

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

7th Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

May 12, 2024

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Cerese Sweeley, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

Dr. Gilbreath

We Gather in God's Presence

Pastor's Welcome

Call to Worship:

One: Christ's gift of salvation prepares us with strength.

All: *Jesus goes before us and is lifted up, the hope of the world.*

One: Your divine ministry spurs us on to share the good news.

All: *We wait in anticipation for the comfort of your promises, always giving thanks.*

*Hymn

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

O God, in Christ you bore the suffering of the world and made us witnesses to your grace. In your Word, you showed us your vision of peace and made us witnesses to your promises. Forgive us, O God, when we fail to work for your reign, forgetting that you have called us to bear your truth. Forgive us, O God, when we gaze up toward heaven, forgetting that you have called us to do your work on earth. Forgive us, O God, and by your forgiveness, enlighten us to recognize the resurrection all around us. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" refrain

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Assurance of Pardon:

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: *We are indeed forgiven and empowered to be witnesses of God's resurrection power in Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God!*

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri

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We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Cerese Sweeley

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

Cerese Sweeley

Anthem

"Lord, I Give My Heart to You"

Choir

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:44-53

Rev. Brogdon

Sermon

"The Beginning After The End"

Rev. Brogdon

*Hymn

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

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We Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith: Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.22

New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

Recognition and Celebration of Graduates

Prayers of the People

Call for the Offering

Offertory

"Jesus, Lord to Me"

Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn

"Christ is Alive!"

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*Benediction

Rev. Brogdon

*Postlude

"King of Kings and Lord of Lords"

Dr. Gilbreath

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

Sun., May 12	8:00 AM Café Connect opens PW Birthday Offering
Mon., May 13	HAD Lunch, sign up to bring rolls, cornbread, dessert or serve
Wed., May 15	1:00 PM Session Meeting
Thurs., May 16	1:00 PM Caring Hands
Sun., May 19	Pentecost Offering

The flowers in the sanctuary were lovingly placed by the Fosters in honor and memory of all mothers.

Congratulations, Graduates:

Ella Stephens is the daughter of Jeremy and Gretchen Stephens. Her grandparents are Mavis and the late Bob Stephens and Cheryl and Steve Leavelle. Ella will graduate from Decatur High School with an Advanced Academic Endorsement Diploma with Honors.

She is a member of the National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, National Social Studies Honor Society, National English Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society. Ella is a member of the Decatur High School wind ensemble and the DHS marching band.

Ella will attend the University of Alabama in the fall where she plans to study Mechanical Engineering and will be a member of the Honors College. Ella has received the full tuition Presidential Scholarship, Alumni Scholarship, Engineering Department Scholarship, and a Concert Ensemble Scholarship.

Parker Vandine will graduate from the University of Alabama in Huntsville on May 6th with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Engineering with Magna Cum Laude honors. He was also awarded the Outstanding Student in Computer Engineering honor for his graduating class.

Parker plans to travel in May. In June he will serve the Huntsville community under the Generosity Foundation. On July 1st Parker will start full-time at Aviation and Missile Solutions. He plans to continue his education part-time with hopes of obtaining a Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering with a focus in Radar and Digital Signal Processing in May of 2027.

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, Cerese Sweeley: Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Luke 24:44-53

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you--that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am

sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.