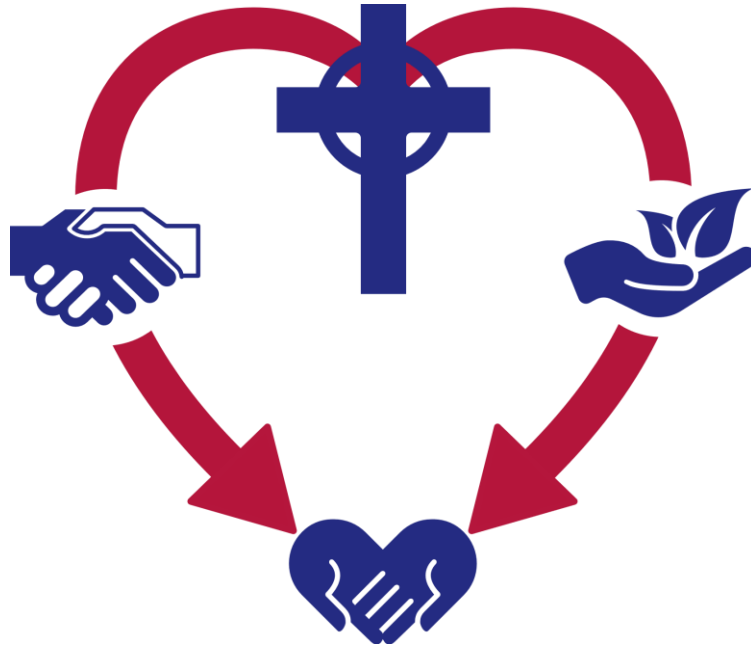
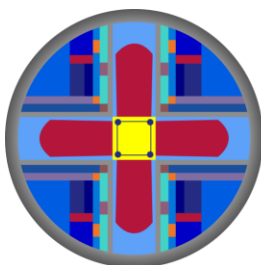


We are imperfect believers, passionate
about sharing the love of Christ:
by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.



A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 25, 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 3 CEB)

Leader: We speak about what we know and testify about what we have seen, but you don't receive our testimony.

People: If I have told you about earthly things and you don't believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?...

Leader: Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so must the Human One be lifted up so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life.

People: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life. Amen.

Invocation

*Opening Hymn #53

"O God, Who Gives Us Life and Death"

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 love; you loved us so dearly that you sent the Son into the world to save it. Jesus did not come into the world to condemn it, but we condemn one another. You greet us with compassion when we come to you, but we have a hard time listening to those who disagree with us. Your Spirit moves in ways that we cannot see or predict, yet we are mistrustful of anything that we cannot control. You speak to us of earthly things, yet even those are beyond our comprehension. Speak to us of heavenly things, let us be born afresh by your Spirit, and let us feel your steadfast lovingkindness. In the silence of this moment, speak to us not of condemnation but of your loving compassion...

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)

Scripture Reading

John 3:1-21 (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

"Jesus"

Responding to God's Word

***Affirmation of Our Faith (Apostle's Creed – Unison)**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

***Responsive Hymn #634**

“To God Be the Glory”

Time of Meditation and Reflection

John 7:50-52

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 #774**

“There Is Now a New Creation”

***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
Jennifer Massey, Lay Leader**

