

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2026

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Elder Stu Strong, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“Redeemed”

We Gather in God’s Presence

Welcome

*Call to Worship:

One: As God set Abram, Sarai, and Lot on a journey, God calls us to follow in trust.

All: God is able to make us more than we have been and blesses us on the way.

One: As Jesus invited Nicodemus to be born again, Christ invites us to become a new creation.

All: Christ calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light, and we are saved through him.

One: God provides for us a fresh start.

All: We gather today to worship the One who makes a new beginning possible!

*Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision”

#450

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Teacher, you call us to go, following the plan that you have set out for us. You promise us blessings and purpose, but we do not trust your words. We cling to what we already know, we trust in what we can see and touch, we make excuses for our failure to trust in you. Call to us again, that we may be born again through your Spirit. Help us to believe and give us the abundant life that comes from following your will. Amen. (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

“Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart” refrain

#427

Assurance of Pardon:

One: God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. With this baptismal water, we have been given an opportunity to be washed clean and to be born again.

All: Thanks be to God. We will bear witness to God’s saving grace with our lives!

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri

#581

We Listen for God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

Choir Anthem

“Baptized in Water”

#482

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

#803

Scripture Reading

John 3:1-17

Sermon

“Reset”

We Respond to God’s Word

Call for the Offering

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

Offertory

“He Lifted Me”

*Doxology

#606

*Prayer of Dedication

*Communion Hymn

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

#525

Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, that we give you thanks, O Holy God...

One: Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. (Glory to God #552)

One: Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior, who came to a man named Nicodemus in the dark...

One: ... and so we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. (Glory to God #553)

Rev. Brogdon continues.

All: Amen, amen, amen. (Glory to God #554)

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Prayer After Communion

Thank you, gracious God, for giving us bread for the journey of these forty days. As we travel on through the wilderness, help us to share your grace with others and draw us ever closer to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Are Sent Into the World

*Hymn "Lord, When I Came Into This Life" #691

*Benediction

Postlude "Jesus Is All the World to Me"

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar:

Mon., March 2 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM Chat "N" Chew
Tues., March 3 10:00 AM Presbyterian Women's Meeting
Thurs., March 5 1:00 PM Caring Hands
Mon., March 9 HAD Lunch – sign up to bring rolls, cornbread, dessert, or serve.

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Scripture Reading, Stu Strong: Genesis 12:1-4a

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to

what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."