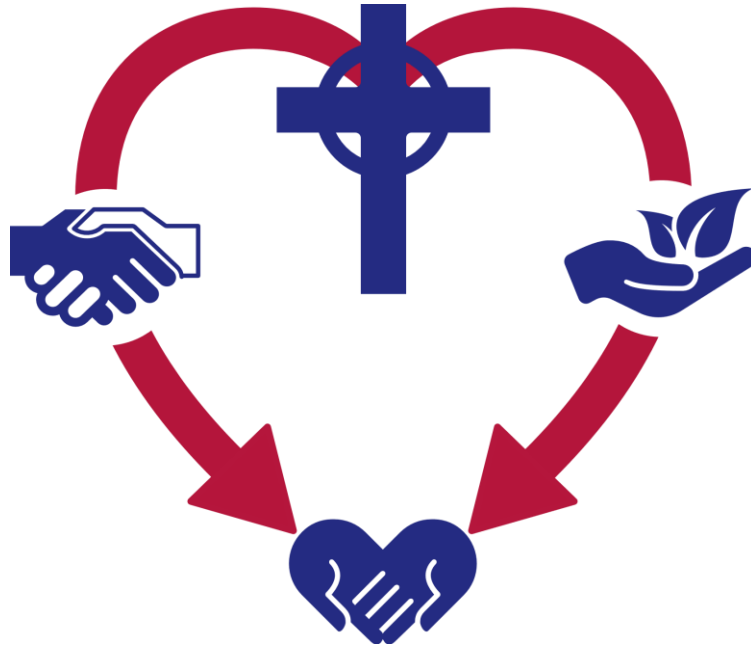
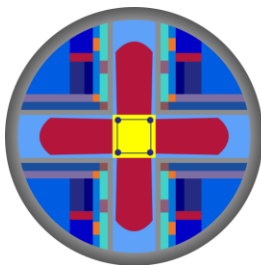


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about sharing the love of Christ:
by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.**



**A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
First Sunday of Lent
February 22, 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

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

People: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast-loving-kindness.

Leader: For forty days and nights the rain fell, and the waters covered the face of the earth.

People: Lead us, O Lord, from death to life. Amen.

Invocation

*Opening Hymn #286

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

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 resurrection, call us out of our slumber and death to your abundance and everlasting life! We are asleep to the injustice that surrounds us, blind to the systems and structures by which we prosper over others; willfully ignorant of our own oppression and our solidarity with all who struggle. We are dead in our sins, buried under our own actions and the systems under which we succeed and suffer. Come to wake us up, O resurrection and life, call us out of our graves, and remove that which binds us. In the silence of this moment, speak to us of life, and death, and life everlasting...

Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

People: Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Listen to the words of Jesus, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believe in me will never die. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel, Jesus is the first fruits of our own resurrection!

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 #626**

“As the Deer”

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

**“Lead Me to Calvary”
arranged by Howard Helvey**

Scripture Reading

John 11:1-44 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

“Bring Me to Life”

Responding to God's Word

***Affirmation of Our Faith (Scots Confession - Unison)**

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by [God's] inscrutable providence for such end as [God's] eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of [God's] own glory. Amen.

Time of Meditation and Reflection (1 Corinthians 15:50-55)

Ann Paschall

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 #166

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

Congregational Meeting

*Charge and Blessing

Congregational Benediction

"Love Will Be Our Lenten Calling"

sung to the PICARDY tune ("Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"), words by Elizabeth J. Smith

Love will be our Lenten calling, love to shake and shatter sin,
waking every closed, cold spirit, stirring new life deep within,
till the quickened heart remembers what our Easter birth can mean.

*Postlude

Sanctuary Flowers – the flowers were placed in the sanctuary by Heather Murtaugh's in celebration of Ricky Murtaugh's 2nd birthday on the 20th.

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
Louise Ochart, Lay Leader

