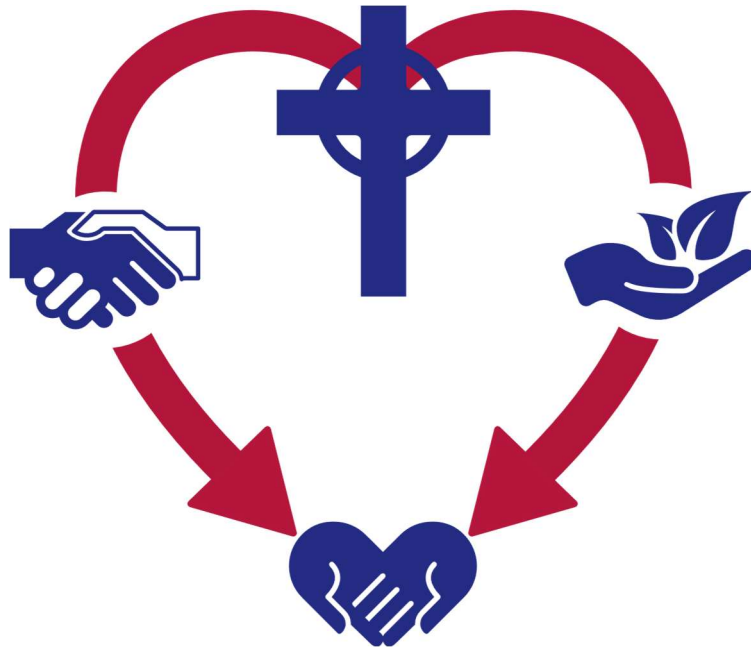
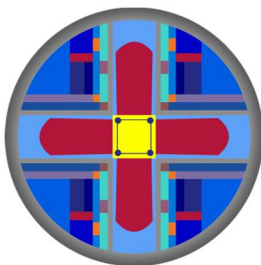


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by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.



A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Second Sunday in Lent
Remembrance of Baptism
March 16, 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 46)

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,

People: a very present help in trouble.

Leader: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake, though the waters roar and foam.

People: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Amen.

Invocation

*Opening Hymn #429

“As a Chalice Cast of Gold”

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 peace, we are often overwhelmed by the chaos of the world. Disasters natural and human-made surround us, and we feel helpless before them. We participate in and benefit from systems of oppression which makes things harder for those who do not look like us. We attribute moral failings to those who suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune. We grumble when others are blessed. We fail to listen to your calls for repentance. Help us to repent: to change our direction, our minds, our hearts, and our actions; help us to turn to you with believing hearts. Amen.

Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

People: Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings. Friends, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and gathered up.

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 #629**

"As the Deer"

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

"Lenten Meditation"

Jay Althouse

Jimmy Boyter, Kenneth Jones

Scripture Reading

Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

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

"Outrageous Fortune"

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 #216

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

*Charge and Blessing

Congregational Benediction

"Love Will Be Our Lenten Calling"

sung to the PICARDY tune ("Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"), words by Elizabeth J. Smith

Love will be our Lenten calling, love to shake and shatter sin,
waking every closed, cold spirit, stirring new life deep within,
till the quickened heart remembers what our Easter birth can mean.

*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
Phil Beckwith, Lay Leader

