

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2020

Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Elder Philip Gilbert, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist/Organist

Prelude

"Have Faith in God"

Dr. Gilbreath

## We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

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

Call to Worship

One: In days of old, God called Abraham and Sarah:

**All: Come – I am with you; step out in faith.**

One: God speaks still, claiming people of every land and race:

**All: Come – I will bless you, that you may bless others.**

One: Heirs of the covenant, let us continue the journey:

**All: Come – let us worship the Lord!**

Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn of Worship

"The God of Abraham Praise"

#49

*Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Sending God, you speak to souls both calm and chaotic and summon us to follow. But your call threatens to uproot our lives, so we disregard your voice and cling to the soils of safe, familiar places.**

**Guiding Spirit, your wind whips through the communities both settled and stirring and urges us toward new expressions of faith. But your call threatens to blow us off course, so we ignore your dynamic Spirit and shelter within protected harbors.**

**Saving Christ, you enter into hearts both trusting and skeptical and plant within us the seed of faith. Forgive us when we ignore your summons to grow as disciples. Immerse us in the Spirit's sustaining waters so that we might respond to your call with faith and faithfulness. Amen. (Silent Reflection)**

Hymn

"Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God"

#423

Declaration of Forgiveness

**All: God is for us and not against us! For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.**

One: Believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Sharing of the Peace of Christ

\*Gloria Patri

#581

Anthem

"Once Upon A Tree"

Choir

## We Listen for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Elder Gilbert

Scripture Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

Elder Gilbert

Scripture Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Pastor Brogdon

Message

"#Blessed"

Pastor Brogdon

\*Hymn

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

#829

## We Respond to the Word

Affirmation of Faith: The 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 (debts/debtors)

Offertory

"Open Our Eyes, Lord"

Dr. Gilbreath

\*Doxology

#606

\*Prayer

## We Go Forth to Minister

\*Hymn of Sending

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

#39

\*Charge & Benediction

Pastor Brogdon

Postlude

“Faith Is the Victory”

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, 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.

**St. Andrew Elders & Ministry Teams 2020**

**Chairperson/Co-Chair**

Clerk of Session .....	Philip Gilbert
Building/Grounds .....	Bob Naumann
Communications & Outreach .....	Sue Mitchell
Education & Spiritual Formation .....	Cheryl Ellerbe
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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# Welcome to



March 8, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.

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### **Scripture Reading, Philip Gilbert: Genesis 12:1-4a**

1. Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.
2. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.
3. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."
4. So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him...

### **Tripp Brogdon: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

1. What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh?
  2. For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.
  3. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness."
  4. Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due.
  5. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.
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13. 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.
  14. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null, and the promise is void.

15. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.
16. 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,
17. 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.