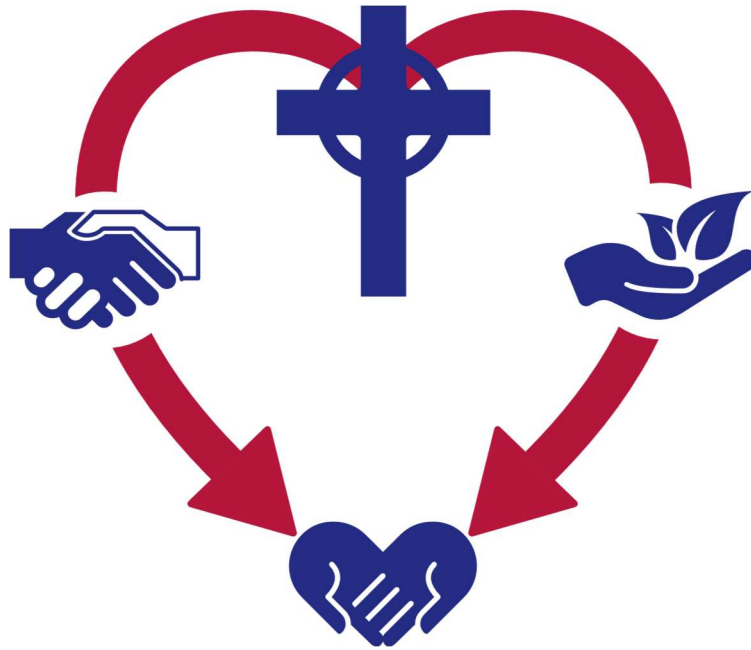
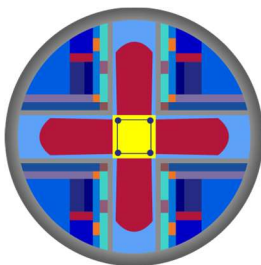


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by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.**



**A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Third Sunday of Easter
Sacrament of Communion
May 4, 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 (Acts 4)

Leader: Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth, the sea, and everything in them,

People: it is you who said by the Holy Spirit through our ancestor David, your servant:

Leader: 'Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples imagine vain things?

People: The kings of the earth took their stand, and the rulers have gathered together against the Lord and his Messiah."

Leader: And now Lord, look on their threats, and grant your servants to speak your word with all boldness,

People: while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus. Amen.

Invocation

*Opening Hymn #50

"Deep in the Shadows of the Past"

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)

Our spiritual ancestors were called by you to leave their homes and families, but would not inherit anything themselves. They sold their siblings to Egypt out of jealousy, which would become a place of salvation and enslavement for them. God sent Moses to liberate his people, but our spiritual ancestors were unwilling to obey him, turning their hearts back to Egypt, and telling Aaron to make gods for them. We, like our ancestors, are a stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, ever opposing the Holy Spirit, and persecuting prophets. Help us to rise above the faults of those who have come before us, and above our own. Amen.

Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

People: Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon (Acts 5)**

Leader: As they left the council, they rejoiced that they were considered worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name. And every day in the temple and at home they did not cease to teach and proclaim Jesus as the Messiah.

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 #75**

"We Give Thanks Unto 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.**

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

**"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed!"
arr. Barbara Heastings**

Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading

Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60

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

"Rebel Blood"

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)

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Sending Out Into the World

***Sending Hymn #239**

"Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!"

***Charge and Blessing**

***Congregational Benediction #246 (v.1)**

"Christ Is Alive!"

***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
Joey Tate, Lay Leader

