

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Christ the King Sunday
Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor
Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

November 23, 2025
Elder Shelly Shull, Liturgist
Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“Name Above Every Name”

We Gather in God’s Presence

Welcome

*Call to Worship:
One: We worship Christ, Eternal Son of God;
All: we honor Christ, Incarnate Son of Mary;
One: we serve Christ, Glorious Ruler of creation;
All: for to Christ belongs the power and the glory of the Almighty.
One: Praise be to God.
All: Let us worship Christ the King!

*Hymn

“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

#265

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:
Almighty God, you brought forth the world for the love of Christ, yet we have lived in rebellion and turned away from our created purpose. We have acknowledged the Lordship of Christ with our lips, but we have not honored him with our lives. We have served the idols of wealth and privilege; we have sought the protection of violence to oppose violence; we have lived in fear of death and loss; we have not loved our neighbors, nor sought reconciliation with our enemies. Therefore we pray: break our rebellious will. Instruct our hearts in the ways of peace. Expose our insincere thoughts. Give us integrity in our quest for truth. Release us from the fear of death. Grant us courage in the face of evil. Free us for joyful service in Christ our Lord. Empower us to live as citizens of your kingdom. For the sake of the world, in the name of Christ. Amen. (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

“There Is a Redeemer” v.1

#443

Assurance of Pardon
One: God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

All: Through Christ our Lord, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri

#581

We Listen for God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Choir Anthem

“Christ, We Do All Adore You”

Scripture Reading

Luke 23:33-43

Sermon

“God Save the King”

*Hymn

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

#4

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

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

*Doxology

#606

*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns" #268

*Benediction

*Postlude "We Will Glorify"

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

The flowers in the sanctuary today were provided by Barbara Allen in memory of her parents, Clyde and Stella Allen.

Calendar of Events:

Help us pack Thanksgiving Dinners TODAY immediately following the service.

Mon., Nov. 24 9:00 AM Decorate sanctuary for Christmas.

Tues., Nov. 25 – Thurs., Nov. 27 Church office closed for Thanksgiving.

Sun., Nov. 30 Holiday Hope Chest boxes are due.

Last day to order poinsettias.

*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.

Live Streams and recordings of each week's worship service are available on our YouTube channel. For more information, visit us at www.standrewdecatur.org



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Scripture Reading, Shelly Shull: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Luke 23:33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the

King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."