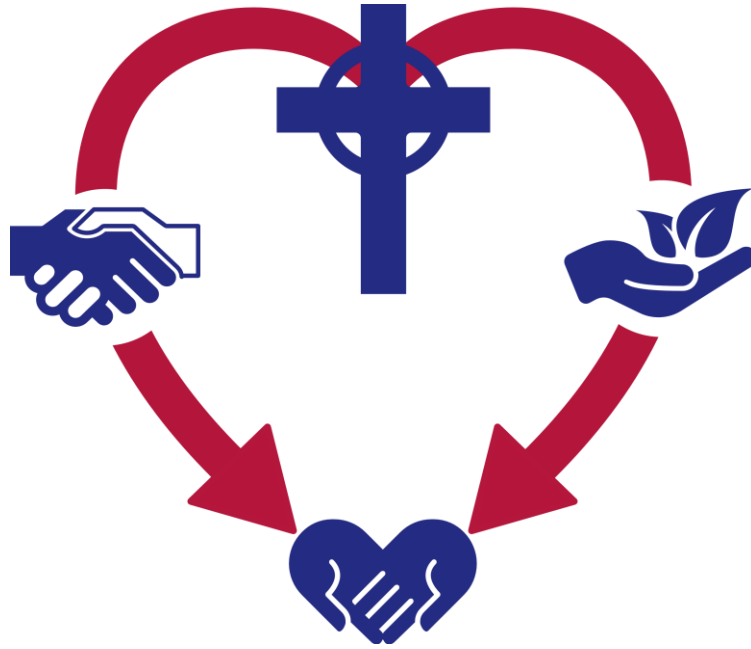
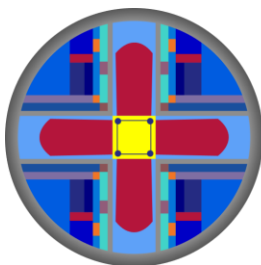


**We are imperfect believers, passionate
about sharing the love of Christ:
by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.**



**A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 24, 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 (Deuteronomy 5)

Leader: Moses summoned all Israel and said: Hear, Israel, the decrees and laws I declare in your hearing today. Learn them and be sure to follow them.

People: The LORD our God made a covenant with us at Horeb. It was not with our ancestors that the Lord made this covenant, but with us, with all of us who are alive here today.

Leader: The LORD spoke to you face to face out of the fire on the mountain... So be careful to do what the LORD your God has commanded you; do not turn aside to the right or to the left.

People: Walk in obedience to all that the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess. Amen.

Invocation and Lord's Prayer

*Opening Hymn #61

"Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect"

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 truth and love, you reveal yourself to us through your Spirit, in water, in bread and cup, and through our scriptures. Though you invite us into your story, we so often think it is our story alone. Though you speak to us your instructions for righteousness, we too often use your Law as a weapon against one another. Though you call us to lives of righteousness through the words of the prophets, we are too often deaf to your cries for justice and peace. Though you reveal your heart through the writings of the faithful, we ignore the cries of wisdom. Though we hear your good news, we do not trust it to be good. May we, like trees planted by streams of water, be deeply rooted in the word and wisdom you have revealed to us. Amen.

Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

People: Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon (Deuteronomy 26)

Leader: The LORD your God commands you this day to follow these decrees and laws; carefully observe them with all your heart and with all your soul. You have declared this day that the LORD is your God and that you will walk in obedience to [God], that you will keep [God's] decrees, commands and laws—that you will listen to [God]. And the LORD has declared this day that you are [God's] people, [God's] treasured possession as [God] promised, and that you are to keep all [God's] commands. [God] has declared that [God] will set you in praise, fame and honor high above all the nations [God] has made and that you will be a people holy to the LORD your God, as [God] promised.

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 #646**

"Sing Out My Soul"

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

"Take Me to the Alley"

by Gregory Porter

Kenneth Jones

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy

14:22-15:15

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 Just Society"

Responding to God's Word

Receiving of New Member

Rob Astin

*Affirmation of Our Faith (Apostle's Creed – Unison)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

*Responsive Hymn #756

“God of Every Nation”

Time of Meditation, Reflection
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Deuteronomy 30:19-

Prayers for the People

Volunteer

Respond: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom 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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sending Out Into the World

*Sending Hymn #759

“O God, We Bear the Imprint of Your Face”

*Charge and Blessing

*Congregational Benediction #543 (v.5)

“O Christ, Surround Me”

*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
Dana Tate, Lay Leader

