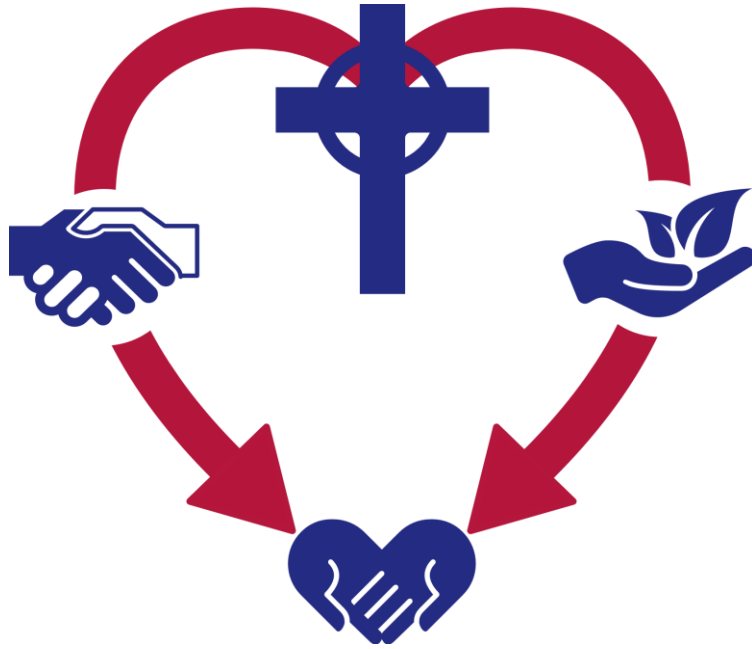
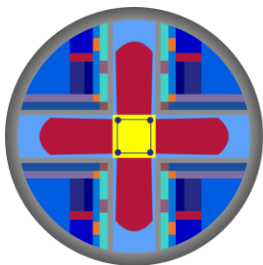


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about sharing the love of Christ:
by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.**



**A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Third Sunday of Advent
December 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

Lighting of the Advent Candles (from Isaiah 40 CEB)

Leader: Comfort, comfort my people! says your God.

People: Speak compassionately to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her penalty has been paid,

Leader: A voice is crying out: "Clear the Lord's way in the desert!

People: Make a level highway in the wilderness for our God!

Leader: Every valley will be raised up, and every mountain and hill will be flattened.

People: Uneven ground will become level, and rough terrain a valley plain.

Hymn of Advent #85 (v.3)

"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"

Leader: God of Joy, you have made a way for us in the wilderness to return to our home. You have welcomed us to the joyful feast of the people of God where we are filled with your living water, and where we can eat our fill without considering the cost. You come to us in Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us, and God for us. Fill us with your joy this season as we prepare your room. Amen.

*Opening Hymn #87

"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

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 restoration, we so often spend our time and money on things that do not fill and do not satisfy. We waste the abundance of food we have while others starve. We spoil the water so that others cannot enjoy it. Instead of calling our nation and others to peace, we put our trust in violence. Help us both to seek you and to find you. Let us join in the joyful song of all creation as we await the coming of your Kin-dom. In our silence, help us to recognize our shortcomings, and your abundant mercy...

Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

People: Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

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 #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

"Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room"

Lloyd Larson

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55:1-13

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

"Comfort and Joy"

Responding to God's Word

***Affirmation of Our Faith (Westminster Confession – Unison)**

It pleased God, in [God's] eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, [God's] only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and [humanity], the prophet, priest, and king; the head and Savior of his Church, the heir of all things, and judge of the world; unto whom [God] did, from all eternity, give a people to be his seed, and to be by him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

The Son of God, the second Person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance, and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon him [humanity's] nature, with all the essential properties and common infirmities thereof; yet without sin: being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the [humanity], were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and [humanity].

***Responsive Hymn #78**

“You Thirsty Ones, Come”

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

Jennifer Massey

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 #86**

“The People Who Walked in Darkness”

***Charge and Blessing**

***Congregational Benediction #103**

“Come Now, O Prince of Peace”

***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
Kendra Ivins, Lay Leader

