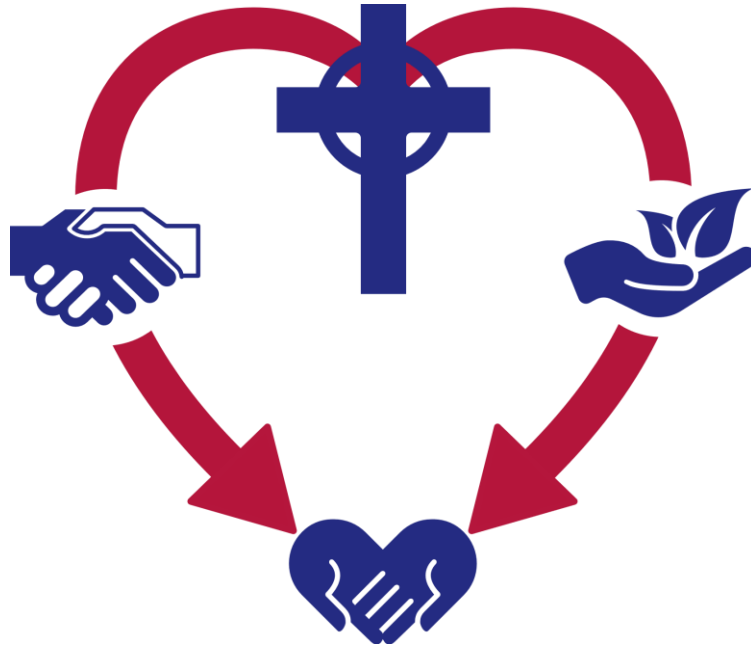
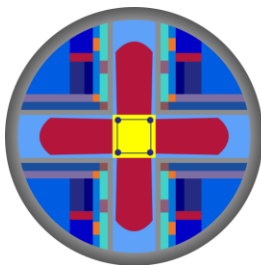


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about sharing the love of Christ:
by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.**



**A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Second Sunday of Advent
Sacrament of Communion
December 7, 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

Lighting of the Advent Candles (Ezekiel 36 CEB)

Leader: When I make myself holy among you in the sight of the nations, I will take you from them, I will gather you from all the countries, and I will bring you to your own fertile land.

People: I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be cleansed of all your pollution. I will cleanse you of all your idols.

Leader: I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you.

People: I will remove your stony heart from your body and replace it with a living one,

Leader: and I will give you my spirit so that you may walk according to my regulations and carefully observe my instructions.

People: Then you will live in the in the land that I gave to your ancestors, you will be my people, and I will be your God. Amen.

Hymn of Advent #85 (v.2)

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”

Leader: God of Peace, you have called us from every country, tribe, tongue, and nation, to become children of the Living God. Sometimes we feel that our bones are dried up, our hope is cut off, that we are cut off from your goodness. Our celebrations can feel hollow, haunted by the ghosts of Christmases past and those who are no longer with us. The world around us seems like it is driving ever towards ruin, war, and greed. In hope and defiance, we light the candle of Peace, longing for your restoration. Amen.

*Opening Hymn #94

“Now the Heavens Start to Whisper”

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 life and breath, you call us to trust in your renewing Spirit, yet we confess that we often live as though we are surrounded only by dry bones. We see what is broken in our world and lose hope that it can be restored. We notice what is brittle within our own hearts and doubt that your breath could ever bring us back to life. You ask, “Mortal, can these bones live?” Forgive us when we answer with fear instead of faith. Forgive us when we close

ourselves off from the possibilities of healing, justice, and peace. Forgive us when we forget that your Spirit still moves— still breathes—still creates life where we see only loss. Come to us again, Holy One. Speak your word over the dry and weary places in us. Breathe your Spirit into our lives and your church, that we may rise in hope and walk in your ways. In silent prayer, we offer to you the bones we carry...

Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

People: Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who receive him, who believe in his name, he gave the power to become children of God, born not of blood, or of the will of the flesh, or of the will of man, but of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Thanks for God's Forgiveness (#581)**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

***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 #90**

"Wait for 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

"Who But the Lord"

Craig Courtney

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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

"Dry Bones"

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn of Preparation for Communion #510

"We Gather Here"

Sacrament of Holy Communion (see liturgy on laminated card in pew rack)

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Sending Out Into the World

*Sending Hymn #89

"For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits"

*Charge and Blessing

*Congregational Benediction #103

"Come Now, O Prince of Peace"

*Postlude

Sanctuary Flowers – The flowers were placed in the sanctuary by contributor in honor/celebration of person or event.

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

