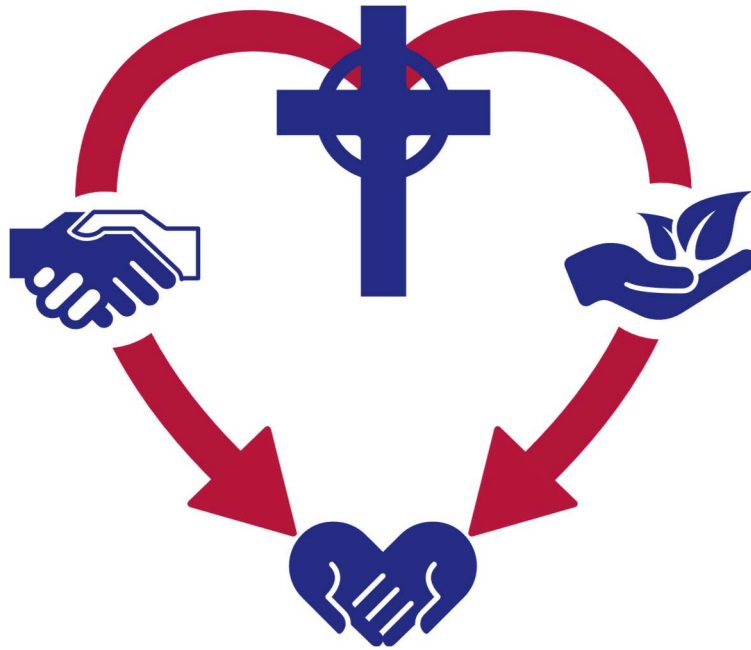
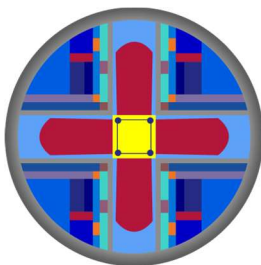


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about sharing the love of Christ:  
by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.



**A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day**  
**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 26, 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 (1 Kings 8 CEB)

Leader: LORD God of Israel, there is no god like you in heaven above or on earth below.

**People: You keep the covenant and show loyalty to your servants who walk before you with all their hearts.**

Leader: But how could God possibly live on earth?

**People: If heaven, even the highest heaven, can't contain you, how can this building that we have built contain you?**

Leader: Constantly watch over this place, the place that you said, "My name will be there," and listen to the prayers that your servants are praying towards this place.

**People: Listen from your heavenly dwelling place, and when you hear forgive! Amen.**

Invocation

\*Opening Hymn #321

"The Church's One Foundation"

## 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) (1 Kings 8)

Infinite God, you are not contained in our buildings or in our ideas of you, yet we try to fit you inside the boxes we have made for you. When we face the consequences for our actions, we pray that you would hear us and forgive. When we do injustice, restore us to relationship and your justice. When our enemies have victory over us because of our sin, help us to repent and give thanks to your name. When we face ecological disasters because of the way that we have treated your creation, teach us the best way to follow and repair the damage that we have done. When we face famine and pandemic, hear our prayers for mercy. Listen also to the immigrants who have come from distant lands because of your great reputation, listen from heaven so that all the people of the earth may know your reputation and revere you. When we make war and violence, listen and do what is right. When we sin against you and you hand us over to our enemies as prisoners far or near, and we change our hearts begging for

**your mercy, listen and forgive your people. Open your eyes to your servants' requests, hear when we cry out to you as you did our ancestors. Amen.**

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

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

**People: Amen.**

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

Leader: We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace in time of need. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel, in Jesus our high priest, 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**

**"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

**choral setting by Cindy Berry**

**Scripture Reading**

**1 Kings 5:1-18; 8:1-13**

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

"A Temple for God"

**Responding to God's Word**

**\*Affirmation of Our Faith (Heidelberg Catechism - Responsive)**

Leader: What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

**People: That I belong body and soul, in life and in death not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by the Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

**\*Responsive Hymn ##301**

**"Let Us Build a House"**

**Time of Meditation, Reflection**

**1 Kings 8:27, 30**

**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**

**Kenneth Jones**

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 #419**

**"Lord, Who May Dwell Within Your House"**

**\*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.



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Kenneth Jones, Director of Music  
Shannon Bryan, Accompanist  
Ann Paschall, Lay Leader

