

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Elder Nellie Gates, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

"Praise the Lord in His Sanctuary"

Dr. Gilbreath

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome

*Call to Worship:

One: Followers of Jesus, by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.

All: Alleluia!

One: By his rising we are free from the fear of death.

All: Alleluia!

One: By his love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.

All: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

*Hymn

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"

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Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Eternally patient God, we ask again and again, "What should we do?" And again and again, you tell us, "Repent and return to me." Yet we have not changed our ways. We fall into old habits, cling to our own ways, and take for granted the grace you have given us. Once again, we ask you for forgiveness. Show us the way forward and help us return, once again, to you. Amen. (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

"Be Not Afraid"

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Assurance of Pardon

One: Beloved, hear this good news: through Christ you have come to trust in God, who raised Christ from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

All: We are born anew, through the living and enduring word of God.

Alleluia! Praise to the risen Christ!

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri

#581

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

1 Peter 1:17-23

Choir Anthem

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Sermon

"Walking with the Risen Jesus"

*Hymn

"I Come with Joy"

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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

Call for the Offering

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

Offertory

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn

"Thine Is the Glory"

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*Benediction

*Postlude

"I Know My Redeemer Liveth"

Dr. Gilbreath

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

Wed., April 22 4:30 PM Choir
5:30 PM CONNECT w/Dr. Brian Brown
Thurs., April 30 CATS Trip – sign up in the church office

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, Nellie Gates: 1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped

that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.