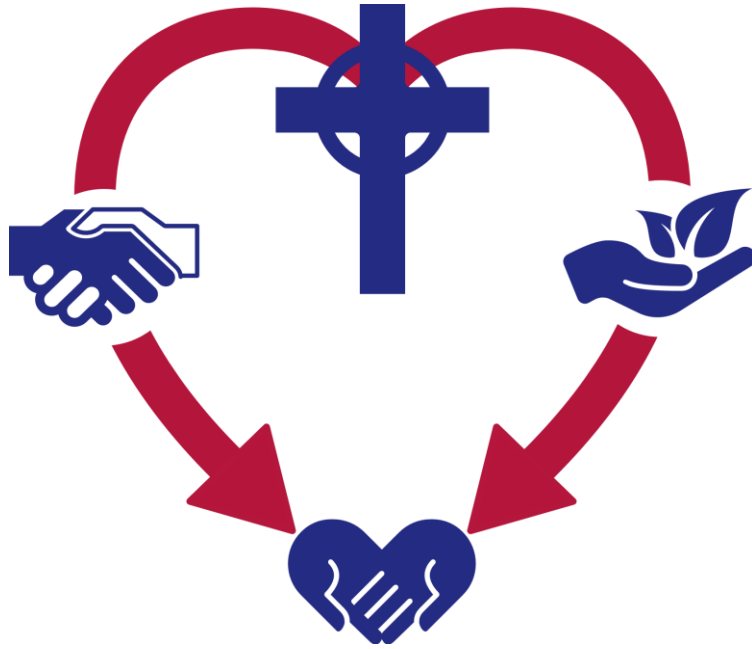
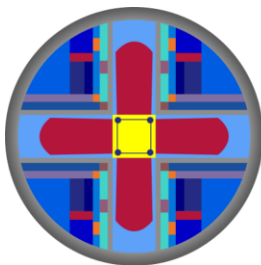


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about sharing the love of Christ:  
by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.**



**A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day  
First Sunday after Epiphany  
January 18, 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 (Psalm 69 CEB)**

Leader: Save me, God, because the waters have reached above my neck!

**People: I have sunk into deep mud. My Feet can't reach the bottom!...**

Leader: I am insulted because of you. Shame covers my face.

**People: I have become a stranger to my own [siblings], an immigrant to my mother's children.**

Leader: Because passion for your house has consumed me, the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me!

**People: I will praise God's name with song... because that is more pleasing to the LORD than an ox. Amen.**

Invocation

\*Opening Hymn #5

**"God the Sculptor of the Mountains"**

### **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 passion; you have built a Temple more magnificent than anything that we could imagine, but we cling to our cheap imitations. You call us to worship and praise you in Spirit and in Truth, but we have created marketplaces for our own enrichment. You give your grace freely, but we have created systems to constrict it from those deemed unworthy. Your justice flows down like an ever-living stream, but we have dammed that stream so that only those with power may have access. You passionately defend the weak and the marginalized, but we weaponize emotions against anyone who would question the status quo. Forgive us for our faithlessness and self-aggrandizement. In the silence of this moment, show us how to flip the tables in our hearts and in our world, trusting you alone...

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

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

**People: Amen.**

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

Leader: From Christ's fullness we have all received grace upon grace. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel, in Jesus we have been 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 #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**

**Chancel Choir**

**"All for Us"**

words and music by Jay Stocker

**Scripture Reading**

**John 2:13-25 (NRSVUE)**

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**

**"Uncivil Disobedience"**

## Responding to God's Word

\*Hymn of Preparation for Baptism #476

“Crashing Waters at Creation”

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 #394

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Congregational Benediction #540

“Farewell, Good Friends!”

\*Postlude

Sanctuary Flowers – the flowers were placed in the sanctuary today by Kenneth Jones in celebration of Margaret Jones' birthday today.

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  
Joey Tate, Lay Leader

