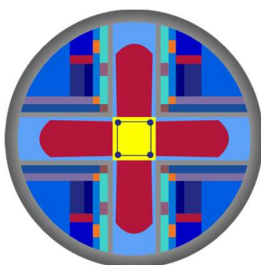


We are imperfect believers, passionate
about sharing the love of Christ:
by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.



St. Andrews
Presbyterian Church

A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

A Service of Holy Communion

November 12, 2023

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome to St. Andrews Presbyterian Church! If you are visiting, please complete a Visitor's Card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Prayer cards are also available, and we invite you to list your concerns and place them in the offering plate as well. Our Minister and our Prayer Team will pray for your concerns.

Chiming of the Hour and Introit

Call to Worship

Leader: Are you ready to worship?

People: We believe that we are.

Leader: Put away all those cares and worries that keep you from hearing God's word.

People: The cares and worries of the world have been put aside that we may be truly ready.

Leader: The Lord comes to you this day.

People: Thanks be to God for God's abiding presence and promise. Amen.

Invocation

*Opening Hymn #4

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

We Acknowledge Our Brokenness and Seek Reconciliation with God

Preparing Our Hearts for Confession - "Confession"

Words/Music by Kenneth Jones

(front cover of hymnal)

Lord, I come before you, asking your forgiveness. I am broken, I have faltered. I have turned from you.

Create in me a new heart. Fill me with your love. Grant that I receive your grace, I pray.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O Lord, there never seems to be enough time to do all the things that are demanded of us. Schedules become crowded. We live by the clock. We think we are ready for all events that will come our way. But we are rarely ready for you. We would like you to come to us at a planned time so that we can fit you into our busy lives. Forgive us, Lord, for trying to make you a scheduled event. We have moved you to a time on our weekly calendars. Yet you are the eternal God who has always loved us and been ready to receive us. Help us to learn that, with you as our foundation, we can handle anything that comes our way. With you as our focus, all things pale in comparison. Let us look at the priorities in our lives and see where we have placed service to you.

Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

People: Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: In the deepest darkness, in the times when all seems lost, we are not lost to God. God calls us to be ready for God's new kingdom. In all this God is with us!

People: Thanks be to God!

***Thanks for God's Forgiveness (#647; no repeats)**

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" Give Thanks! Give Thanks!

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: Grace to you, and peace from God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

We Respond to God's Faithfulness in Our Life

Offering Our Lives to Jesus through Our Time, Gifts, and Resources

Offertory

***Doxology (#606)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

(Children that have not yet finished 1st Grade are dismissed at this time for Children's Church)

God's Word Is Read and Proclaimed

Special Music

"I Will Wait for You"

Kenneth Jones

Words and Music by Matthew Merker, Keith Getty, Jordan Kauflin, and Stuart Townsend

Scripture Reading

Exodus 32:1-14

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation of God's Word

Jeff Gilstrap

"Waiting for God"

Responding to God's Word

Communion Hymn #508

"Come to the Table"

Sacrament of Holy Communion (Please refer to liturgy in back of pew)

Preparing Our Hearts for Prayer (#471)

"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

Time of Reflection, Meditation, Personal Prayer

Shelby Wood

Sending Out Into the World

***Sending Hymn #791**

“For You, My God, I Wait”

***Charge and Blessing**

***Congregational Benediction #717**

“For the Life Which You Have Given”

***Postlude**

*** Congregation Standing**

Sanctuary Flowers – The flowers were placed in the sanctuary by Dana Tate, in honor of Joey Tate’s birthday on Nov. 14th.

Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We hope you were blessed so you can go and be a witness to Christ’s love in the world. May your spirits be renewed for the days ahead.



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