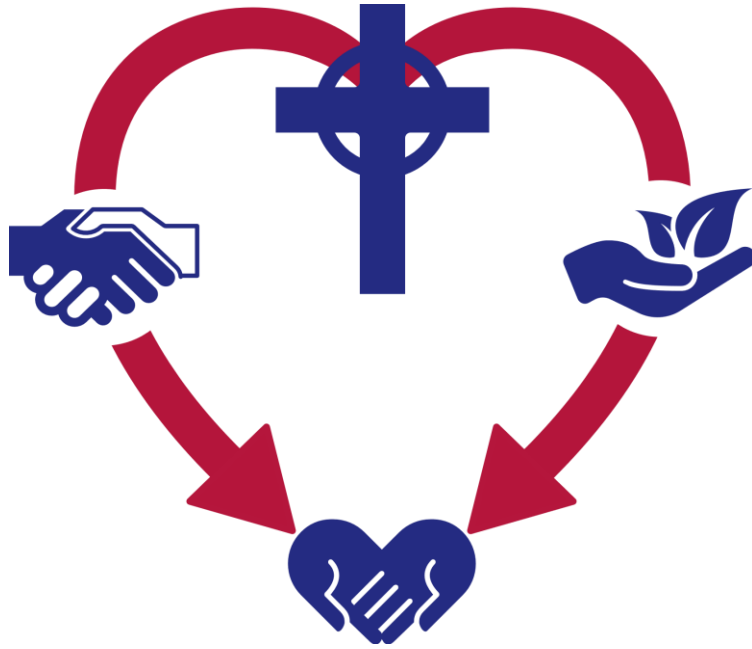
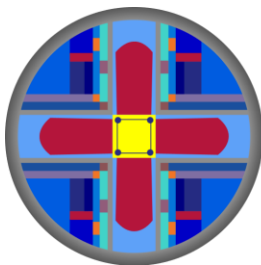


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about sharing the love of Christ:  
by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.**



**A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day  
Third Sunday of Lent  
Sacrament of Communion  
March 8, 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

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

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

Leader: For forty years the people wandered, seeking the land of God's promise.

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

Invocation

\*Opening Hymn #211

“Hear, O Lord, My Plea for Justice”

### **We Acknowledge Our Brokenness and Seek Reconciliation with God**

Preparing Our Hearts for Confession - “Confession”

Words/Music by Kenneth Jones

(front cover of hymnal)

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)

Gracious Lord, we try to follow you rightly, but we too often deny you with our actions and our words. We think that we are doing your will by enforcing law and order, we think we are making your peace by making war, we think we are bringing your kingdom by causing chaos; but we are deceiving ourselves and others. Help us to follow you without fear and to openly acknowledge who you are and who we are. In the silence of this moment speak to us of the ways that we have denied you by what we have done, and by what we have left undone; and speak also of your merciful-loving-kindness that forgave before we even fell...

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

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

**People: Amen.**

### **\*Assurance of Pardon (John 20)**

Leader: Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel, in Jesus the 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 #48**

**"Rain Down"**

## **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**

**"My Song Is Love Unknown"**

music by Larry Shackley

**Scripture Reading**

**John 18:12-27**

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**

**"All the Right things for All the Wrong Reasons"**

## Responding to God's Word

\*Hymn of Preparation for Communion #523  
Hungry Heart”

“You Satisfy the

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 #215

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

\*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 Smith

Peace will be our Lenten living as we turn for home again,  
longing for the words of pardon, stripping off old grief and pain,  
till we stand, restored and joyful, with the Church on Easter day.

\*Postlude

Sanctuary Flowers – The flowers were placed in the sanctuary by Heather Murtaugh in honor of Rick and Piper's birthdays on March 7th and 8th.

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  
Phil Beckwith, Lay Leader

