

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

1st Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2025

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Barb Mouton, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners”

Dr. Gilbreath

We Gather in God’s Presence

Welcome

Rev. Tripp Brogdon

Call to Worship:

One: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, say to the Lord:

All: *My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.*

One: For God will protect us from evil and commands angels to guard us in all our ways.

All: *God rescues those who love God and is present with us in trouble.*

One: God answers when we cry out and reveals our salvation to us.

All: *Let us worship God!*

*Hymn

“Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days”

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Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

As Lent unfolds before us, great God, we see how far we have to go to Jerusalem. The road is long, our sins are many, and our burdens are heavy. We can’t imagine new life, Easter life, because our current lives are filled with bad choices and failed efforts. Meet us in our weakness. Take up our sins. Ease our burdens. Carry us on the way. Bring us to Jerusalem, at last. Show us a love that is stronger than death, a love no tomb can hold. Amen. (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee” refrain

#835

Assurance of Pardon

One: Walking this earth, facing temptation, defeating sin, Jesus has done for us what we could never do for ourselves. 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

Barb Mouton

Scripture Reading

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

Barb Mouton

Choir Anthem

“Be Still My Soul”

Choir

Scripture Reading

Luke 4:1-13

Rev. Tripp Brogdon

Sermon

“God Moves...Into the Desert”

Rev. Tripp Brogdon

*Hymn

“Great God of Every Blessing”

#694

We Respond to God’s Word

Affirmation of Faith Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.21

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

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

“As the Deer”

Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology

#606

*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn

“You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord”

#43

*Benediction

Rev. Tripp Brogdon

*Postlude

“Footsteps of Jesus”

Dr. Gilbreath

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

Mon., March 10 HAD Lunch, sign up on the bulletin board to bring rolls, cornbread, dessert or serve.
1:00 Pm CE Meeting

Tues., March 11 2:00 PM Member Care

Sun., March 16 PW Spring Fundraiser Lunch following the service.

Mon., March 17 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM Chat “N” Chew Lint Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own lunch

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



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Scripture Reading, Barb Mouton: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.” Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil took him to

Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.