

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26, 2020

Frederick E. (Tripp) Brogdon III, Pastor

Elder Philip Gilbert, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "All Hail King Jesus" Dr. Jeff Gilbreath

We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

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

Call to Worship

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

All: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

One: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

All: let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Worship "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" #1
Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become, for us, a consuming fire. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen. (Silent Reflection)

Hymn "Lord, Have Mercy" (2X) #551

Declaration of Forgiveness:

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Hallelujah!

Sharing the Peace of Christ

*Gloria Patri #581

Anthem "God's Gifts" Choir

We Listen for the Word

Prayer for Illumination Elder Gilbert

Scripture Reading 1 John 4:7-12, 16-21 Elder Gilbert

Scripture Reading John 3:1-9, 16-21 Pastor Brogdon

Message "Loved Together" Pastor Brogdon

*Hymn of Reflection "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #366

Respond to the Word

Affirmation of Faith: 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 (debts/debtors)

Offertory "There's Something About That Name" Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology #606

*Prayer

We Go Forth to Minister

*Hymn of Sending "We Are One in the Spirit" #300
("They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love")

*Blessing and Benediction Pastor Brogdon

Postlude "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Dr. Jeff Gilbreath

*All that are able are invited to stand.

Bold italic type indicates our shared response.

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.

<u>St. Andrew Elders & Ministry Teams 2020</u>	<u>Chairperson/Co-Chair</u>
Clerk of Session	Philip Gilbert
Building/Grounds	Bob Naumann
Communications & Outreach	Sue Mitchell
Education & Spiritual Formation	TBA
Finance & Stewardship	Greg Vogel & Tommy Gates
Member Care	B. J. Breeding
Nominating	Dan Watt
Mission	Barbara Mouton
Worship	Nellie Gates & Linda Grissom



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

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Scripture Reading Philip Gilbert: 1 John 4:7-12;16-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Scripture Reading Pastor: John 3:1-9; 16-21

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?'

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into

the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'