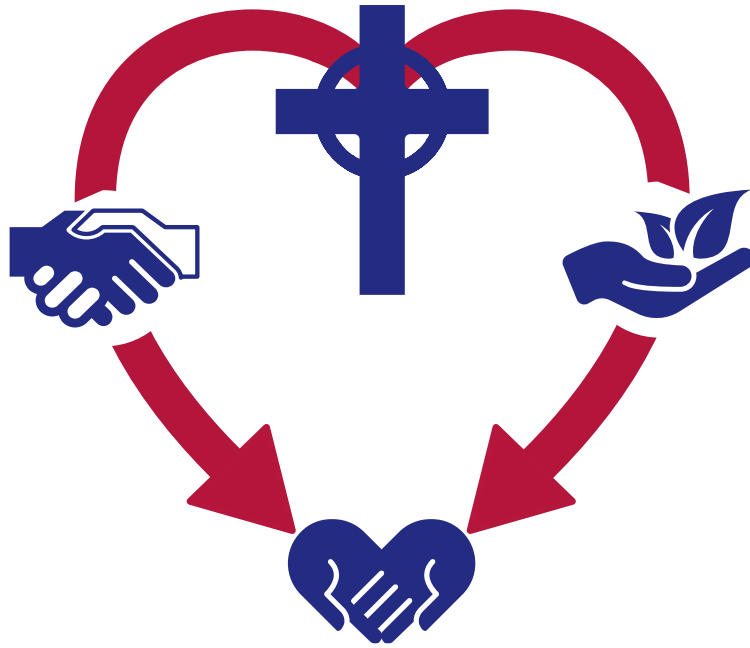


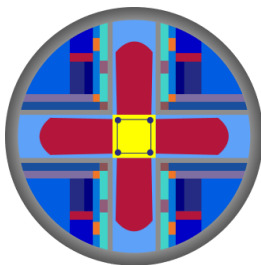
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about sharing the love of Christ:  
by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.



**A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day**  
**Palm/Passion Sunday**  
**March 29, 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: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

**People: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

Leader: Lo, your king comes to you;

**People: triumphant and victorious is he,**

Leader: humble and riding on a donkey,

**People: on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

**Invocation**

\*Opening Hymn #197

**“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”**

**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)**

Hosanna, save us; blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We welcome you with palms of victory, but you come to us humbly. We want a strong man on a war horse, but you come to us riding on a common donkey. We want a king who will defeat and demoralize our enemies, but you come to us as a victim and invite us to die to ourselves. You come to turn all our conceptions of power and victory on their heads, but we are addicted to dominance, control, and growth. In the silence of this moment, speak to us of our love of power and our discomfort with your humility....

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

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

**People: Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon (John 12)**

Leader: Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 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**

**"He Comes in the Name of the Lord!"**

arranged by Lloyd Larson

**Scripture Reading**

**John 12:12-27**

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**

**"Boots on the Ground"**

**Responding to God's Word**

**\*Response Hymn #196**

**"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"**

## **\*Affirmation of Our Faith (Theological Declaration of Barmen)**

“Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way unto him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body [is] joined and knit together” (Eph. 4:15,16).

The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of appearance.

We reject the false doctrine, as though the church were permitted to abandon the form of its message and order to its own pleasure or to changes in prevailing ideological and political convictions.

## **Lord’s Prayer**

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 #218**

“Ah, Holy Jesus!”

### **\*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

Truth will be our Lenten learning, hear the crucified one call!  
Shadowed by the Savior’s passion, images and idols fall,  
And, in Easter’s holy splendour, God alone is all in all.

### **\*Postlude**

**Sanctuary Flowers** – the flowers placed in the sanctuary by Sandee Cribbs, “For my dear sister in Christ, Patricia Bogle. We celebrate your life today. May you forever rest in the arms of Yaweh”

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  
Sandee Cribbs, Lay Leader

