

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2024

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Elder Barb Mouton, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“God’s Amazing Love and Grace”

Dr. Gilbreath

## We Gather in God’s Presence

Pastor’s Welcome

Call to Worship:

One: The Lord makes a new covenant with us and writes the law upon our hearts.

**All: *The Lord is our God, and we are God’s people.***

One: Let us seek the Lord

**All: *and treasure God’s word in our hearts.***

One: We are ready to worship and give thanks for whose we are.

**All: *In our worship, we share God’s message with the world!***

\*Hymn

“Lift High the Cross”

#826

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

***Redeeming God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, and have not loved our neighbors as we ought; we have strayed from your commandments. Do not remember our sins, but forgive our iniquities, that we may fix our eyes on you and sin no more, through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Silent Confession)***

Hymn of Response

“As the Deer”

#626

Assurance of Pardon:

One: Sisters and brothers, by the faith of Christ, your sins are forgiven. May you delight in the joy of your salvation.

**All: *We will rejoice and give thanks to God with our whole selves!***

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Gloria Patri

#581

## We Listen for God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Elder Barb Mouton

Scripture Reading

Psalm 119:9-16

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Anthem

“As the Deer”

Choir

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Rev. Brogdon

Sermon

“Old-fashioned”

Rev. Brogdon

\*Hymn

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

#833

## 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

“The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power”

Dr. Gilbreath

\*Doxology

#606

\*Prayer of Dedication

## We Are Sent into the World

\*Hymn

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

#724

\*Benediction

Rev. Brogdon

\*Postlude

“There Is Power in the Blood”

Dr. Gilbreath

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

***Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.***

**Calendar of Events:**

Mon., March 18	10:00 AM Color Group 11:30 AM Chat "N" Chew, Lent Bible Study 12:30 PM Continuing Education Meeting
Wed., March 20	2:00 PM Session Meeting 4:30 PM Choir 5:30 PM CONNECT with Jim Phillips, Alabama Historian 6:30 PM Pack Easter dinners
Thurs., March 21	1:00 PM Caring Hands
Sun., March 24	9:30 AM Café Connect

The **Presbyterian Women** are collecting toiletries, socks, and personal hygiene products for homeless women this month. There is a designated bin at the Donation Location for these items.

**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, Elder Barb Mouton: Psalm 119:9-16**

How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word.

With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments. I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.

Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes.

With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth. I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches. I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

**Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt--a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.