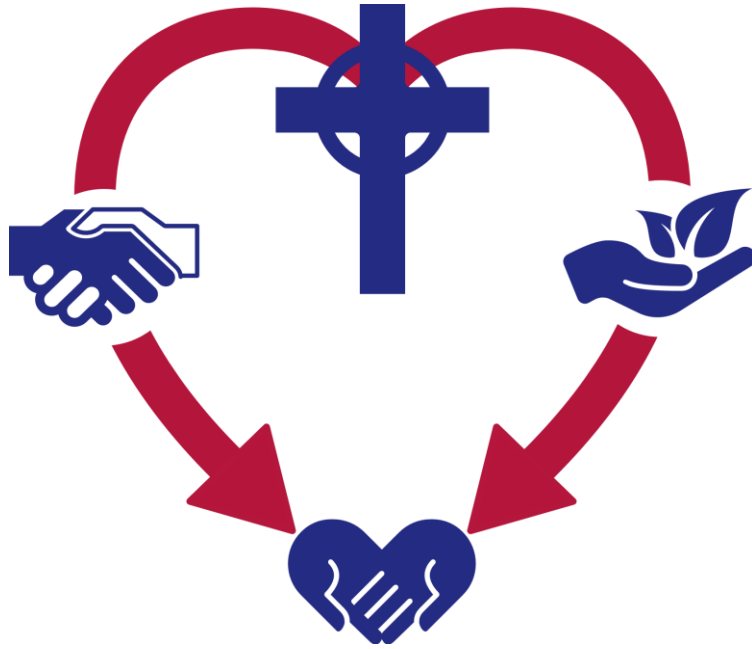
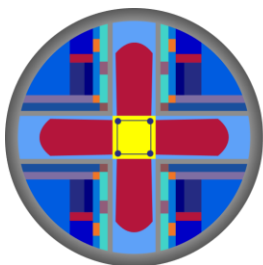


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about sharing the love of Christ:  
by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.**



**A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day  
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Remembrance of Baptism  
October 19, 2024**

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** (Psalm 51 CEB)

Leader: Create a clean heart for me, God;

**People: So that my tongue can sing of your righteousness.**

Leader: Please don't throw me out of your presence;

**People: please don't take your holy spirit away from me.**

Leader: Return the joy of your salvation to me

**People: and sustain me with a willing spirit.**

Leader: Then I will teach wrongdoers your ways,

**People: and sinners will come back to you. Amen.**

Invocation

\*Opening Hymn #421

“Have Mercy, God, Upon My Life”

### **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, our king. Our hearts have been stained with the darkness of this present age. We have lost the joy of the salvation that you have given us. You call us to serve you only, but we long to have human kings to follow. We choose human saviors, thinking that they will solve all our problems. We judge others by what we can see and hear, but do not listen to their deeper intentions. We choose leaders by their outward appearances rather than their hearts. We continue to follow them even when they have turned away from your ways. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a new and right spirit within us. Help us to repent and turn back to you and teach others to do the same. Help us to sing aloud of your deliverance for all. Amen.

## **Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession**

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

**People: Amen.**

### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: According to God's abundant mercy, our transgressions have been blotted out. God has washed us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleansed us from our sins. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel, in 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 #659**

**"Know That God Is Good"**

## **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**

**"By His Name"**

words and music by Jay Stocker

**Scripture Reading**

**1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 51:10-14**

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**

**"A Clean Heart"**

## Responding to God's Word

\*Hymn of Preparation for Baptism #490

“Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters”

Remembrance of Baptism

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 #423

“Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Congregational Benediction #745

“Now Go in Joy”

\*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  
Phil Beckwith, Lay Leader

