

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

1st Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2024

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Faye Anderson, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“The Father’s Love”

Dr. Gilbreath

We Gather in God’s Presence

Pastor’s Welcome

Call to Worship:
One: From water to wilderness:
All: God’s covenant continues; God’s kingdom comes near.
One: On stone and in hearts:
All: God’s covenant continues; God’s kingdom comes near.
One: From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:
All: God’s covenant continues; God’s kingdom comes near.
One: We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,
All: for where he is, we would be also. Let us worship God!

*Hymn

“God of the Sparrow”

#22

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:
God of mercy, we begin this Lenten season in confession. We do not live according to your ways, but according to our own. Forgive us, we pray, when we are tempted to follow paths other than those you set before us. Teach us your commandments; help us to turn from evil in its many guises, and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near. In covenantal love, remember us, we pray, and be for us, once more and always, an ark of safety and new life. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen. (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

“As the Deer”

#626

Assurance of Pardon:
One: As Noah and his family were brought safely through the flood onto dry ground, so in baptismal waters we are brought from death into new life in Christ.

All: Jesus Christ forgives us and reconciles all things in heaven and on earth. Thanks be to God for this good news!

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri

#581

We Listen for God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Faye Anderson

Scripture Reading

Psalm 25:1-10

Faye Anderson

Anthem

“Be Still My Soul”

Choir

Scripture Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

Rev. Brogdon

Sermon

“A Global Guarantee”

Rev. Brogdon

*Hymn

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

#687

We Respond to God’s Word

Affirmation of Faith: Adapted from Philippians 2:5-11
Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

Prayers of the People

Call for the Offering

Offertory

“I’d Rather Have Jesus”

Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology

#606

*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

#775

*Benediction

‘Rev. Brogdon

*Postlude

"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

Dr. Gilbreath

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

Mon., Feb. 19 9:00 AM Color Group
Sat., Feb. 24 8:05 AM NAP Meeting at St. Andrew
Wed., Feb. 28 4:30 PM Choir
5:30 PM Movie Night
Thurs., Feb. 29 6:30 PM Civic Chorus Dinner Show at St. Andrew
Fri., March 1 6:30 PM Civic Chorus Dinner Show at St. Andrew

Easter Flowers

It's time to order flowers for Easter! You may donate in memory or in honor of someone. A sign-up sheet is in the church office with an envelope for your donation. THE DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20th at noon.

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.

Live Streams and recordings of each week's worship service are available on our YouTube channel. For more information, visit us at www.standrewdecaturn.org



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Scripture Reading, Faye Anderson: Psalm 25:1-10

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD! Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Genesis 9:8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the

bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."