

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 16, 2020

Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Elder Greg Vogel, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist/Organist

Prelude "Serve the Lord with Gladness" Dr. Gilbreath

## We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

Pastor's Welcome (*Please sign pew pad.*)

Call to Worship

One: Happy are those whose footsteps follow the way of the Lord -

**All: *the path of justice and mercy that draws us toward wholeness.***

One: Happy are those whose hearts delight in the law of the Lord -  
to be Christ with and for one another,

**All: *teachings that root us in love, sustain us in hope, and nurture generous spirits within us.***

One: Happy are our souls when we gather to worship the Living Lord -

**All: *the Fountainhead of Grace, the Giver of Life. Let us worship the Lord!***

Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn of Worship "God is Calling Through the Whisper" #410  
*Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

***God of steadfast love, how often do we utter careless words that humiliate or harm? How often do we lash out in anger, when we could reach out with kindness? How often do we hurt those we love and tear away at relationships that give life? Forgive us, we pray. In your abundant mercy, give us grace to confess our faults, to seek forgiveness, and to work for reconciliation in our homes and in our communities. Turn our hearts back to you and teach us the ways of love, so that we might hold fast to one another, and draw near to your presence. Amen.***

*(Silent Reflection)*

Hymn "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" #444

Declaration of Forgiveness.

One: Sisters and brothers, by the mercy of Christ our sins are forgiven!

**All: We sing praises with an upright heart as we learn the ways of God.  
Thanks be to God!**

Sharing of the Peace of Christ

\*Gloria Patri #581

Anthem "God Is Here" Choir

## We Listen for the Word

Prayer for Illumination Elder Vogel

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Elder Vogel

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:21-37 Pastor Brogdon

Message "Choose Life and Live" Pastor Brogdon

\*Hymn "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" #688  
Verses 1, 3, 4 & 5

## We 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/the Lord's Prayer (debtors/debtors)

Offertory "Living for Jesus" Dr. Gilbreath

\*Doxology #606

\*Prayer

\*Hymn of Sending "Lord, Make Us More Holy" #313

\*Charge & Benediction Pastor Brogdon

Postlude "Trust and Obey" Dr. Gilbreath

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

***Bold and Italic type indicates our shared response.***

**To Our 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.

If you are a first-time guest, please complete all the applicable sections. Children's activity bags are available from an usher for the sermon time. Please leave the bag in the pew as you leave.

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



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### **Scripture Reading, Greg Vogel: Deut. 30:15-20**

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

### **Tripp Brogdon: Scripture Reading, Matt. 5:21-37**

“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to

your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. “Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”