

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

1st Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2026

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Linda Faulk, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

"Change My Heart, O God"

Dr. Gilbreath

## We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome

\*Call to Worship:

One: People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

**All: The word of the Lord is our daily bread.**

One: People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

**All: Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.**

One: People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?

**All: We worship the Lord our God alone.**

One: People of God, strengthened by bread and faith, come now to worship.

**All: Let us worship the Lord our God with all our hearts!**

\*Hymn

"We Gather Together"

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Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

**Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil. You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life. You know what we hide, and you know our sin. We confess that we have disobeyed your word, denying your providence and care and relying on our own cleverness. Have mercy on us, we pray: cover us with your grace, feed us with the bread of life, and re-create us in your image; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*(Silent Confession)*

Hymn of Response

"Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart" refrain

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Assurance of Pardon

One: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven! Be glad in the Lord and shout for joy: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Gloria Patri

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## We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Matthew 4:1-11

Choir Anthem

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Scripture Reading

Psalms 32

Sermon

"The Need for Change"

\*Hymn

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

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## We Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith: From A Brief Statement of Faith

***In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one true God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.***

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

"O How He Loves You and Me"

Dr. Gilbreath

\*Doxology

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\*Prayer of Dedication

## We Are Sent into the World

\*Hymn

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

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\*Benediction

\*Postlude

“My Savior’s Love”

Dr. Gilbreath

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

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

**Calendar of Events:**

Mon., Feb 23	1:00 PM Member Care Meeting
Wed., Feb. 25	4:30 PM Choir
Mon., March 2	11:30 AM – 12:30 PM Chat “N” Chew Lenten Bible Study
Tues., March 3	10:00 AM Presbyterian Women’s Bible Study
Thurs., March 5	1:00 PM Caring Hands

**Easter Flower Donation:**

Donations in honor or in memory of someone can be made for any amount. A sign-up sheet is in the church office. Checks should be made out to St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. The deadline for donations is March 15, 2026

**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, Linda Faulk: Matthew 4:1-11**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

### **Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Psalm 32**

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you

forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you. Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.