

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

4th Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2024

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Elder Bob Naumann, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "Lift Him Up" Dr. Gilbreath

We Gather in God's Presence

Minute for Mission One Great Hour of Sharing Offering John Jordan

Pastor's Welcome Rev. Tripp Brogdon

Call to Worship:

One: As we gather, we each bring with us our own regrets, sins, and shames.

All: By grace we have been saved.

One: But we worship a God who is rich in mercy!

All: By grace we have been saved.

One: We are what God has made us; by grace we have been saved!

All: Let us worship our redeemer!

*Hymn "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" #624

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy of our complaints. We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we commit injustices and profit through deceit. We fret about the scarcity of resources, while hoarding earth's goods and cheating the poor. We protest the problems of our world, but we do not actively work to address them. Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace. Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways, that we may know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen. (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response "As the Deer" #626

Assurance of Pardon:

One: Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri #581

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination Elder Bob Naumann

Scripture Reading John 3:14-21 Elder Bob Naumann

Anthem "I Come to the Cross" Choir

Scripture Reading Ephesians 2:1-10 Rev. Brogdon

Sermon "Unbreakable" Rev. Brogdon

*Hymn "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" #438

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

One: Merciful God,

All: hear our prayer.

Call for the Offering

Offertory "How Great Thou Art" Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" #643

*Benediction Rev. Brogdon

*Postlude "Higher Ground" Dr. Gilbreath

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

Mon., March 11 11:30 AM Chat "N" Chew, Lent Bible Study
HAD lunch – sign up to bring rolls, cornbread or dessert

Wed., March 13 4:30 PM Choir Practice
5:30 PM CONNECT Bible Study with Rev. Tripp

Sun., March 17 Last day to bring food for Easter dinners.
9:30 AM Café Connect

Mon., March 18 10:00 AM Color Group
11:30 AM Chat "N" Chew, Lent Bible Study
12:30 PM Christian Education Meeting

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. 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
1 Boxed Potatoes	1 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.standrewdeatur.org



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Scripture Reading, Elder Bob Naumann: John 3:14-21

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: John 3:14-21

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated

us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.