

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

4th Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Elder Shelly Shull, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

"I Love You with the Love of the Lord"

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome

*Call to Worship:

One: Sisters and brothers, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts.

All: For many signs and wonders are being done among us.

One: Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.

All: Let us give what we can to all who have needs so that all people, no matter who they are, may regard us with good will.

One: Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

All: Let us worship the Lord!

*Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

#611

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

God of community, you call us to a world radically different from what we are used to. You ask us to lay aside our ideas of "mine" and "yours." You show us a life where goods are shared, where all are loved, and faithfulness is shown through generosity. But we cling to our possessions, trusting them more than we trust you. Forgive us, merciful God. Help us to truly believe in your just and peaceful realm and to work to make it so. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

"Be Not Afraid"

#243

Assurance of Pardon

One: Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed.

All: For we were going astray like sheep, but now we have returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls. Thanks be to God!

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri

#581

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

John 10:1-10

Choir Anthem

"My Shepherd will Supply My Need"

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:42-47

Sermon

"A Life Worth Belonging To"

*Hymn

"Blest Be the tie That Binds"

#306

We Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A #54

Q. *What do you believe concerning "the holy catholic church"?*

A. I believe that the Son of God, through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.

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

"Make Me a Servant"

*Doxology

#606

*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn

"The Church's One Foundation"

#321

*Benediction

*Postlude

"He Leadeth Me"

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

Fri., April 30 CATS Trip to Ave Maria Grotto
Sun., May 3 CCC Food Pantry collection

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, Shelly Shull: John 10:1-10

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.