

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

March 16, 2025

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Harold Culbert, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "Blessed Is He Who come in the Name of the Lord" Dr. Gilbreath

## We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome Rev. Tripp Brogdon

Call to Worship:

One: The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

**All: The Lord is the stronghold of our life; of whom shall we be afraid?**

One: We seek your face, O Lord. Do not hide your face from us!

**All: Do not forsake us, O God of our salvation!**

One: Make us strong, and let our hearts take courage.

**All: We wait for the Lord. Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" #35

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

**Merciful God, you have made us citizens of heaven, but we confess that we have set our minds on earthly things. We have let our desire for security restrain our commitment to serve the poor. We have let our fear of danger curb our obligation to love our enemies. We have let our love of things dull our generosity to the needy. We have let our craving for public status prevent our honesty about hidden sins. Yet, you know the desires of our heart and nothing is hidden from you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, conform our sin-weakened bodies to the glory of Christ, that we may be the body of Christ for the world. Amen. (Silent Confession)**

Hymn of Response "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" refrain #835

Assurance of Pardon

One: God, our light and our salvation, does not forsake us or leave us with our sin.

**All: In Christ, we are forgiven and offered the gift of healing repentance. Thanks be to God!**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Gloria Patri #581

## We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination Harold Culbert

Scripture Reading Psalm 27 Harold Culbert

Anthem "The Prayer" Amelia Adams & Jeff Gilbreath accompanied by Linda Webster

Scripture Reading Luke 13:13-35 Rev. Tripp Brogdon

Sermon "God Moves...Past All Obstacles" Rev. Tripp Brogdon

\*Hymn "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" #213

## We Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith: From the *Brief Statement of Faith*  
***We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.***

Prayers of the People

"Prayer written by Teri McDowell Ott of the Presbyterian Outlook."

Call for the Offering

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

Offertory "Domine Deus" from Gloria by Vivaldi Amelia Adams accompanied by Jeff Gilbreath

(Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Translation: Lord God, Heavenly King, God Almighty Father.)

\*Doxology #606

\*Prayer of Dedication

**We Are Sent into the World**

\*Hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" #223

\*Benediction Rev. Tripp Brogdon

\*Postlude "Glory to His Name" Dr. Gilbreath

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

***Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.***

**Calendar of Events:**

Today Presbyterian Women's Spring Fundraiser Lunch right after service.  
Mon., March 17 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM Chat "N" Chew Lint Bible Study with Rev. Tripp in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own lunch.  
Wed., March 19 2:00 PM Session Meeting  
Thurs., March 20 1:00 PM Caring Hands

**Guests**

Welcome! It is a blessing to have you 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.standrewdeatur.org](http://www.standrewdeatur.org)



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### **Scripture Reading, Harold Culbert: Psalm 27**

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh— my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident. One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord. Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! “Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation! If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up. Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence. I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

### **Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Luke 13:31-35**

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”