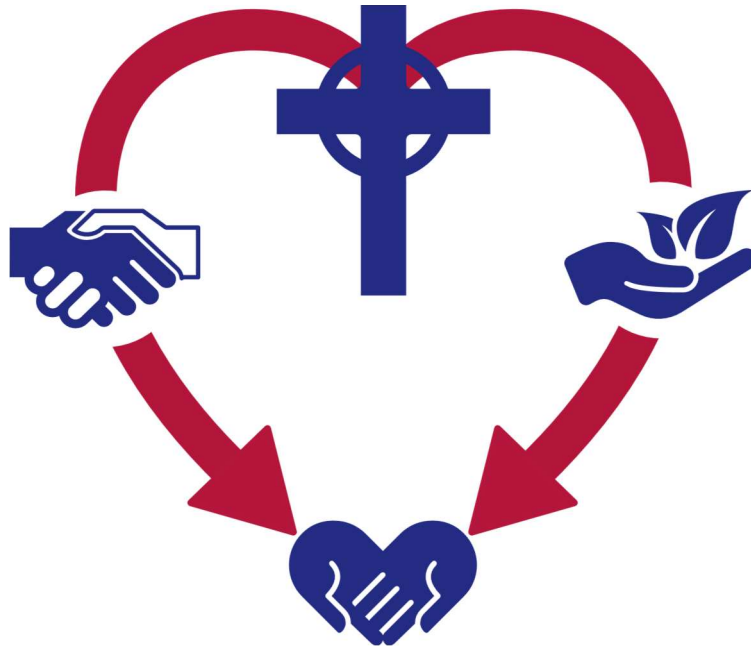
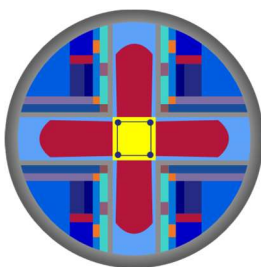


We are imperfect believers, passionate  
about sharing the love of Christ:  
by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.



**A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day  
Rally Day  
Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
August 25, 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**

Leader: Jesus came casting out demons, feeding the hungry, loving the people.

**People: He taught us how to live.**

Leader: He comes infusing us with grace and peace and hope.

**People: He teaches us how to love.**

Leader: He is coming to perfect this world.

**People: He will praise God's holy name with us.**

Leader: Let us together worship the one who gives us all life.

**People: Let us worship the Lord Jesus. Amen.**

Invocation

\*Opening Hymn

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**Litany for Leaders**

Leader: Your baptism is sufficient for your calling.

**People: You have been baptized in Christ, who calls us into deep and abiding faith.**

Leader: We entrust to you the education, care, and faith formation of this community, calling upon each of you to walk with us this year.

**People: We journey together, following our Lord Jesus Christ, and trusting in your faithful leadership. As we join our hearts in growing and forming our faith, we commit to supporting you as you push us and challenge us and love us.**

Leader: Do those things with all grace, compassion, and gentleness.

**People: For the fruit of the Spirit is gentleness, kindness, love, peace, forbearance, joy, goodness, faithfulness, and self-control. Let us endeavor together to embody these fruits.**

Leader: Your gifts for leadership are well-received, appreciated, and celebrated. Go with God, buoyed by the gifts of the Spirit, to love and serve our Lord. Amen.

\*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

(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.

The Sacrament of Baptism for George Richard Murtaugh Jr.

\*Affirmation of Our Faith (Apostle's Creed – Unison)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

(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

"By Faith (with Great Is Thy Faithfulness)"  
by Lloyd Larson

Kenneth Jones

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3, 32-12:2

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

"Tales of Faith"

## **Responding to God's Word**

Reception of New Members

\*Responsive Hymn #536

"Rise, O Church Like Christ Arisen"

Time of Meditation, Reflection

Colossians 3:12-17

**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**

**Shirley Caligan**

## **Sending Out Into the World**

**\*Sending Hymn #737**

**“Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”**

**\*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  
Phil Beckwith, Lay Leader

