

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

6th Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor
Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

July 5, 2026
Elder Jackie Naumann, Liturgist
Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

ARR. BY JOHN CARTER

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP - Adapted from Psalm 145

One: O Lord, you are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: You are good to all people, with compassion for all of your creation.

One: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

All: They speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your mighty deeds.

One: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

All: Let us worship the Lord!

* GATHERING HYMN #338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

MATERNA

GATHERING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen. (Silent Confession)

HYMN OF RESPONSE #611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee, verse 1*

HYMN TO JOY

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

All: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. We are forgiven and we will be at peace.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

* GLORIA PATRI

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*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

* HYMN

In This Time of Great Reflection

RESTORATION

Written by Rev. Carolyn Winfrey Gillette for America's 250th Anniversary

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 145:8-14

SERMON

"Got Any Plans for Your Anniversary?"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Call for the Offering

(The offering plate is not passed but is located on the stand outside the sanctuary doors.)

Offertory

I'd Rather Have Jesus

ARR. BY JEFF GILBREATH

* Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

* Prayer of Dedication

COMMUNION ANTHEM

In Remembrance of Me

ARR. BY JAY ALTHOUSE

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

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: we join the endless song of praise:

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, hosanna in the highest. (Glory to God #552)*

One: Great is the mystery of faith:

All: *Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. (Glory to God #553)*

Rev. Brogdon continues.

All: *Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

All: *Amen, amen, amen. (Glory to God #554)*

Breaking of the Bread and the Sharing of the Cup

Prayer after Communion

We thank you, God, for this meal and for the one who gave it to us. Carry us now into the world, that what we have received here, we might give away there. In Christ's name. Amen.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

- * **HYMN** #340 *This Is My Song* FINLANDIA
- * **BENEDICTION**
- * **POSTLUDE** *God of Our Fathers* ARR. BY JEFF GILBREATH
- * **Please rise in body or in spirit.**

WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW!

Whether you are a first-time guest, a long-time member, or somewhere in between, know that you are welcome in this place. We are so glad you are here, and we hope that your time in worship this morning draws you closer to God and to God's people. Our journeys of faith are not just lived on Sunday mornings, so we invite you to also join us in the fellowship and ministry of our congregation. Rev. Tripp is available to answer any questions you might have after worship, by email (tripp@standrewdecatur.org), or by phone. There is a place for you here!

THIS WEEK TOGETHER

Monday, July 6th

Office Closed

Wednesday, July 8th

4:30 P.M. – Choir Practice

5:30 P.M. – CONNECT Move Night, *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

Each month moving forward, we will highlight a particular portion of our Presbyterian worship to explain what it is and why we do it. We begin with an overview of worship and our Service for the Lord's Day.

Worship is at the very heart of the church's life. All that the church is and does is rooted in its worship. The community of faith, gathered in response to God's call, is formed in its worship. Worship is the principal influence that shapes our faith, and is the most visible way we express the faith. In worship, through Word and Sacrament, the church is sustained by the presence of Christ and empowered by the work of the Holy Spirit. Joined in worship to the One who is the source of its life, the church is equipped to serve God in the world.

We gather to worship God on the Lord's Day (Sunday) because the Gospels testify that Jesus rose from the dead early on the first day of the week. The Lord's Day is also called the "eighth day" of creation, a sign of the new creation that has begun with Christ's resurrection. While we may worship God on any day and at any time, the Sunday service in particular is a celebration of Christ's resurrection and an anticipation of the fullness of God's coming reign.





St.
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July 5, 2026

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Scripture Reading, Jackie Naumann: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

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