

t. Andrew Presbyterian Church

4th Sunday of Lent

March 30, 2025

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Elder Linda Grissom, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“A Child of the King/Have Thine Own Way”

Dr. Gilbreath

We Gather in God’s Presence

Welcome

Elder Linda Grissom

Minute for Mission

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

John Jordan

Call to Worship:

One: O God, we come as those who wander from your path of righteousness.

All: Lord Jesus, you call us home to you.

One: Our Father, we’ve fled from the responsibility of serving your kingdom.

All: Lord Jesus, draw us home to you.

One: Our God, we try to pretend we are more deserving than others.

All: Lord Jesus, reveal the wideness of your mercy and the welcome of your Spirit to all.

*Hymn

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

#366

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

O God, we admit that we are prone to try to hide our sins; to keep our mouths shut and hope we are not found out. But there is no place to hide from you. Our silence only makes us sick in body and spirit. But you delight in forgiving us and in covering our sin. You are glad when we confess our failings and our needs. Hide us, O God, from trouble; teach us the way we should go. Deliver us from our own stubbornness, and draw us near, we pray. Amen. (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee” refrain

#835

Assurance of Pardon

One: Those who put their faith and trust in God can be assured of God’s gracious forgiveness.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri

#581

We Listen for God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Elder Linda Grissom

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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Choir Anthem

“As the Deer”

Choir

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Rev. Laura Lemley

Sermon

“Who Makes the Guest List?”

Rev. Laura Lemley

*Hymn

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

#415

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

“Grace Greater than Our Sin/Amazing Grace”

Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology

#606

*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”

#418

*Benediction

Rev. Laura Lemley

*Postlude

“Because He Lives”

Dr. Gilbreath

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

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| Mon., March 31 | 11:30 AM-12:30 PM Chat "N" Chew in the fellowship hall |
| Tues., April 1 | 10:00 AM Presbyterian Women's meeting in the fellowship hall |
| Thurs., April 3 | 1:00 PM Caring Hands |
| Sun., April 6 | Last day to collect Easter dinners. |
| Mon., April 7 | 11:30 AM -12:30 PM Chat "N" Chew in the fellowship hall |

Rev. Laura Lemley grew up in Nashville, TN. She attended the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and has served as a chaplain in nursing homes, hospitals and now as a hospice chaplain for the past 7 years. Laura and her husband, Hank, moved to Huntsville in 2013, and have 3 grown children. Laura loves to sing and spend time with her family and pets. We welcome you, Rev. Laura Lemley! It is a blessing to have you with us.

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.standrewdecatatur.org



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Scripture Reading, Linda Grissom: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Lemley: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs.

He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have

bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.' ' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing.

He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends.

But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.' "

