

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

5th Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Linda Faulk, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“Perfect Peace Medley”

We Gather in God’s Presence

Welcome

Minute for Mission

PW Luncheon & Birthday Offering

Nellie Gates

*Call to Worship:

One: We come today as those who know the weight of dying — the dying of dreams, the dying of those we have loved, and the dying that waits at the end of every road we walk.

All: We come, but we do not come alone.

One: For before us went Stephen, who in the moment of his dying looked up and saw the heavens opened and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

All: What he saw we are promised. What he glimpsed through the veil is prepared for us.

One: Jesus said: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. I go to prepare a place for you."

All: So we gather as God’s own, even in our grieving and our hoping.

All: Let us worship God!

*Hymn

“How Firm a Foundation”

#463

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Christ, our way, our truth, our life, you have shown us the way, so clearly and fully. You have not simply told us how to live; you have shown us. But we still don’t get it. We do not believe all you have said to us; we do not trust the way you have shown us. Help us, O God. Forgive us. Open our ears to your truth, open our eyes to your way, and lead us into new life. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

“Be Not Afraid”

#243

Assurance of Pardon

One: Beloved, believe the good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Jesus prepares a place for us, Jesus brings us close to him, and Jesus answers us even in our unbelief.

All: We are God’s own people. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri

#581

We Listen for God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

John 14:1-14

*Hymn

“There Is a Place of Quiet Rest (Near to the Heart of God)

#824

Scripture Reading

Acts 7:55-60

Sermon

“What We See When We’re Dying”

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 Hideth My Soul”

*Doxology

#606

*Prayer of Dedication

Anthem

“Come Share His Sacrifice”

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 indeed right, and our great joy, to give you thanks and praise...

One: Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with all the company of heaven, and with all who have gone before us in the faith, who now see clearly what we glimpse only in part, as we sing the hymn of your unending praise:

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: Holy are you, Lord our God, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ, who is himself the way, the truth, and the life.

One: Great is 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

God of the living, we leave this table grateful, having been fed by your grace, steadied by your promise, and held by a hope that even death cannot undo. Send us into the world with open eyes and willing hearts, until that day when faith becomes sight and we see you face to face. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Are Sent Into the World

*Hymn "For All the Saints" #326

*Benediction

Postlude "I've Got Peace Like a River"

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

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Scripture Reading, Linda Faulk: John 14:1-14

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Acts 7:55-60

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.