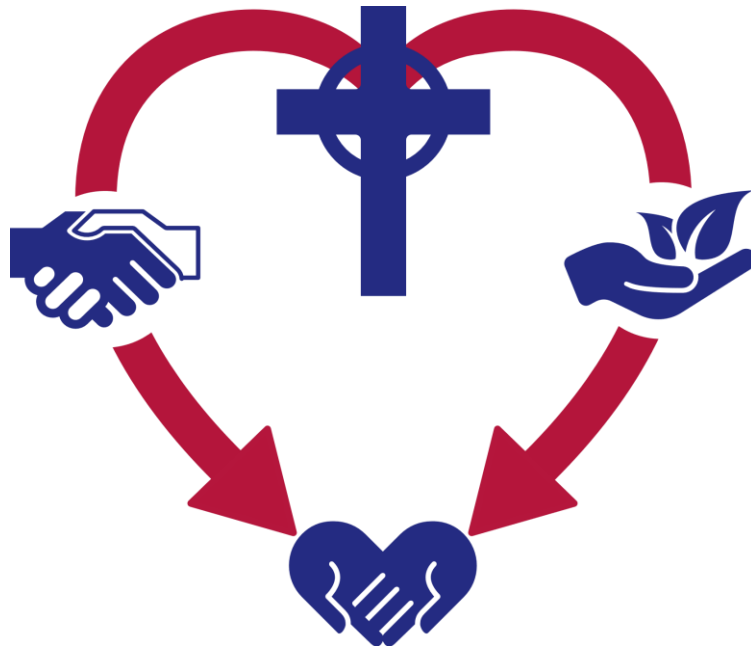
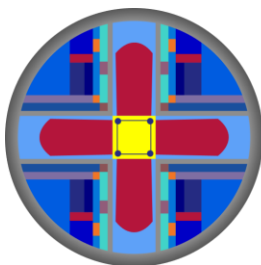


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about sharing the love of Christ:
by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.**



**A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 28, 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 (Exodus 3 CEB)

Leader: Don't come any closer! Take off your sandals because you are standing on holy ground.

People: I am the God of your father, Abraham's God, Isaac's God, and Jacob's God

Leader: I've clearly seen my people oppressed in Egypt I've heard their cry of injustice because of their slave masters. I know about their pain...

People: So get going. I'm sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people... out of Egypt. Amen.

Invocation

*Opening Hymn #330

"Our Help Is in the Name of God"

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 liberation. You are deeply aware of the suffering of your people. You have such deep solidarity with the poor and oppressed that the kindness we give to them is a kindness to you. You call us to care for the material and spiritual needs of our neighbors, and to bring them the freedom that your love brings. But we are frightened and are tempted to ignore your call. We seek proof of your presence and ask for signs of power. We harden our hearts to your calling and invent all sorts of excuses. We ask that you pick someone, anyone, else. Be with our mouths and our hands, call us to seek the liberation of ourselves and our neighbors. Be with our words and actions to dismantle structural racism and eradicate systemic poverty. Be with our eyes and ears to notice those around us who are crying out. Be with our gifts and resources to care for those in need. Help us to seek the solidarity with those who are oppressed more than scraps from our oppressors. Help us to do justice, to love mercy, and walk humbly with you. Amen.

Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

People: Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon (Exodus 20 CEB)**

Leader: I am the LORD who brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 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)

Special Music

Chancel Choir

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words

Scripture Reading

Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17

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

"The God Who Is"

Responding to God's Word

*Affirmation of Our Faith (Nicene Creed - Unison)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Responsive Hymn #50

“Deep in the Shadows of the Past”

Time of Meditation and Reflection

Exodus 6:2-5

Prayers for the People

Ann Paschall

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 #49

“The God of Abraham Praise”

*Charge and Blessing

*Congregational Benediction #313 (v.4)

“Lord, Make us More Holy”

*Postlude

Sanctuary Flowers – The flowers were placed in the sanctuary by Barbara Balentine in celebration of Frankie Balentine's 97th birthday on Sept. 30th.

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
Rita Batman, Lay Leader

