

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2019

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Elder Philip Gilbert, Liturgist

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Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

"This Is Love"

Dr. Gilbreath

## We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

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

Call to Worship

Leader: Lord God, be with us this Sabbath day, as we continue our Lenten journey.

**People: As we hear your word and sing praises in song.**

Leader: May we celebrate and give thanks for God's wondrous mercies.

**People: As we share in fellowship, focus in prayer, may we grow in discipleship and come to know the hope and promise,**

Leader: Of the cross of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Prepare us now for this time of worship,**

**All: And may the power and promise of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us.**

Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn of Worship "For the Beauty of the Earth" vss. 1, 3, 5 #14  
*Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.*

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

Prayer of Confession:

**People: Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we often hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. (We offer our own silent confessions . . .)**

Hymn "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove" V. 1, 4 #279

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 "Pie' Jesu"  
(Merciful Jesus) Choir

## We Listen for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Romans 4:1-8, 13-17 Elder Gates

Scripture Reading Luke 24:25-28 Rev. McMahan

Message "Living The Word" Rev. McMahan

\*Hymn of Reflection "Thy Word" on screen

## We Respond to the Word

\* Affirmation of Faith : from the Barmen Declaration, 8:11 and 8.14  
**Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.**

**As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. This, we believe.**

Prayers of the People (debts/debtors)

Offertory "I'd Rather Have Jesus" Dr. Gilbreath #606

\*Doxology

\*Prayer

## We Go Forth to Minister

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| *Hymn of Sending      | “Wonderful Words of Life” | on screen     |
| *Charge & Benediction |                           | Rev. McMahan  |
| Postlude              | “He Keeps Me Singing”     | 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 warmly invite your participation in the worship, fellowship, and ministry of this congregation where everyone is welcome as God’s child. The pastor is available to answer any questions you might have after worship or by email or phone. There is a place for you here, and we are delighted to have you with us today.

Lent (an old Germanic word that means “spring”) traditionally has been thought of as an opportunity to “give up” something—whether it be chocolate or Facebook or red meat or whatever. But often, “giving up” can become simply a contest of willpower, not a means to draw us closer to Jesus Christ. What about “taking on,” instead? Perhaps this season is a good time to take on daily prayer or Bible study with Christ. Maybe it’s a good time to “take on” a service project you’ve been avoiding or getting more involved in something here at church or in your community. There could be a lonely person who is praying that someone would “take on” visiting him or her regularly. Lent is an appropriate season to assess our Christian journey and to ask Christ to show us what we most need to “take on” as a disciple.

In order to prepare each week for our Lenten 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 “Cross Words,” Phil 1:1-8; Luke 24:19-21, 25-27. 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 4:1-8, 13-17**

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. So also David speaks of the blessedness of those to whom God reckons righteousness apart from works: “Blessed are those whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the one against whom the Lord will not reckon sin.”

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)--in the presence of the God in whom he believed,

who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

### **Scripture Reading Rev. McMahan: Luke 24:25-28**

Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.

### **Wonderful Words of Life**

1. Sing them over again to me,  
Wonderful words of life,  
Let me more of their beauty see,  
Wonderful words of life;  
Words of life and beauty  
Teach me faith and duty.
  - *Refrain:*  
Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
Wonderful words of life;  
Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
Wonderful words of life.

2. Christ, the blessed One, gives to all  
Wonderful words of life;  
Sinner, list to the loving call,  
Wonderful words of life;  
All so freely given,  
Wooing us to heaven.

- *Refrain:*  
Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
Wonderful words of life;  
Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
Wonderful words of life.

3. Sweetly echo the Gospel call,  
Wonderful words of life;  
Offer pardon and peace to all,  
Wonderful words of life;  
Jesus, only Savior,  
Sanctify us forever.

- *Refrain:*  
Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
Wonderful words of life;  
Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
Wonderful words of life.

### **Thy Word #458 (hymnal has only verse 1)**

**Refrain first:** Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

#### Verse 1

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,  
Still you're there right beside me.  
And nothing will I fear as long as you are near.  
Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

#### **Verse 2 (not in hymnal)**

**I will not forget Your love for me and yet  
My heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus be my guide, and hold me to your side,  
I will love you to the end.**

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path,  
And a light unto my path.  
You're the light unto my path.**