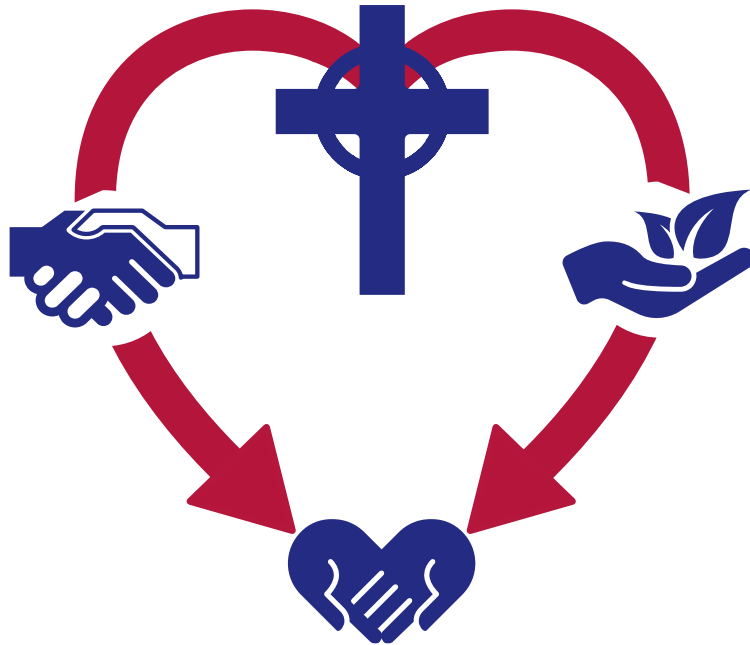
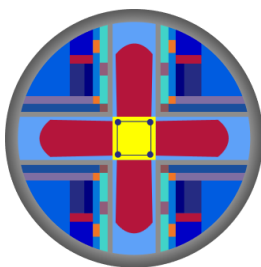


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about sharing the love of Christ:
by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.



A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Fifth Sunday after Easter
May 3, 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 (Epimenides, J. Rendel Harris' translation)

Leader: They fashioned a tomb for you,

People: **holy and high one,...**

Leader: But you are not dead: you live and abide forever,

People: **For in you we live and move and have our being. Amen.**

Invocation

*Opening Hymn #12

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

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)

God in whom we live and move and have our being, you have spoken to us and adopted us as your children. We carry forth the thoughts and traditions of our ancestors, rooted deeply in our tradition. But we too often doubt the ways that you speak to others around us, and that you have spoken to their ancestors as well. We refuse to listen to the voices of those long silenced, to those who have sung your praise even under oppression. We objectify the thoughts of white men, and qualify the thoughts of anyone else. We let our small minds limit your great love; expecting you to think and act and hate in all the ways that we do. Forgive us for our ignorance. Help us to learn from the ways that you have spoken, help us listen to the ways that you are speaking, and help us to see your face in all those around us. 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, in the Living God we live and move and have our being; in the name of the one that God raised from the dead, we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Thanks for God's Forgiveness (#581; no repeats)**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, it 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 #19 (v.1)**

"God of Great and God of Small"

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

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

by William Marion Runyan, Arranged by Dan Forrest

Scripture Reading

Acts 17:16-34

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

"As Your Own Poets Have Said"

Responding to God's Word

***Hymn of Preparation for Communion #523**

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

Sacrament of Holy Communion (see liturgy on laminated card in pew rack)

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Words of Institution
Invitation to the Table
Communion of the People
Prayer after Communion

Sending Out Into the World

*Sending Hymn #317

“In Christ There is No East or West”

*Charge and Blessing

*Congregational Benediction #539 (v.1)

“We Will Go Out With Joy”

*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
Joey Tate, Lay Leader

