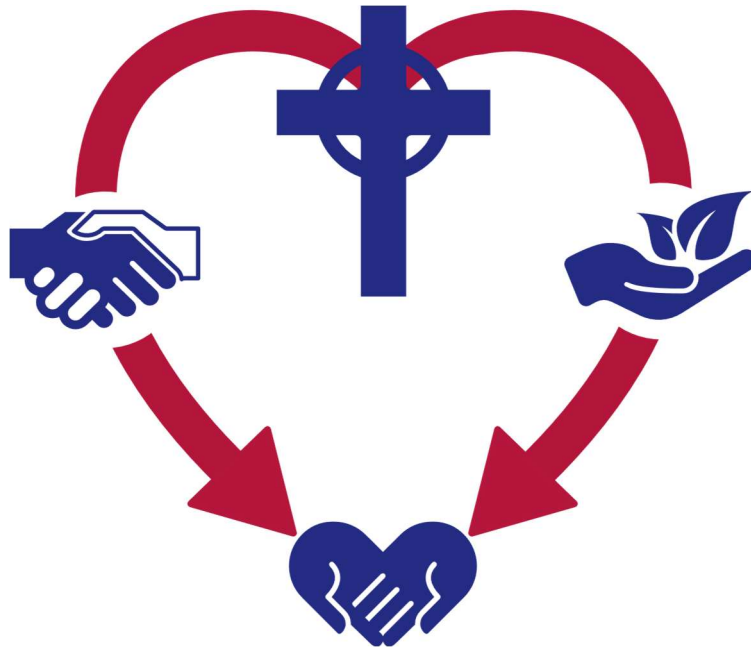


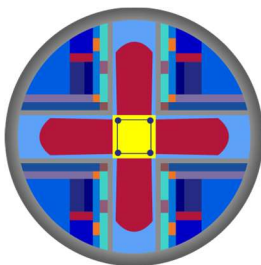
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by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.



A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Sacrament of Communion
February 2, 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.

We Gather to Worship God



St. Andrews
Presbyterian Church

*Congregation stands as noted

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship (Deuteronomy 5)

Leader: Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you.

People: For six days you shall labor and do all your work.

Leader: But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work

People: you, or your children, or your enslaved people, or your livestock, or the immigrant in your towns, so that they may have rest as well.

Leader: Remember that you were enslaved in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm;

People: Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day. Amen.

Invocation

*Opening Hymn #451

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

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)

Divine Rest, you invite us into your peace that passes all understanding and to invite others into that rest as well. You welcome us to join in both the work and the rest that you have created us for, but we seldom keep the two in balance. We treat your gift of rest as an earned commodity instead of an act of grace. We do not consider the rest of others, expecting them to be available at our convenience. We allow the letter of your instruction to supersede the Spirit. Welcome us into your rest, help us welcome others into your rest, and may that rest energize us to do your work in the world. Amen.

Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

People: Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon (Matthew 11)**

Leader: Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Thanks for God's Forgiveness (#581)**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, 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.

***Transition Hymn #831**

"I Depend Upon Your Faithfulness"

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 and Bible Builds)

Special Music

"Jesus Medley"

Jesus, What a Wonderful Name; Everybody Ought to Know; He Is Altogether Lovely

Kevin and Sandee Cribbs

Scripture Reading

Luke 6:1-11

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

"Unlawful Good"

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn of Preparation for Communion #510

"We Gather Here"

Sacrament of Holy Communion (see liturgy on laminated card in pew rack)

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Sending Out Into the World

*Sending Hymn #345

"In an Age of Twisted Values"

*Charge and Blessing

*Congregational Benediction #531

"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
Dana Tate, Lay Leader

