

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 4, 2018

Pastor, Rev. Dr. Darryl Goldman

Turner Matthews, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist/Organist

Prelude " Dr. Gilbreath

Chiming of the Hour

Pastor's Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, rejoice and sing! God's love is showered over you this day.

**People: We gather to praise God and celebrate God's presence with us.**

Leader: God shows compassion to all who are weak and downtrodden.

**People: Jesus Christ offers healing mercies to our troubled souls.**

Leader: Praise be to God who has called us here.

**People: Thanks be to God for God's eternal love. AMEN.**

Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" #327  
*Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

***Caring Father, we confess that we sometimes want resist what You call us to do—to care about others, to seek your presence, and treat ourselves as your prize creation. We exhaust ourselves trying to be strong for others and do not take time for prayer so that You may restore our spirits and make us soar like eagles. Every challenge gets blown out of proportion if we lose perspective and cannot see You in all the things we experience. How can we look at this world and not sing of your praises, O God? How can we look at the blessings you have given us and not see your hand in our lives from the very beginning? Forgive us and restore us today, O Lord, and teach us how to retreat into Your healing presence. Amen.. (We offer our own silent confessions.)***

Hymn "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" x2 #469

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Peace

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you. (Please share the peace of Christ with those near you.)**

\*Gloria Patri #581

Anthem "Let Us Break Bread Together" Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:21-31 Elder Matthews

Scripture Reading Mark 1:29-30 Rev. Goldman

Message "Tactical Withdrawal" Rev. Goldman

Offertory

\*Doxology #606

\*Prayer

\*Communion Hymn "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" #834

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise . . . with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name.

**Hymn: "Bread of Life from Heaven" #497**

***Bread of life from heaven, your blood and body given, we eat this bread and drink this cup until you come again. (repeat)***

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, . . .our lives proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Leader: Great is the mystery of faith.

**People: Christ has died. Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us . . .send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. We remember those who need our prayers today to include . . . (our prayer requests)

As Christ our Savior taught us, we are bold to pray, "Our Father who art in heaven . . ."

Breaking of the Bread  
Prayer after Communion  
**People: Amen**

\*Hymn "Arise, Your Light Is Come!" #744

\*Charge & Benediction

Postlude Dr. Gilbreath

\*All that are able are invited to stand.  
***Bold italic type indicates our shared response.***  
All hymns are from the Glory to God (purple) hymnal.

**To Our Visitors & Guests:**

**Welcome!** It is a blessing to have you in worship with us today! We invite you to consider membership in St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. The pastor and elders will be available following the service to answer any questions you may have. If you are a first time visitor, we would like to take you to lunch, so don't run out on us. ***There is a place for you here. We are delighted to have you with us today!***

**St. Andrew Elders & Ministry Teams 2018**

**Chairperson**

Clerk of Session ..... Stu Strong  
Worship ..... Linda Webster & Linda Grissom  
Member Care ..... B. J. Breeding  
Education & Spiritual Formation ..... John Jordan & Teresa Culbert  
Mission ..... Greg Vogel  
Communications & Outreach ..... Harold Culbert & Ceil Hydrick

**Committees & Sub-Committees**

Administration, Finance & Property..... Stu Strong, Turner Matthews & Ed Wyle  
Personnel & Planning ..... Ed Wyle  
Building/Grounds ..... Stu Strong  
Finance & Stewardship..... Turner Matthews & Tommy Gates  
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# Welcome to



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took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

**Scripture Reading, Turner Matthews, Isaiah 40:21-31**

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

**Scripture Reading, Rev. Goldman: Mark 1:29-30**

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and