

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

3rd Sunday of Lent

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

March 23, 2025

Faye Anderson, Liturgist

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“Love Lifted Me”

Dr. Gilbreath

We Gather in God’s Presence

Welcome

Rev. Tripp Brogdon

Minute for Mission

Easter Dinner Collection

John Jordan

Call to Worship:
One: Incline your ear and come to me, God says to us. Listen, so that you may live.
All: God’s covenant is everlasting.
One: It is with us from generation to generation.
All: God’s love is steadfast and sure.
One: We come together today in God’s presence to call on the Holy One and draw near.
All: Let us offer our worship and praise.

*Hymn

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

#415

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:
Holy God, we confess that we have grown complacent in our response to you. You set before us a rich feast of blessing, but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy. You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world, but we indulge our own desires. Our ways are not your ways; our thoughts do not ascend to your thoughts. Forgive us when we fall short of your claim upon our lives. Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful life. Be patient, we pray, as we amend who we are, in the hope of becoming who you intend us to be. We ask this in the name of our Savior, your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen. (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

#835

Assurance of Pardon
One: God’s love is sure and steadfast, always providing a way out, a way through, a way back to God.

All: Through the waters of baptism, we have died with Christ and are raised with him. With gratitude, in faith, we will walk the way of Christ.

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri

#581

We Listen for God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Faye Anderson

Scripture Reading

Psalm 63:1-8

Faye Anderson

Choir Anthem

“I Come to the Cross”

Choir

Scripture Reading

Luke 13:1-9

Rev. Tripp Brogdon

Sermon

“God Moves...Over the Fence”

Rev. Tripp Brogdon

*Hymn

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

#435

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

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology

#606

*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn

“If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee”

#816

*Benediction

Rev. Tripp Brogdon

*Postlude

"He Is Jehovah"

Dr. Gilbreath

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

Mon., March 24	11:30 AM-12:30 PM Chat "N" Chew Lent Bible Study with Rev. Tripp in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own lunch.
Wed., March 26	5:15 PM Alert Team meeting 5:30 PM Bingo
Mon., March 31	11:30 AM-12:30 PM Chat "N" Chew Lent Bible Study with Rev. Tripp in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own lunch.

The flowers in the sanctuary were lovingly placed in memory of Joyce Boyd by friends at St. Andrew and from the M & M's.

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.standrewdecaturn.org



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Scripture Reading, Faye Anderson: Psalm 63:1-8

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.” Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”