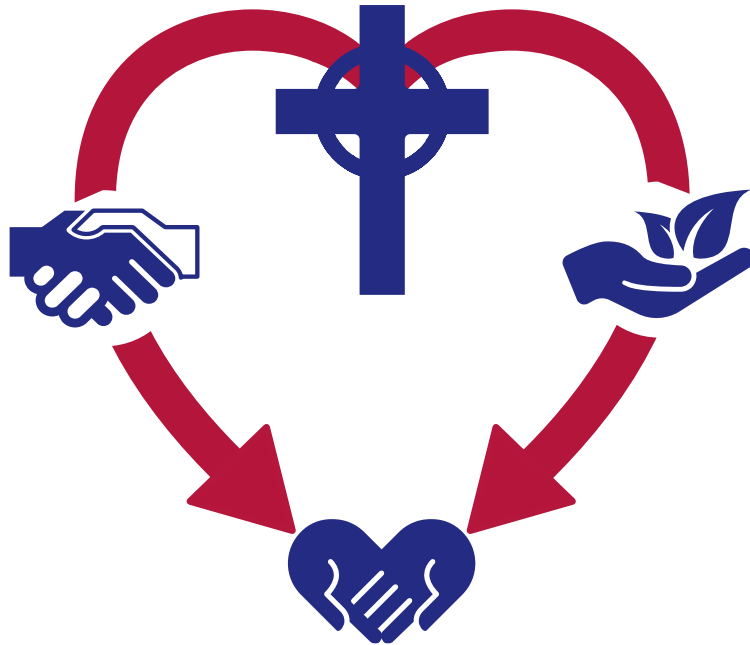


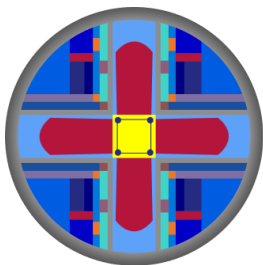
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about sharing the love of Christ:
by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.



A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 15, 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.

We Gather to Worship God



St. Andrews
Presbyterian Church

***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: Elijah traveled forty days in the wilderness to hear the voice of God in the silence.

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

Invocation

***Opening Hymn #269**

“Lead On, O King Eternal!”

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)

King of kings and Lord of Lords, your kingdom is not of this world, and does not operate according to the assumptions or use the methods of the kingdoms and nations of this world. Your kingdom is one in which the leader puts his own life into danger to save all his people. Your kingdom is one in which the leader deescalates violence so that enemies are spared. Your kingdom is one in which the assassination of its leader is the defining victory, vindicated by his resurrection. Your kingdom is one in which we are to follow his example, to care for the poor and needy, to love our enemies, to care for those who are pushed to the edges. Yet while we claim to be a Christian nation, we use the same violence, manipulation, and greed of any other nation. We preach peace and yet we prosecute war. In the silence of this moment call us afresh to your kingdom, help us to courageously see where our own actions are not aligned with our true allegiance, and help us to boldly proclaim a kingdom which is not of this world...

Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

People: Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon (John 19)**

Leader: You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice. 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 (#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 #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

"O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"
music by Lloyd Larson

Scripture Reading

John 18:28-40

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

"Not From This World"

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 #720

"Jesus Calls us"

*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 in loving memory of Kathleen Connor by her daughter Lisa Duron.

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
Ann Paschall, Lay Leader

