

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Palm SundayApril 13, 2025

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, PastorElder Shelly Shull, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir DirectorDr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”Dr. Gilbreath

We Gather in God’s Presence

*Call to Worship:
One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
All: God’s steadfast love endures forever!
One: Let all who fear the Lord say,
All: God’s steadfast love endures forever!
One: The Lord has answered our prayer and become our salvation.
All: God’s steadfast love endures forever! Hosanna, hosanna!
One: Let us worship God!

*Hymn“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”#197

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:
Triumphant God, we join the crowds of the ages in shouting your praises. While our lips give you glory, our lives seldom reflect your purposes. We sing easily of your greatness, but living faithfully is often beyond us. We hear of your salvation, yet sin is still close and real, daily leading us away from you. Have mercy on us. Ride into our hearts with healing grace. Forgive what we have done and direct who we shall be. Lord, save us. Hosanna!
(Silent Confession)

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

Assurance of Pardon
One: He who rode into Jerusalem, struggled on the cross, and was sealed in a tomb, is risen from the dead! Jesus Christ has defeated sin forever. 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 IlluminationElder Shelly Shull

Scripture ReadingPsalm 118:1-2, 19-29Elder Shelly Shull

Choir Anthem“Fear Not, Ye People of Zion”Choir

Scripture ReadingLuke 19:28-40Rev. Tripp Brogdon

Sermon“God Moves...to the Cross”Rev. Tripp Brogdon

*Hymn“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”#196

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: Adapted from a prayer by Rev. Ginna Bairby

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

Offertory“Shout to the Lord”Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology#606

*Prayer of Dedication and Blessing Easter Dinners

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn“Lead On, O King Eternal!”#269

*BenedictionRev. Tripp Brogdon

*Postlude“Awesome God”Dr. Gilbreath

*Please rise in body or spirit.
Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

Sun., April 13	Last day for Easter flower donations.
Mon., April 14	HAD Lunch - Sign up on the bulletin board to bring cornbread, rolls, or dessert.
Wed., April 16	10:00 AM-4:00 PM Waypoints to the Cross
Thurs., April 17	10:00 AM-4:00 PM Waypoints to the Cross 1:00 PM Caring Hands 6:00 PM Maundy Thursday service
Sun., April 20	Easter Sunday One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

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.

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Scripture Reading, Elder Shelly Shull:

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Luke 19:28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are

you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."