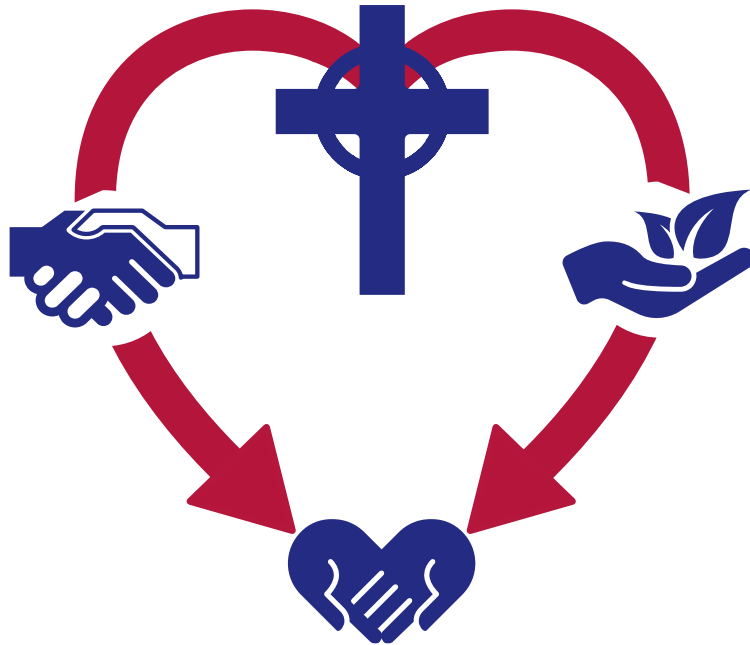
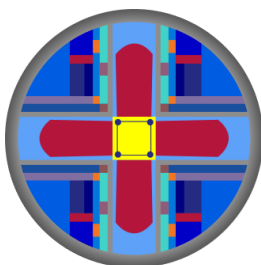


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about sharing the love of Christ:  
by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.



**A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day  
Sixth Sunday after Easter  
Mothers' Day  
May 10, 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

Leader: Mothering God, For your creative, creating energy,

**People: We give you thanks.**

Leader: For groaning in labor pains,

**People: We give you thanks.**

Leader: For the tears you shed,

**People: We give you thanks.**

Leader: For the shelter of your wings,

**People: We give you thanks.**

Leader: For stirring our nests and carrying us aloft,

**People: We give you thanks.**

Leader: For feeding us and weaning us and holding us,

**People: We give you thanks.**

Leader: For the fierce strength of your love,

**People: We give you thanks. Amen.**

Invocation

\*Opening Hymn #396

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

## 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)

Mothering God, you have begun a good work in us. You have knit us together in our mothers' wombs and stood beside them as midwives before we took our first breath. Yet like defiant toddlers we have done what we wanted to do, testing the boundaries we can break. Like rowdy teenagers we have resented your care, rebelling from your wisdom. Like adults we have slowly realized the lessons that you always sought to teach us. Help us to grow into the image you have of us, and love others as you have loved 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: I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. Siblings, 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 #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**

### **Scripture Reading**

**Philippians 1:1-18a**

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Time for Young Disciples**

(Children are dismissed at this time for Children's Church and Bible Builds)

### **Special Music**

**Chancel Choir**

**"Let the Redeemed of the Lord"**

Michael Barrett

### **Proclamation of God's Word**

**Rev. AJ Ochart**

**"The One Who Began a Good Work in You"**

## Responding to God's Word

### \*Affirmation of Our Faith (Apostle's Creed – Unison)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

### \*Responsive Hymn #761

“Called as Partners in Christ's Service”

### Preparing Our Hearts for Prayer (#471)

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

### Prayers for the People

Respond: 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 #767

“Together We Serve”

### \*Charge and Blessing

### \*Congregational Benediction #539 (v.1)

“We Will Go Out with Joy”

### \*Postlude

Sanctuary Flowers - the flowers were given by Phil and Claudia Beckwith, “in celebration of our daughter Jean's birthday who we are justly proud of.”

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  
Louise Ochart and Youth, Lay Leaders

