

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Elder Linda Grissom, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

Dr. Gilbreath

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome

Minute for Mission

Presbyterian Home for Children

Suzanne Cornett

*Call to Worship:

One: We worship the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose mercy has given us a living hope through Christ's resurrection.

All: We rejoice, for we are children of God!

One: We proclaim our faith in Christ's love for us and his gift of salvation.

All: In love and joy, we praise the Lord!

*Hymn

"God Is Calling through the Whisper"

#410

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

"Be Not Afraid"

#243

Assurance of Pardon

One: When God is with us, whom shall we fear? The God of salvation will never forsake us.

All: We have been forgiven and are now called to forgive others. Thanks be to God through his son, the risen Lord of grace!

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri

#581

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

1 Peter 1:3-9

Choir Anthem

"Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Peace)"

Scripture Reading

John 20:19-29

Sermon

"Peter, Thomas, and Us"

*Hymn

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

#260

We Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith: (from Book of Common Worship)

We believe in God, who created our world and every living thing in it. We believe in Jesus Christ, who died on the cross as a ransom for our lives and who rose to give us new life. We understand and believe that the power of his redeeming grace is available to all who seek it. As recipients of that grace, we also believe we are called to live out and share the good news of the gospel. We believe in the power of the Holy Spirit to make all things new through God's grace, wisdom, and love. We believe in the Triune God, who continues to create, wash us clean in the baptismal water and inspire and empower us to serve in the name of Jesus Christ. 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

"One Day"

Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology

#606

*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

#263

*Benediction

*Postlude

"No Other Name"

Dr. Gilbreath

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

Mon., April 13 HAD Lunch – sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.
Thurs., April 16 1:00 PM Caring Hands

We are pleased to have Rev. Rosemary McMahan leading us in worship this morning. She is a retired member of the North Alabama Presbytery where she served Big Cove Presbyterian Church, Huntsville, for 13 years as solo pastor and then First Presbyterian, Huntsville, and St. Andrew, Decatur, as interim/transitional pastor. She lives in Huntsville with her husband, Dennis, and they both enjoy hiking, traveling, and visiting their children in Chicago and Boston. Welcome!

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.standrewdecatour.org



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Scripture Reading, Linda Grissom: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Scripture Reading, Rev. McMahan: John 20:19-29

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of

the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."