

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

6th Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 2025

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Don Koza, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah/Bach Fugue #2" Dr. Gilbreath

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome Rev. Tripp Brogdon

Call to Worship:

One: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,

All: whose confidence is in God.

One: They will be like a tree planted by the water,

All: sending out roots by the stream.

One: This tree does not fear when heat comes;

All: its leaves are green, its fruit endures.

One: So come, let us place our trust in God!

All: Let us live in blessed faith together!

*Hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" #65

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Sustaining God, you would have us be deeply implanted in you, finding strength in your word and nourishment in your grace. More often, though, we live as chaff, blown here and there by the winds of circumstance. Forgive our lack of roots and our failures to hold fast to our commitments. Grow in us faith, that we might be firmly planted in your promises, released from sin, and open to the life you have shown us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

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

Assurance of Pardon:

One: The waters of grace refresh our lives and bring forth a new creation. This is good news!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri #581

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination Don Koza

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 17:5-10 Don Koza

Choir Anthem "My Prayer" Choir

Scripture Reading Luke 6:17-26 Rev. Tripp Brogdon

Sermon "" Rev. Tripp Brogdon

*Hymn "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee" #816

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

(The offering plate is not passed, but is located on a stand outside the sanctuary doors)

Offertory "Farther Along" Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" #353

*Benediction Rev. Tripp Brogdon

*Postlude "We'll Understand It Better By and By" Dr. Gilbreath

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

Thurs., Feb. 20 9:00 AM Trip to Camp Maranatha
1:00 PM Caring Hands
Wed., Feb. 26 4:30 PM Choir
5:30 PM CONNECT w/Jerry & Carolyn Murray – Sleep in
Heavenly Peace mission

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, Don Koza: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse— who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Luke 6:17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that

is what their ancestors did to the prophets. “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. “Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. “Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.