

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2024

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Elder Stu Strong, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“Have Faith in God”

Dr. Gilbreath

We Gather in God’s Presence

Moment for Mission

Doug Marshall, Presbyterian Home for Children

Pastor’s Welcome

Call to Worship:

One: We stand as a witness to future generations:

All: *God hears us when we cry out!*

One: All the ends of the earth shall remember:

All: *God does not turn from us!*

One: We shall live for God,

All: *and we will proclaim God’s glory to all the earth! Let us worship God!*

*Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision”

#450

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, we confess that we have not been sincere Christians. We claim to follow Jesus, but have not taken his path of sacrificial love. We profess to be disciples, but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship. We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for sincere repentance through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. *(Silent Confession)*

Hymn of Response

“As the Deer”

#626

Assurance of Pardon:

One: Hear the good news: God deems as righteous all who trust that Jesus has been raised from the dead for our salvation. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri

#581

We Listen for God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Elder Stu Strong

Scripture Reading

Romans 4:13-25

Elder Stu Strong

Anthem

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Choir

Scripture Reading

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Rev. Brogdon

Sermon

“Promises We Can’t Keep”

Rev. Brogdon

*Hymn

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

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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

“Rock of Ages”

Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology

#606

*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn

“Standing on the Promises”

#838

*Benediction

Rev. Brogdon

*Postlude

“The Solid Rock”

Dr. Gilbreath

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

Wed., Feb. 28 4:30 PM Choir
5:30 PM Movie Night
Thurs., Feb. 29 6:30 PM DCC Dinner Show at SAP
Fri., March 1 6:30 PM DCC Dinner Show at SAP
Mon., March 4 9:00 AM Color Group
11:30 AM Chat "N" Chew, Lent Bible Study
Tues., March 5 10:00 AM Presbyterian Women's Bible Study
Lesson: "An Ethiopian Eunuch...", Acts 8:26-40
Leader: Nellie Gates Meet: Church Fellowship Hall

The flowers this morning are given in honor of Rev. Tripp Brogdon by the Presbyterian Women of 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.

Our yearly **Easter Meal Collection** has begun! A designated area at the Donation Location is set up for the items. Deadline is Sunday, March 17th. We will be accepting donations to purchase the hams in the church office. Make check payable to SAPC. The items needed are (2 cans per meal any size):

Canned Corn Canned Fruit
Canned Green Beans Canned Candied Yams
Boxed Potatoes Boxed Dessert (if a cake, bring frosting)

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.standrewdecatour.org



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Scripture Reading, Stu Strong : Romans 4:13-25

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. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. 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, 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. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."