

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

4th Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

D. Ann Norris, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“The Love of Jesus”

Dr. Gilbreath

We Gather in God’s Presence

Pastor’s Welcome

Call to Worship:

One: The Lord Jesus Christ is the good shepherd.

All: He lays down his life for his sheep.

One: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

All: He knows us, and we belong to him.

One: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

All: He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

*Hymn

“Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

#280

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. Amen. (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” refrain

#240

Assurance of Pardon:

One: We seek God’s grace with boldness because we trust in Jesus Christ, the One who loves us and laid down his life for us. 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

#581

We Listen for God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

D. Ann Norris

Scripture Reading

1 John 3:16-24

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Anthem

“The Lord Will Be My Shepherd”

Choir

Scripture Reading

John 10:11-18

Rev. Brogdon

Sermon

“Lay It Down”

Rev. Brogdon

*Hymn

“Today We All Are Called to be Disciples”

#757

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 – Adapted from a prayer by Teri McDowell Ott

Call for the Offering

Offertory

“I Gave My Life for Thee”

Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

#187

*Benediction

Rev. Brogdon

*Postlude

“Victory in Jesus”

Dr. Gilbreath

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

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”
Sun., April 28 9:30 AM Café Connect
Thurs., May 2 1:00 PM Caring Hands

Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women invite you to a salad lunch following worship today. 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.



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Scripture Reading, Elder D. Ann Norris: 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us--and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: John 10:11-18

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away--and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So

there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."