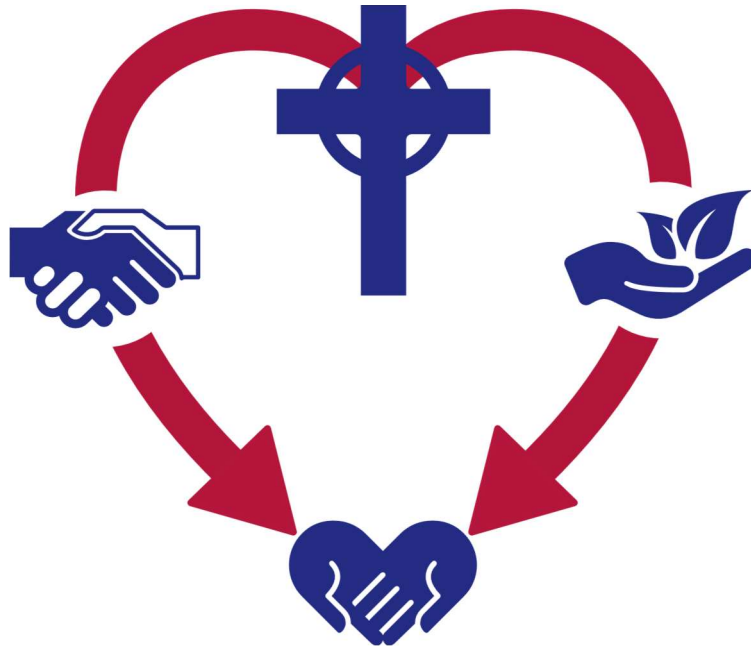
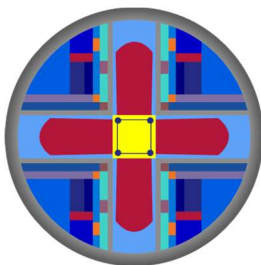


We are imperfect believers, passionate
about sharing the love of Christ:
by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.



A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 14, 2024

Welcome! If you are visiting, please use the QR code on the visitor card found in the pew rack to share your information online or fill out the back of the card and drop it in the offering plate. Prayer cards, with the same options, are also available and we invite you to share your concerns and allow us to pray with you.



St. Andrews
Presbyterian Church

We Gather to Worship God

*Congregation stands as noted

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship (Psalm 37)

Leader: Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

People: For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.

Leader: In a little while the wicked shall be no more; even if you search out their place, they will not be there.

People: But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace.

Leader: The righteous shall inherit the land and dwell in it forever.

People: The mouths of the righteous utter wisdom, and their tongues speak justice. Amen.

Invocation

*Opening Hymn #35

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

We Acknowledge Our Brokenness and Seek Reconciliation with God

Preparing Our Hearts for Confession - “Confession”
(front cover of hymnal)

Words/Music by Kenneth Jones

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)

God of Justice, you call us to right relationship with one another; yet we too often look for our own stability and comfort. We pass by those who we deem unimportant and think little of their needs. We steal the inheritances of those who have come before us, who live around us, and those who will come after us. We give to the poor, but rarely consider the systems and structures that keep them in poverty. Forgive us and help us to repent. Help us to value people more highly than we value things. Amen.

Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

People: Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon (Psalm 37)**

Leader: Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD, and see what God will do.

Our steps are made firm by the LORD; God delights in faithful ways. If we stumble, we shall not fall headlong, for the LORD holds us by the hand. I have been young and now I am old, but never have I seen the righteous forsaken, or their children begging bread. The righteous are always generous in their lending, and their children shall become a blessing.

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.

***Transition Hymn #839**

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

We Respond to God's Faithfulness in Our Life

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

(see the 'Giving' card in the pew rack for information about options for digital giving)

***Doxology (#606)**

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

God's Word Is Read and Proclaimed

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:5

Special Music

"God Help the Outcasts"

Kellen Jones

Music by Alan Menken, Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz

Time for Young Disciples

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

Scripture Reading

Ruth 2:1-23

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation of God's Word

Rev. AJ Ochart

"Unimportant"

Responding to God's Word

***Affirmation of Our Faith (Heidelberg Catechism - Responsive)**

Leader: What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

People: That I belong body and soul, in life and in death not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by the Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

***Responsive Hymn #852**

"When the Lord Redeems the Very Least"

Time of Meditation, Reflection

Matthew 5:5

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.

Prayers for the People

Margaret Borry

Sending Out Into the World

***Sending Hymn #767**

"Together We Serve"

***Charge and Blessing**

***Congregational Benediction #549**

"May the Love of the Lord"

***Postlude**

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.



Rev. AJ Ochart, Pastor
Kenneth Jones, Director of Music
Millie Shiflett, Accompanist
Phil Beckwith, Lay Leader

