

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Elder Linda Grissom, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“There Is No Name So Sweet on Earth”

Dr. Gilbreath

## We Gather in God’s Presence

Pastor’s Welcome

Call to Worship:

One: Children of God, rejoice!

**All: Alleluia!**

One: For the one who was promised, the Messiah of God, has been raised in new life for us. Children of God, rejoice!

**All: Alleluia! Let us worship God!**

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

\*Hymn

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

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Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

***Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust, ignorant of your revelation, misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us, needing forgiveness. We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us. We beg your mercy for our fallen world. We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus. Be our solace in this life and always. We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete. Forgive us and lead us.***

*(Silent Confession)*

Hymn of Response

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” refrain

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Assurance of Pardon:

One: We have an advocate with God—Jesus Christ, the righteous one—who offered his life in love to save the world from sin. This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Gloria Patri

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## We Listen for God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Elder Linda Grissom

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

Elder Linda Grissom

Anthem

“As a Little Child”

Choir

Scripture Reading

Acts 8:26-40

Stacey White

Sermon

“Chariot Chasers”

Stacey White

\*Hymn

“We All Are One in Mission”

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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 Is Lord”

Dr. Gilbreath

\*Doxology

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\*Prayer of Dedication

## We Are Sent into the World

\*Hymn

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

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\*Benediction

Stacey White

\*Postlude

“Let’s Just Praise the Lord”

Dr. Gilbreath

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

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

**Calendar of Events:**

Mon., April 15	9:00 AM Color Group
Thurs., April 18	1:00 PM Caring Hands
Sun., April 21	PW Fundraiser Lunch following the morning service
Wed., April 24	4:30 PM Choir
	5:30 PM CONNECT with Harold & Teresa Culbert “Evolution of a Southern Shade Garden”

**Presbyterian Women**

The Presbyterian Women invite you to a salad lunch following worship on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. A variety of salads will be served with dessert and drinks. This spring fundraiser will help support PW's mission projects. Donations will be accepted.

**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](http://www.standrewdecatour.org)



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**Scripture Reading, Elder Linda Grissom: Isaiah 43:1-7**

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

**Scripture Reading, Stacey White: Acts 8:26-40**

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand

what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.