shout aloud and sing for joy, in the midst of our joys and our sorrows.

One: Shout aloud and sing for joy, as we come to worship the God of all creation.

All: Let us worship the Lord!

*Hymn

“This Is My Father’s World”

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Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

God of Mercy, we confess that we have not been obedient sons and daughters. We have grown idle in the work of discipleship and weary in doing what is right. We have been selfish in our actions and insistent in claiming our rights. We have not honored the tradition of the apostles, or imitated the example of your saints. Forgive us, we pray. Show us the way of repentance, free us from our idle ways, and strengthen us to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, through whom we pray. Amen. (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

“There Is a Redeemer” v.1

#443

Assurance of Pardon

One: The prophet Isaiah assures us: God is building a new heaven and a new earth; the former things will not be remembered or come to mind.

All: Forgiven and freed, we will rejoice in what the Lord is creating in you, in me, and in all creation.

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri

#581

We Listen for God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

Choir Anthem

“Lord of the Universe”

Scripture Reading

Luke 21:15-19

Sermon

“We’ve Seen Better Days”

*Hymn

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

#738

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

“Something for Thee”

*Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn

“We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom”

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*Benediction

*Postlude

“Jesus Is All the World to Me”

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

The flowers in the sanctuary today were placed by Mr. & Mrs. Shull in honor of their anniversary.

Calendar of Events:

Wed., Nov. 19	2:00 PM Session Meeting 4:30 PM Choir
Thurs., Nov. 20	1:00 PM Caring Hands
Sun., Nov. 23	Pack Thanksgiving dinners after the morning service.
Sun., Nov. 30	Poinsettia Donations deadline

*Donations for poinsettias for the sanctuary are now being accepted in the church office. You may donate any amount in honor or in memory of a loved one. Donations will be accepted through November 30th. Checks should be made payable to St. Andrew.

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, Robert Sparks: Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what

will be the sign that this is about to take place?” And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them. “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.