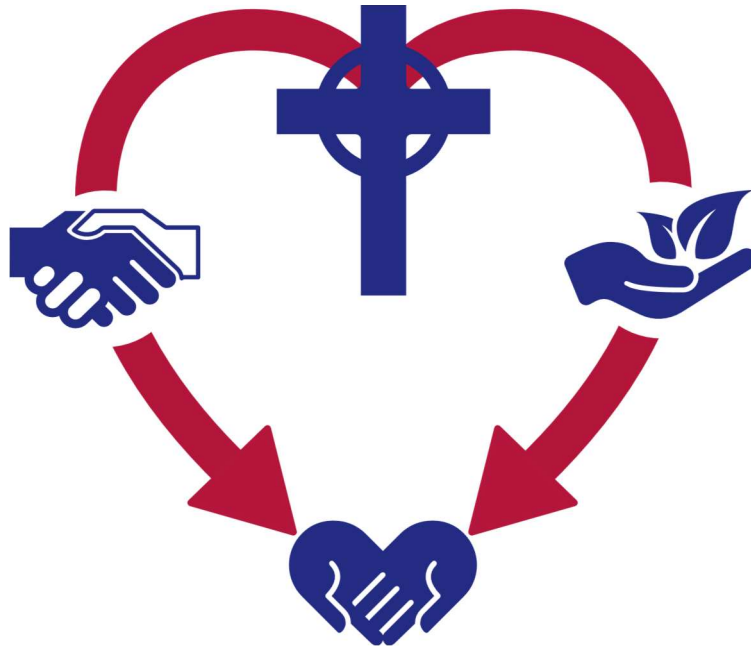
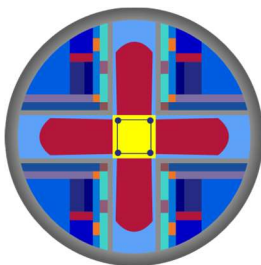


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about sharing the love of Christ:
by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.



A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
August 11, 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 (Ephesians 4)

Leader: I therefore, a prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called.

People: with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another with love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Leader: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,

People: one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. Amen.

Invocation

***Opening Hymn #300**

“We Are One in the Spirit”

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)

Loving God, you call us to be creators of peace, but we too often fail. We create false peace by adopting the values of those in power. We make ourselves small to avoid being a target. We avoid the people and topics that will lead to dissent. We insist loudly on our own way, and do not allow disagreement. We use the violence of fist, tongue, and heart to silence others. Help us to do the hard work of creating peace. Help us to faithfully converse and disagree, to take up space and make space for one another, to build communities based on mutual respect. Help us to be your children, makers of peace. Amen.

Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

People: Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon (Colossians 3)**

Leader: As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts to which indeed you were called in the one body. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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 #637**

"O Sing to the Lord"

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 5:9-10

Special Music

**"Us for Them"
by Gungor**

AJ Ochart

Time for Young Disciples

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

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 19:1-7

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

People: Thanks be to God.

"Creators of Shalom"

Responding to God's Word

Reception of New Members

*Responsive Hymn #753

"Make Me a Channel of Peace"

Time of Meditation, Reflection

John 14:25-27

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

Shelby Wood

Sending Out Into the World

*Sending Hymn #753

"We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom"

*Charge and Blessing

*Congregational Benediction #543 (v.5)

"O Christ Surround Me"

*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
Rita Batman, Lay Leader

