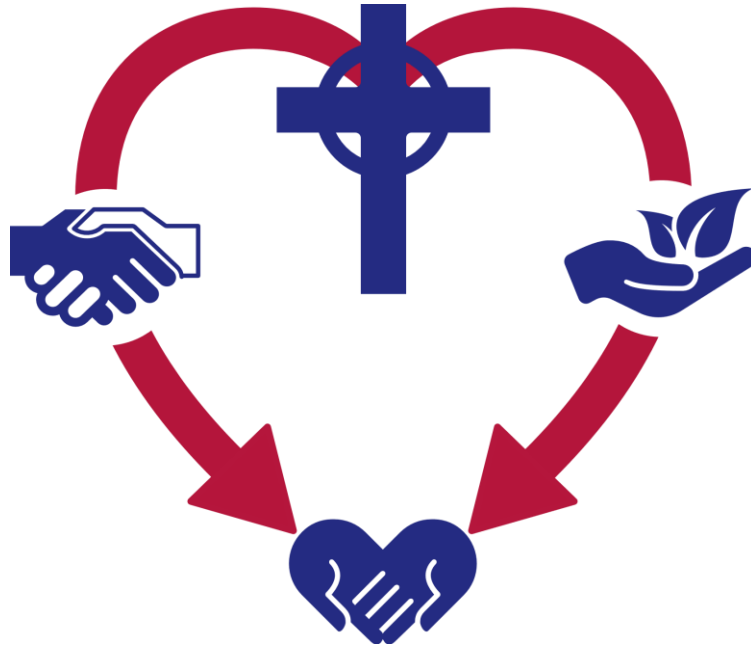
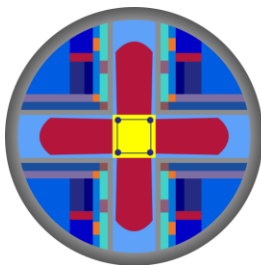


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about sharing the love of Christ:
by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.**



**A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Second Sunday of Christmas
Sacrament of Communion
January 4, 2026**

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 (John 1 CEB)

Leader: This is John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him, "Who are you?"...

People: John replied, "I am a voice crying out in the wilderness, Make the Lord's path straight, just as the prophet Isaiah said."

Leader: Those sent by the Pharisees asked, "Why do you baptize if you aren't the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?"

**People: John answered, "I baptize with water. Someone greater stands among you, whom you don't recognize. He comes after me, but I'm not worthy to untie his sandal straps."
Amen.**

Invocation

*Opening Hymn #827

"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

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 incarnation. You invite us into relationship, into the place where you live. But we too often shy away, afraid to get too close, afraid of what we will find, afraid of how it will change us. You invite us to follow, but we let our assumptions and biases get in the way of real relationship. You encourage us to share this deep solidarity with others, but we too often keep your good news to ourselves. Give us the courage and curiosity to 'come and see' for ourselves, and invite others to 'come and see' too. In the silence of this moment, invite us into deeper relationship with you and with one another...

Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

People: Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon (John 1 CEB)**

Leader: “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these! I assure you that you will see heaven open and God’s angels going up to heaven and down to earth on the Human One.” Friends, come and see the good news of the gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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 #631 (v.1)**

“In the Presence of Your People”

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

Kenneth Jones

“I Wonder as I Wander”

collected, adapted, arranged by John Jacob Niles

**Scripture Reading
(NRSVUE)**

John 1:35-51

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

“Come and See”

Responding to God's Word

***Hymn of Preparation for Communion #523**

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

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 #721**

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

***Charge and Blessing**

***Congregational Benediction #540**

"Farewell, Good Friends"

***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
Andy Croston, Lay Leader**

