

Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church

September 1, 2024 10 AM

Sanctuary

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday

“Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.” John 6:68

GATHERING MUSIC

Dr. Bill Holda

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

“As a Chalice Cast of Gold”

INWARD LIGHT

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God teaches us the way of righteousness,
the way of love, the way of peace.

We glorify God,
we are gathering to hear God’s word.

We glorify God,
enacting God’s word in the world.

We glorify God with our worship in spirit and truth.

***HYMN – No. 12**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

ST. DENIO

***CALL TO & PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,

We confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong.

We have lived for ourselves and apart from you.

We have turned away from our neighbors.

**We have ignored the pain of the world and passed by the hungry,
the poor, and the oppressed.**

**In your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness,
so that we may choose your will and follow the teachings of Jesus Christ
our Lord, in whose name we pray.**

(Time for silence so we may pray, reflect, and sense God’s presence and peace)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the good news, which is the gospel message.

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Amen.**

***SHARING IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Anyone in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; our new life has begun.

Knowing we are forgiven may we live in peace. Amen.

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all.

And also with you.

(A time of greeting and sharing the peace of Christ.)

ENGAGING WITH THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

reader, Blaze Herring

Prepare our hearts, O God, so we may truly accept your Word.

Silence in us all voices so we may hear your voice, that, hearing,

we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE TEXTS

Psalm 15

The Lord bless the reading of these words.

The Lord bless the hearing of these words.

Hebrew Lesson: Deuteronomy 4:1-9

And the Word became flesh and lived among us.

Full of Grace and Truth, thanks be to God.

HYMN – No. 630

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

CRUSADERS’ HYMN

Gospel Lesson: Mark 7:1-23

Now God has spoken to us through Jesus Christ the Son.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Yes God, But I Do Not Want To...”

Rev. David F. Judd

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

DESCRIPTION OF PRAISE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- Apostle's Creed**

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING TO GOD

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

***HYMN – No. 606**

“Doxology”

OLD HUNDRETH

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*Traditional wording, adapted, please read*)

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us,
so too forgive 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, and ever. Amen.**

GOING FORTH TO LIVE THE WORD

***HYMN– No. 729**

“Lord I Want to Be a Christian”

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

“Come, Labor On”

ORA LABORA

Welcome friends! May the welcome you feel here be worthy of the gracious God we serve. In this service, an asterisk (*) invites you to stand as health allows. Material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say. Let us worship God!

Announcements

Wednesday Night Live meal is served at 6 p.m. Please call or email the church office by noon on Tuesday. The cost is \$10 for adults, with reduced prices for children. This week's menu includes hamburger steak, side, salad, dessert, and drink.

Thank you, Jimmy Howell, Ed Blackstone, Katy Manck, Lynn Manck, Ron Jurenka, Ted Keebaugh, Alan Peters, and the Men at Hiway 80 Rescue Mission for moving truckloads of kid-safe wood chips into the playground! Angel Academy and visiting children will have a fantastic time playing on the playground this year.

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 2, for **Labor Day**.

Rev. Harry Meissner is retiring. In his honor, the Session donated to the Campaign for Camp Gilmont which will strengthen roots and stretch branches. If you would also like to donate to the campaign, you may write a check with a memo for Rev. Harry Meissner's fund or donate online through Gilmont's website, www.gilmont.org. Camp Gilmont's address is 6075 SH 155 N, Gilmer, TX, 75644.

Communion will be served on September 8th at the worship service.

Conversations on the **Presbyterian Foundational Discernment Act 1 and Act 2** will be held after worship on **September 8**. Nine members from the congregation and session will share impressions of the dialogue and where our discernment with God has informed us. Questions and comments from the church community will be welcome.

The next **food bags for One Love Longview** will be assembled on September 18 at 1:00 PM. Please email additions to jhaley@cumclongview.org. Items needed include water bottles, Vienna sausages, and peanuts.

WNL delivery won't be available from September 11 through October 9.

Women's Bible Study begins September 24 at 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall, led by Quita Russell. Please contact the church office to sign up. The women's Bible study guides, "Let Justice Roll Down," are now available for pick-up in the church office.

Free Firewood! Katy & Lynn Manck have plenty of good oak firewood to share - free. There is a catch: you need to get it at their place. Please email Lynn to make connections: Lynn.Manck@gmail.com

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