St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

4th Sunday after Epiphany February 2, 2025
Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor D. Ann Norris, Liturgist
Mavis Stephens, Choir Director Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "Joyful, Joyful" Dr. Gilbreath

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome Rev. Tripp Brogdon

Call to Worship:

One: From the very beginning, God calls us.

All: God sets us apart with a meaning and a purpose.

One: We come up with excuses to avoid our calls, for we are afraid.

All: But God reassures us in many and various ways through the course of

our days.

One: In love, God saves and supports us.

All: Trusting in God, we continually offer our praise!

*Hymn "I Come with Joy" #515

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

God of life, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always lived lives of love. We have lost patience and been rude. We have been irritable and insisted on our own way. We have even let love end. Forgive us and heal us, dear God, through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" v.3 & refrain #39

Assurance of Pardon:

One: Though we know only in part, we are fully known to God.

All: By the grace of Christ, God forgives us in love, and calls us to abide in faith, in hope, and in love.

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri #581

We Listen for God's Word

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Prayer for Illumination		D. Ann Norris
Scripture Reading	Jeremiah 1:4-10	D. Ann Norris
*Hymn	"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"	#833
Scripture Reading	1 Corinthians 1:13	Rev. Brogdon
Sermon	"I Do"	Rev. Brogdon

We Respond to God's Word

Call for the Offering

Offertory "Reach Out and Touch" Dr. Gilbreath
*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication

O God, bless these gifts that we have given as expressions of our love for you and our neighbors, that they may bring closer to fulfillment your reign of peace and love; through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign. Amen.

Communion Anthem "Let Us Break Bread Together/Lord, Take Control" Choir Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: God of love, you shaped your purposes for your chosen people and your church before the foundation of the world; and you knew each one of us before you formed us in the womb.

You have given your people tongues to speak your name, prophecy to see your works, and faith to see your power; but most of all you have given us love to imitate your life.

In that love your Son laid down his life for us on the cross, and through that love you raised him to glorious life.

Moved by that love, and inspired by the tongues of angels,

One: ...we join the heavenly song of everlasting praise:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: One in holiness with you, Joyful God, your Child, Jesus Christ, set aside

glory to become one of us.

One: Great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Rev. Brogdon continues.

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Prayer After Communion

We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have fed us with your mercy and poured out your Spirit in this place. Continue to nourish and fill us each day, that we may live as your beloved people; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Are Sent Into the World		
*Hymn	"Lord, Speak to Me That I Mayh Speak"	#722
*Benediction		Rev. Brogdon
Postlude	"We Will Go Out in Joy"	Dr. Gilbreath

*Please rise in body or spirit. **Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.**

Calendar:

Tues., Feb. 4	10:00 AM Presbyterian Women's Meeting in the Fellowship
	Hall Lesson: "Climate Change" Leader: B.J. Breeding
Thurs., Feb. 6	1:00 PM Caring Hands
Mon., Feb. 10	HAD Lunch Sign up to bring rolls, cornbread, dessert or
	serve.

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Scripture Reading, D. Ann Norris: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: 1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part,

and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.