SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

22nd Sunday after Pentecost **October 25, 2026**
Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor **Elder Shelly Shull, Liturgist**
Mavis Stephens, Choir Director **Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist**

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE *Give Him Glory* JEFF GILBREATH

WELCOME

MINUTE FOR MISSION THANKSGIVING DINNER DONATIONS, JOHN JORDAN

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God is our dwelling place:
All: God gathers us into community with each other to love and work, to support and heal.
One: God is our dwelling place:
All: God gathers us into community with all people to bring justice and hope, freedom and truth.
One: God is our dwelling place:
All: God gathers us into community with all creation to live in harmony.
One: God is our dwelling place:
All: God alone is worthy of our worship and praise!

*** GATHERING HYMN** #396 *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* HOLY MANNA

GATHERING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Your holiness, O God, commands that we confess: We have neither loved our neighbors as ourselves nor honored ourselves as your beloved creation. We have judged unjustly, regarded others ungenerously, profited at the losses of those near and distant, borne grudges, desired vengeance, and kept silence in the face of wrongdoing. We long to live in accord with your desire that your way of compassion, kindness, and honesty will govern our hearts and minds, turning us toward lives of peace. Forgive us and lead us. Amen. (Silent Confession)

HYMN OF RESPONSE #473 *Shepherd Me, O God* SHEPHERD ME

Refrain x2
Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
Beyond my fears, from death into life.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Beloved ones, believe again the gospel, that in Christ we are accepted as we are. Believe that we are forgiven, loved with the delight of a parent cherishing their child. Believe that we are the church, the body of Christ, called to love one another as gentle children of God.
All: We believe, and we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*** GLORIA PATRI** GLORIA PATRI

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 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

CHOIR ANTHEM *I Love You, Lord* ARR. BY LAURIE KLEIN

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 22:34-40

SERMON *"Well, Duh!"*

*** HYMN** #14 *For the Beauty of the Earth* DIX

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The 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

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 *Pass It On* 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. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

*** HYMN** #722 *Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak* CANONBURY

*** BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE** *Love Lifted Me* 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!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

This morning we officially welcome new members to St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. Thanks be to God!

THIS WEEK TOGETHER

Today, October 25th
PW Luncheon after the service.
Last day to sign up for the CATS Trip.
Money due for Caring Hands project on Nov. 5th
Wednesday, October 28th
4:30 PM Choir
Thursday, October 29th
CATS Trip to Children's Home in Talladega
Sunday, November 1st
CCC Food Pantry Collection

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP: HYMNS, PSALMS, AND SPIRITUAL SONGS

For millennia the people of God have sung psalms as praise and prayer to God. Early Christians continued to sing, pray, and study the psalms, interpreting them in the light of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. To the psalms, the Church has added other hymns, canticles, and spiritual songs. Through the ages and from varied cultures, the Church has developed many other forms of congregational song, accompanied by a great array of instruments. We draw from this rich repertoire in the Service for the Lord's Day, singing glory to God.

In theory, the music we sing during Christian worship proclaims and teaches as convincingly as the sermons the minister preaches. Our collection of hymns, psalms, and spiritual songs give voice to the church's core beliefs and theological convictions, not just serving as a means to repeatedly sing only the songs we know well or love.

If you pay attention to the lyrics and theology of the hymns, you will see that often they work together with the scripture and the sermon to enhance our time of worship around a particular theme concerning God each Sunday.

St. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Scripture Reading, Shelly Shull: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Matthew 22: 34-40

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “’You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”