

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

1st Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2019

Rev. Rosemary McMahan, Interim Pastor

Elder Nellie Gates, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "Give Him Glory Medley" Dr. Gilbreath

We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

Pastor's Welcome (Please sign the friendship roster.)

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us worship God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

People: We are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come!

Leader: Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

People: Through us and through our worship may we announce the good news to all.

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

People: Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!

Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #12
Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Let us confess our failings together:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ, our Lord. Amen (We offer our own silent confessions . . .)

Hymn "In My Life" #468

Assurance of Pardon

Leader By grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Peace: Forgiven and redeemed, let us share the peace of Christ.
(Please share the peace of Christ with those near you.)

*Gloria Patri #581

Anthem "Even Here" Choir

We Listen for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Romans 5:12-19 Elder Gates

Scripture Reading Luke 24:13-24 Rev. McMahan

Message "Keep on Walkin'" Rev. McMahan

*Hymn "Seek Ye First" #175

We Respond to the Word

*Declaration of Faith: --from Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1

My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of evil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Prayers of the People (debts/debtors)

Offertory "I Need Thee Every Hour" Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology #606

*Prayer

We Go Forth to Minister

*Hymn "Lord of All Hopefulness" #683

*Charge & Benediction Rev. McMahan

Postlude "Victory in Jesus" 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!***

At St. Andrew, we are “on the road with Jesus” this Lent, learning from him as he winds his way toward Emmaus. The Lenten Season begins with Ash Wednesday, and the forty-day journey takes us from the ashes of death to the resurrected life. We are reminded in this season that unless we are willing to die to our old selves, we cannot be raised to new life with Christ. The way of the cross, the way to Easter, is through the death of the “old self.” Trusting in the “accomplished fact” of Christ’s resurrection, this season gives us the opportunity to listen for the Word of God in the time-honored stories about God’s redemption through chosen people, especially through his own son. We are invited to examine the habits, attitudes, and assumptions in our own lives that keep us separated from the love of God, and from each other, and to “turn around” from those and back to God, so that we may participate in the new life of Easter Sunday. In dying, we actually find new life, promised through our baptisms. Living into Lent makes the miracle and joy of Easter Sunday even that much more meaningful when we realize we truly are Easter People.

In order to prepare each week for the journey, the scriptures and sermon title will be listed in the hopes that you will read them and listen to what Jesus might be saying to you. Next week’s road map includes “Living The Word,” Romans 4:1-8, 13-17; Luke 24:25-28. May you experience a blessed Lenten season.

Welcome to



***“Growing in Faith; Sharing the Good News;
Living in God’s Love.”***

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Scripture Reading Gates: Romans 5:12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned--sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Scripture Reading Rev. McMahan: Luke 24:13-24

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."