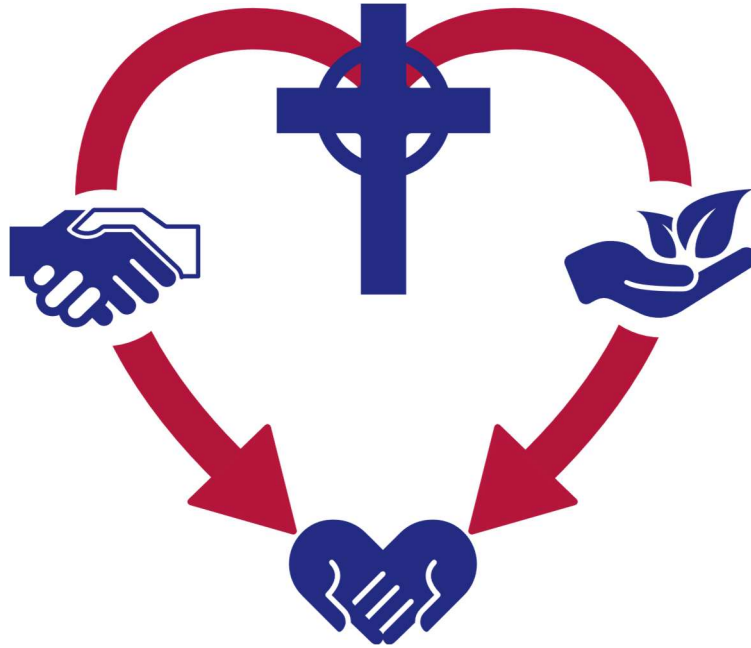
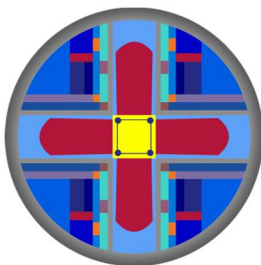


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about sharing the love of Christ:
by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.



A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Baptism of the Lord Sunday
January 12, 2025

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: In the beginning, darkness covered the deep and God said: Let there be light.

People: The voice of God is over the waters!

Leader: Through the words of the prophet, God said: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

People: The voice of God is over the waters!

Leader: Do not fear, says Jesus: I am with you. I have called you by name; you are mine.

People: The voice of God is over the waters!

Leader: When Jesus was baptized by John, suddenly the heavens were opened.

People: The voice of God is over the waters!

Leader: And as Jesus was coming out of the water, the Spirit of God rested on him like a dove.

People: The voice of God is over the waters!

Leader: And a voice said: You are my beloved; with you I am well pleased.

People: The voice of God is over the waters.

Leader: All-loving God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit, and revealed him as your beloved child. Keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit, faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God; through the same Jesus, the Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Opening Hymn #163

“Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice”

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)

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us

from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace. Amen.

Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

People: Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so, in Christ, God speaks to us: 'You are my child, my beloved; with you I am well pleased. In the name of Jesus, the 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 #627**

"I Love You, 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

Time for Young Disciples

(Children are dismissed at this time for Children's Church)

Special Music

"Shall We Gather at the River"

Kellen Jones

Arr. Aaron Copeland

Scripture Reading

Luke 3:1-22

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

"A Voice in the Wilderness"

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn of Preparation for Baptism #490

"Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters"

Remembrance of Baptism

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kin(g)dom come.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kin(g)dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sending Out Into the World

*Sending Hymn #480

"Take Me to the Water"

*Charge and Blessing

*Congregational Benediction #541

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

*Postlude

Sanctuary Flowers – The flowers were placed in the sanctuary by Laure Ochart in memory of Marlyn Asher, her mother (and AJ's 'Granny'), in recognition of her birthday.

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
Volunteer, Lay Leader

