

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

7th Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Elder Barb Mouton, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“Lead Us, O God”

We Gather in God’s Presence

Welcome

*Call to Worship:

One: Before we ever uttered a word of prayer for ourselves, Jesus prayed for us.

All: He asked the Father to keep us, to hold us, and to make us his own.

One: We come with our questions, our uncertainties, our transitions large and small.

All: We come not knowing what the next chapter holds.

One: But we come to the One who holds us, and that is enough to begin.

All: Come, let us worship God!

*Hymn

“Be thou My Vision”

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Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, you have called us to follow Christ's movement in the world, to be witnesses of his goodness, and to live as signs of your coming reign. Yet, we confess that we have failed to heed this call. We have been timid and anxious disciples, choosing to hide in fear and seek our own fleeting comfort rather than relying on your steadfast presence. We have resigned ourselves to the status quo, forgetting the power of your Spirit to transform and renew us. Forgive our foolish and sinful ways. As you have promised to keep us and restore us, grant us the courage to cast all our anxiety upon you, that we may faithfully do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

“Be Not Afraid”

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Assurance of Pardon

One: Sisters and brothers, the Spirit of God is resting on you, to restore, support, and strengthen you. Therefore, be at peace in the One who forgives you, loves you, and keeps you.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri

#581

We Listen for God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

1 Peter 5:6-11

Choir Anthem

“We’re a Fellowship of Believers”

Scripture Reading

John 17:1-11

Sermon

“Kept”

*Hymn

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

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We Respond to God’s Word

Affirmation of Faith: The Confession of 1967, 9.22

New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God’s grace.

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

“Day by Day”

*Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

#547

*Benediction

*Postlude

“Take the Name of Jesus with You”

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

Sun., May 17 PW Luncheon and Graduation Reception after service
Wed., May 20 2:00 PM Session Meeting
Thurs., May 21 1:00 PM Caring Hands

Congratulations to our graduates Addie Zeiher and Hope Gresham!

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, Barb Mouton: 1 Peter 5:6–11

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: John 17:1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ”I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on

behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.