SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

25th Sunday after Pentecost **November 15, 2026**
Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor **Elder Bob Sparks, Liturgist**
Mavis Stephens, Choir Director **Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist**

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE *Make me a Channel of Blessing* JEFF GILBREATH

WELCOME

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
All: You have been our home throughout all the ages.
One: You were there before the world was made and will be forever.
All: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.
One: Teach us to count our days, O God,
All: so that we may gain a wise heart. Let us worship the Lord!

*** GATHERING HYMN** #305 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy* DARWALL'S 148TH

GATHERING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you or one another. When we place our iniquities before you, it is your love that sheds light on our wayward deeds. As we stand in awe of your faithfulness and devotion for us, we ask your forgiveness through the mercy of Christ, in whose name we pray. 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: Sisters and brothers, when we acknowledge our human limitations and turn to depend upon our everlasting God, we grow wise in heart to God's commands.
All: We are freed to love one another. For our sins are forgiven by the mercy of Christ. 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 5:1-11

ANTHEM *Change My Heart, O God* CHANGE MY HEART

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 90:1-8, 10, 12

SERMON *"Counting Our Days"*

*** HYMN** #687 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

PRESENTATION OF PLEDGES

A Stewardship Litany

One: Because of our faith in You, O Lord,
All: we acknowledge You as the source of all that we have and all that we are.
One: Help us to place You, our loving Creator, first in our lives
All: by becoming more prayerful and more focused on loving and caring for our families and our neighbors in need, and by becoming less preoccupied with material things.
One: Help us, Lord, to find the true source of happiness and fulfillment that we all seek
All: and that You, alone, can provide.
One: Help us to hear Your call to be good stewards of all Your gifts
All: by sharing them for Your purposes.
One: Help us make Your priorities
All: our priorities.
One: Let us pray that, as good stewards, we will plan our sharing.
All: As we plan the things in our lives that are most important to us, Lord, help us plan our sharing of time with those in need.
One: Help us plan
All: how to "give back" the talents with which we have been blessed.
One: Help us plan
All: how to share our treasure to do Your work.
One: Let us pray that we will share in proportion to what has been given us.
All: Help us, Lord, return a portion of all You have given us.
One: We do this, O Lord, as a sign of our love
All: and in thanksgiving for the many blessings we have received.
One: We offer not only the "first fruits" of our financial resources,
All: but a generous portion of our time and talents, as well.
One: As good Christian Stewards
All: we pray that we would have a joyful spirit of mind and heart. Amen.

Presentation of Pledges

Offertory *Trust, Try and Prove Me* 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** #331 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* NATIONAL HYMN

*** BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE** *Serve the Lord with Gladness* 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

Wednesday, November 18th
2:00 PM Session meeting
4:30 PM Choir
5:30 PM CONNECT Bible Study w/Rev. Tripp
Thursday, November 19th
1:00 PM Caring Hands

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP: CONFESSION AND PARDON

Having praised the holiness of God, we must also face the sinful state of the world and of our lives, confessing our unworthiness to enter into God's presence. Nevertheless, we approach God with confidence, trusting in the mercy of Jesus Christ. This turn in worship from communal praise to corporate confession, established on the promise of God's grace, is one of the hallmarks of the Reformed tradition.

A call to confession expresses God's initiative in calling for repentance and promising forgiveness in Christ. As members of Christ's body, we confess the reality of sin, captivity, and brokenness in personal and common life and ask for God's saving grace. A declaration of forgiveness proclaims the good news of God's mercy and offers the assurance of pardon in Jesus' name. Leading this element of worship from the font connects our confession with the grace and cleansing of Baptism, and the baptismal call to new life in Christ.



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Scripture Reading, D. Ann Norris: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.

So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.

Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Psalm 90:1–8, 10, 12

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals." For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night. You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers. For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed. You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance. The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.