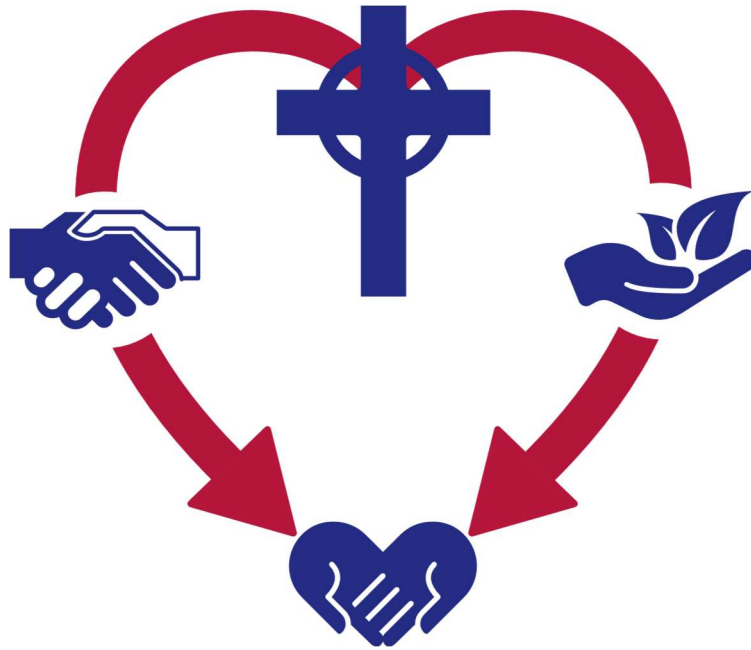
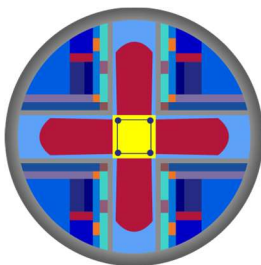


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about sharing the love of Christ:
by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.**



**A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 25, 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 (Galatians 1:3-5)

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,

People: who gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age,

Leader: according to the will of our God and Father,

People: to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Invocation

***Opening Hymn #307**

“God Grace and God of Glory”

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)

God of life, we have too quickly deserted the grace to which you have called us. We stand self condemned, seeking the approval of humans rather than of God. We know that we have received the faith of Christ, we know we have been crucified with Christ and now live in his resurrection life, we know we are justified by Christ’s faith. Yet we draw back into a righteousness that must be earned by works of the law, which no one can obtain by themselves. We rebuild the walls of separation that you have helped us dismantle. What is worse, we expect others to join us in this hypocrisy; we expect others to live by a standard that we ourselves cannot meet. Rebuke us, O Lord, to our faces, call us back to the faith of Jesus. Help us die once again to the human-made law that condemns us, and live in the righteousness of the children of God. Amen.

Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

People: Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon (Galatians 2:19-20)**

Leader: Through the law we have died to the law, so that we might live to God. We have been crucified with Christ, and Christ now lives in us. By the faith 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 #75**

"We Give Thanks to 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

"Abide with Me"

Kevin and Sandee Cribbs

Scripture Reading

Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21

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

"Faith of Christ"

Responding to God's Word

***Affirmation of Our Faith (Scots Confession - Unison)**

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by [God's] inscrutable providence for such end as [God's] eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of [God's] own glory.

***Responsive Hymn #79**

"Light Dawns on a Weary World"

Time of Meditation, Reflection

Galatians 5:13-14

Respond: 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 #372**

"O For a World"

***Charge and Blessing**

***Congregational Benediction #246 (v.2)**

"Christ Is Alive!"

***Postlude**

Sanctuary Flowers – The flowers were placed in the sanctuary by Margaret Borry in memory of Dick Borry.

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
Kendra Ivins, Lay Leader

