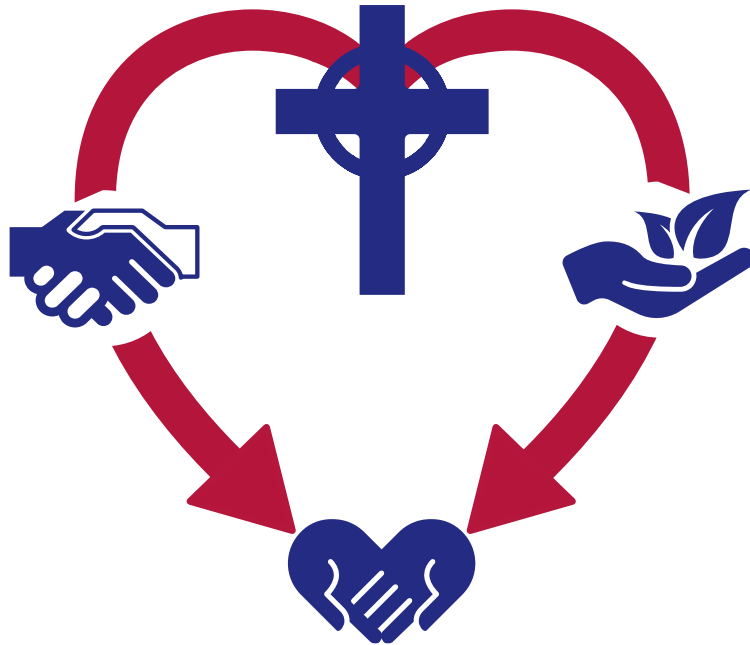
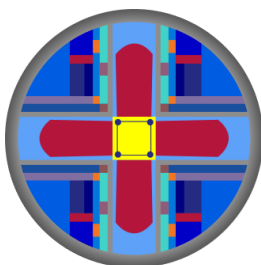


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about sharing the love of Christ:  
by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.



**A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day**  
**Fourth Sunday after Easter**  
**April 26, 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 (Philippians 1)**

Leader: I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ...

**People: for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel...**

Leader: And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless,

**People: having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. Amen.**

**Invocation**

\*Opening Hymn #275

**"A Mighty Fortress Is Our 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 liberation, you work through us even in our failures. We are caught up in a world of exploitation but only act when it affects us personally. We live in a world in which market value supersedes human value and are lured by its logic. We listen to the exploiters over their victims and follow the mob in passing judgement. We punish and imprison the innocent. Help us to see the blessing in all of the gifts that you have given us. Inspire us to sing your praise even in our chains. Help us to experience the freedom that you have given us and extend it even to our captors. Give us the strength to stand for justice and hold the powerful accountable for their actions. Amen.

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

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

**People: Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Siblings, believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.

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 #240 (v.2)**

**"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"**

**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**

**Kenneth Jones and AJ Ochart**

**"Faithfulness"**

by Joel Raney, Lyrics by Thomas Obadiah Chisholm

**Scripture Reading**

**Acts 16:16-40**

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**

**"Quagmire"**

**Responding to God's Word**

**\*Response Hymn #696**

**"O God, You Are My God Alone"**

**\*Affirmation of Our Faith (From the Brief Statement of Faith – Unison)**

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Time of Meditation and Reflection

Philippians 2:16-18

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 #329

“God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength”

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Congregational Benediction #246 (v.1)

“Christ Is Alive!”

\*Postlude

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  
Dana Tate, Lay Leader

