

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

4th Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 2024

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Don Koza, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

"Higher Ground"

Dr. Gilbreath

We Gather in God's Presence

Pastor's Welcome

Call to Worship:

One: With our whole hearts, we give God thanks.

All: Great are the works of the Lord!

One: We ascribe honor and majesty to God.

All: God's righteousness endures forever.

One: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

All: Let us worship God!

*Hymn

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

#327

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Holy and all-powerful God, who commands all spirits, comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces, we confess that we are unable to do your will. We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown. We admire those with courage but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth. We forget that you are always with us, and that with you all things are possible. Forgive us, lead us, make us new. Amen. (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

"O Lamb of God"

#555

Assurance of Pardon:

One: The God who made you and knows your every thought hears you now and forgives you all your sin. You have been redeemed through Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God. We are forgiven!

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri

#581

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Don Koza

Scripture Reading

Psalm 111:1-10

Don Koza

Solo

"O Rest in the Lord" from Elijah

Amelia Adams

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:21-28

Rev. Brogdon

Sermon

"We Have It on Good Authority"

Rev. Brogdon

*Hymn

"Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit"

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We Respond to God's 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

Call for the Offering

Offertory

"He Shall Feed His Flock" from The Messiah

Amelia Adams

*Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

#263

*Benediction

Rev. Brogdon

*Postlude

"Jesus Is Calling"

Dr. Gilbreath

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

- Sun., Jan. 28 Congregational Meeting after service
Mon., Jan. 29 6:00 PM NAP Men's Meeting, at Roger's Center First
Presbyterian, Athens, Al. Dinner will be served. Please sign up on
the bulletin board.
Thurs., Feb. 1 10:00 AM Member Care Meeting
1:00 PM Caring Hands
Tues., Feb. 6 10:00 AM Presbyterian Women's Meeting, in the Fellowship Hall,
Lesson: "...a Physical Disability", Acts 3:1-10, Leader: D. Ann
Norris

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 our congregation. The pastor is available to answer any questions you might have after worship, by email or phone. There is a place for you here.

Children's activity bags are available from an usher for the sermon time. Please leave the bag in the pew as you leave. A nursery is provided for children 3 years of age and under.



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Scripture Reading, Don Koza: Psalm 111:1-10

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Mark 1:21-28

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept

on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching--with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.