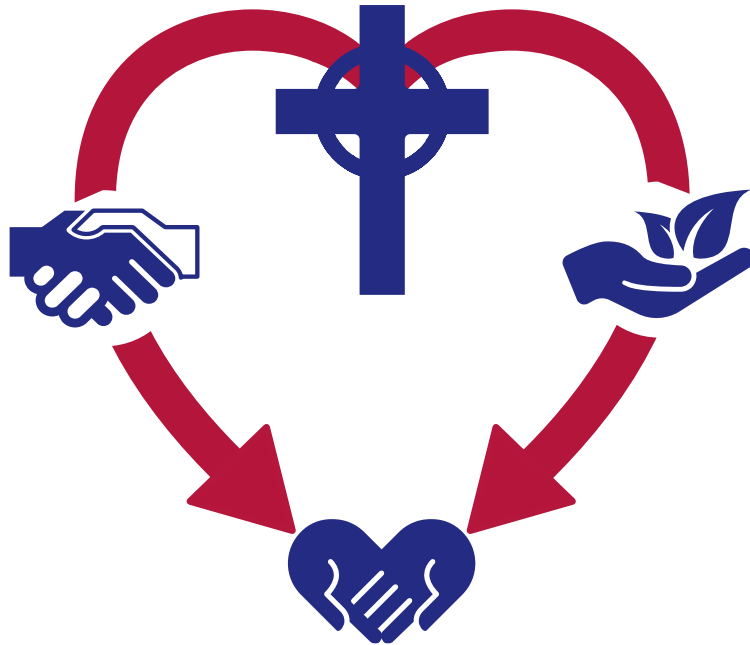
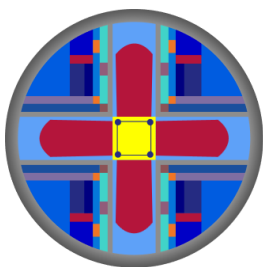


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about sharing the love of Christ:  
by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.



**A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day**  
**Sixth Sunday after Easter**  
**May 17, 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 2 the MESSAGE)**

Leader: Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself.

**People: He had equal status with God but did not think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all.**

Leader: When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became *human!*

**People: Having become human, he stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process.**

Leader: He didn't claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death- and the worst kind of death at that- a crucifixion.

**People: Because of that obedience, God lifted him high and honored him far above anyone or anything, ever, so that all created beings in heaven and on earth- even those long dead and buried- will bow and worship before this Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Invocation

\*Opening Hymn #826

“Lift High the Cross”

## 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)

Humble Jesus. We are called to empty ourselves and live only for the glory of God, but we so often fail. We cling to our privilege and power, falsely claiming that we have earned everything that we have. We make ourselves masters over the created world and over our fellow humans. We live only for ourselves and for those who look and act and think the way that we do. We would rather use you as a mascot than accept you as a martyr. We lift up a version of you that is politically expedient, rather than a truthful one that asks us to empty ourselves. Teach us your humility, show us how we must empty ourselves and become servants to one another. In the silence of this moment, show us how to bend our knee before you...

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

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

**People: Amen.**

### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Therefore, God highly honored him and gave him a name above all names, so that at the name of Jesus everyone in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 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**

### **Time for Young Disciples**

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

### **Special Music**

**Chancel Choir**

**"Beautiful Savior!"**

By Lloyd Larson

### **Scripture Reading**

**Philippians 2:1-13**

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**

**"Divestment"**

## 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 #264

“At the Name of Jesus”

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Congregational Benediction #539 (v.1)

“We Will Go Out with Joy”

\*Postlude

Sanctuary Flowers - the flowers were given by Ann and Micheal Paschall in memory of their mothers, Peggy Paschall and Millie Garrison.

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 Leaders

