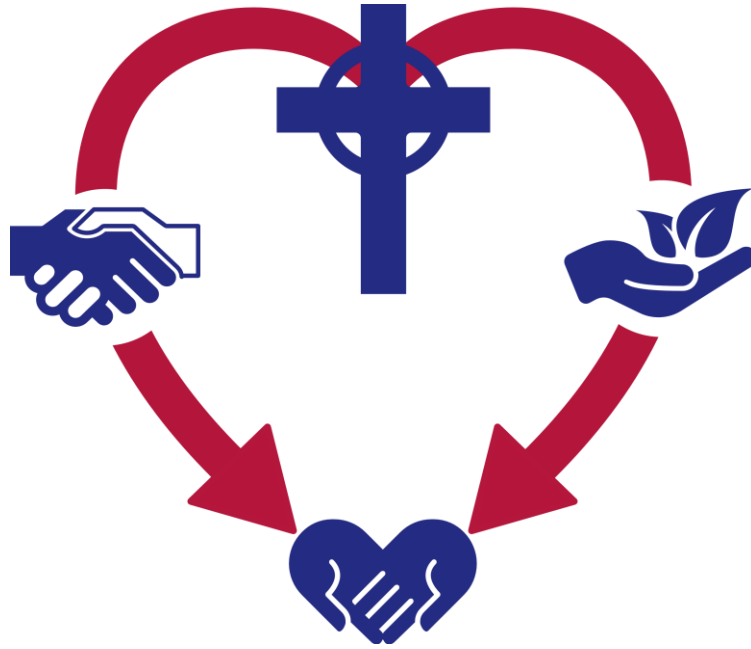
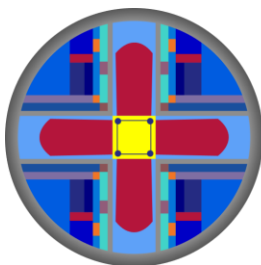


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about sharing the love of Christ:  
by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.



**A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day**  
**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 31, 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 (Romans 1)**

Leader: Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which God promised beforehand through the prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning God's Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

**People: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Invocation**

\*Opening Hymn #301

**"Let Us Build a House"**

### **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 – Romans 3:21-26**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good news of the Gospel, in Jesus the Christ we have been given grace!

**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**

**"Sympathy for Paul"**

by Derek Webb

AJ Ochart

**Scripture Reading**

**Romans 8:1-37**

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**

**"Dear Romans"**

**Responding to God's Word**

**\*Responsive Hymn**

**"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"**

**Prayers of the People and 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 #317

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

\*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  
Shannon Bryan, Accompanist  
Louise Ochart, Drew, and Piper: Lay Leaders

