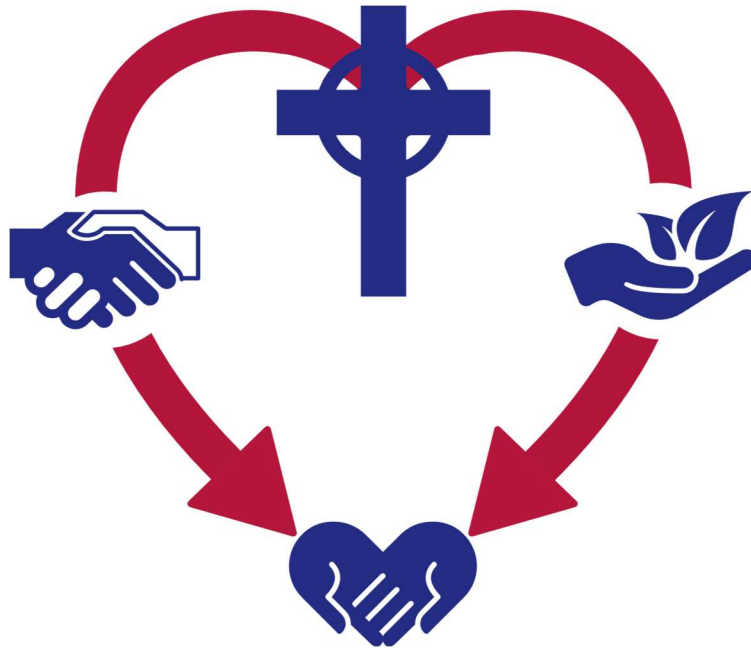
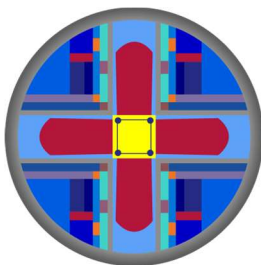


We are imperfect believers, passionate
about sharing the love of Christ:
by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.



A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 14, 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 (Genesis 12, 15)

Leader: Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you.

People: I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

Leader: I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse,

People: and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed...

Leader: Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them... So shall your descendants be.”

People: And [Abram] believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Amen.

Invocation

*Opening Hymn #51

“To Abraham and Sarah”

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 mercy and testing, you called Abraham to trust you with all that he loved, and you proved yourself faithful. We confess that our trust is often small, and our obedience falters.

We charge forward, thinking that we know your will, not questioning our own hubris. We cling to our own ways, protecting what is ours instead of considering others. We fear the cost of discipleship and doubt your power to provide.

Forgive us, Lord. Loosen our grip on all that we hold too tightly. Teach us the sound of your voice so that we may know when it is you speaking. Open our hearts to trust your promises and to follow where you lead, for we know that you have already provided the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world— our Savior, Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

People: Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Hear the good news: On the mountain, the LORD provided. God did not spare their own Son, but gave him up for us all. In Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, our sins are forgiven, our fears are lifted, our lives are made new. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel, in Jesus 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 #637 (v.1)**

"O Sing to the Lord"

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

Chancel Choir

"Psalm 150"

by Peter Anglea

Scripture Reading

Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14

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

"Troubling Instructions"

Responding to God's Word

*Responsive Hymn #850

"In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness"

New Members
Garcia

Wesley Blacketer and Mimi (Miriam)

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

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic (universal) church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Preparing Our Hearts for Prayer (#471)

"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

Prayers for the People

Shelby Wood

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 #648
Voices Raised"

"Thankful Hearts and

*Charge and Blessing

*Congregational Benediction #313 (v.2)

"Lord, Make us More Holy"

*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
Jennifer Massey, Lay Leader

