

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

January 18, 2026

Elder Cerese Sweeley, Liturgist

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

"God Leads Us Along"

Dr. Gilbreath

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome

*Call to Worship:

One: Sing a new song, a song of thanks and praise,

All: for God has done wondrous deeds, and is great beyond compare!

One: While we often fall short in our lives of faith,

All: God's faithfulness is sure.

One: God will not withhold mercy from us;

All: God's steadfast love and faithfulness will keep us safe forever.

*Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #39

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

God of the ages, we do not always wait with patience. We do not always sing your praises. We do not always recognize your work in our lives. We would rather take the credit for ourselves. We would rather take the easy way out.

We would rather step on others if it means more for ourselves. Forgive us for all the ways we forget you. Help us to delight to do your will. Help us to trust in you and return us to the path of righteousness. Amen. (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" v.1 #444

Assurance of Pardon

One: Beloved, you are forgiven in Christ, the Lamb who bears our sin.

All: Happy are those who put their trust in God, and delight to do God's will, for God makes our footing sure upon the rock of Christ.

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri #581

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Choir Anthem

"I Choose You"

Scripture Reading

Psalm 40:1-11

Sermon

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*Hymn

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

#735

We Respond to God's Word

Installation of Incoming Elders

John Jordan, Shelly Shull, and Bob Sparks

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 "I Depend upon Your Faithfulness" Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" v. 1-4, 6 #687

*Benediction

*Postlude "Surely Goodness and Mercy" Dr. Gilbreath

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

Mon., Jan. 19 Church Office Closed
Wed., Jan. 21 2:00 PM Session Meeting
Mon., Jan. 26 NAP Men's Meeting. Meet in the parking lot at St. Andrew at 4:45 PM to carpool. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hall.



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, Cerese Sweeley: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Psalm 40:1-11

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord. Happy are those who make the Lord their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods. You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted. Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you

have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. Then I said, “Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.” I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord. I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation. Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.