

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 23, 2020

Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Elder B.J. Breeding, Liturgist

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Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist/Organist

Prelude "We Are Standing on Holy Ground" Dr. Gilbreath

## We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

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

Call to Worship

One: Do you see it? In fire and cloud our God appears:

**All: the glory of the Lord settles over us.**

One: Do you hear it? A voice thunders from heaven:

**All: "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him."**

One: Open your eyes; unstop your ears. We are gathered on holy ground.

**All: Let us worship the Lord!**

Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn of Worship "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" #263  
*Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

***Holy One, we search for you amidst the grand and the glorious, the sacred and the serene. We are eager to bask in your splendor and dwell with you in sanctuaries that shelter us from the sorrow of the world. We forget you are also present in the ordinary and the profane, the desperate and despised. You send us back down the mountain to proclaim your law of grace and live your command of love – to tread the path that Jesus trod. Transform us, embolden us, and free us from fear, that we might be beacons of your light. Amen. (Silent Reflection)***

Hymn "I Need Thee Every Hour" #735

Declaration of Forgiveness.

One: The good news of our faith is this: if we call upon God we will be answered and forgiven.

**All: That promise gives us peace and joy. Thanks be to God.**

Sharing of the Peace of Christ

\*Gloria Patri #581

Anthem "Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing" Choir

## We Listen for the Word

Prayer for Illumination Elder Breeding

Scripture Reading 2 Peter 1:16-21 Elder Breeding

Scripture Reading Matthew 17:1-9 Pastor Brogdon

Message "Up and Down the Mountain" Pastor Brogdon

\*Hymn "Jesus, Take us to the Mountain" #193

## We Respond to the Word

Affirmation of Faith: Declaration of Faith, 4.1

***We affirm that Jesus was born of woman as is every child, yet born of God's power as was no other child. In the person and work of Jesus, God and a human life are united but not confused, distinguished but not separated. The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God's promised rule. Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection, He brings about the relationship between God and humanity that God always intended.***

Prayers of the People/the Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Offertory "Shine, Jesus, Shine!" Dr. Gilbreath

\*Doxology #606

\*Prayer

\*Hymn of Sending "Be Thou My Vision" #450

\*Charge & Benediction Pastor Brogdon

Postlude "Victory in Jesus" 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.

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
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 .....	Barb Mouton
Worship .....	Nellie Gates & Linda Grissom



# Welcome to

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An audio and written copy of each week's sermon is available on the website at [www.standrewdecaturn.org](http://www.standrewdecaturn.org)

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### **Scripture Reading, B. J. Breeding: 2 Peter 1:16-21**

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

### **Tripp Brogdon: Scripture Reading, Matthew 17:1-9**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved;

with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."