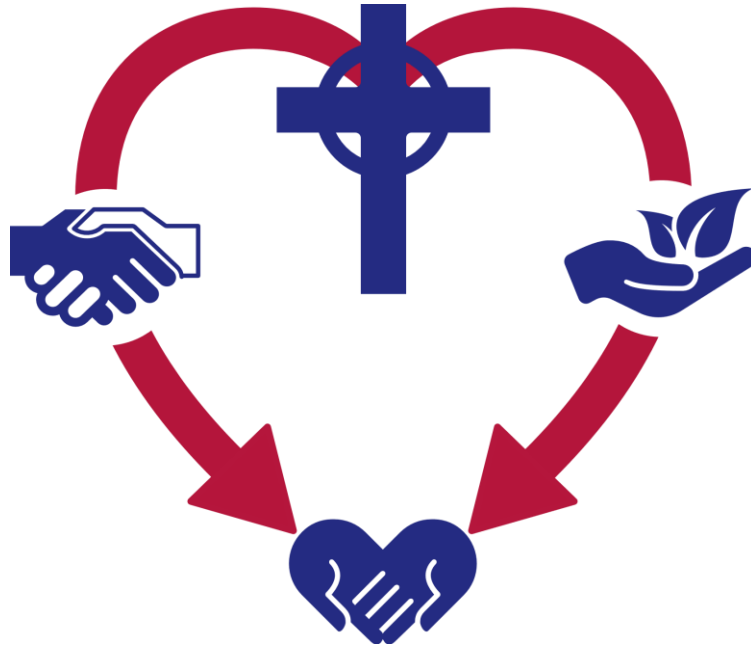
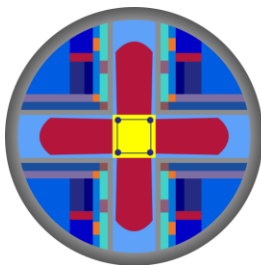


**We are imperfect believers, passionate  
about sharing the love of Christ:  
by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.**



**A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day  
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
June 21, 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: In the image of God, you created everything and called it good! In abundant diversity, your likeness is found in us. We reject all messages that belittle or degrade any among us. And so in faithfulness to God and one another we proclaim:

**People: Sacred are our bodies of every size and dis/ability.**

Leader: Blessed are our sexualities, drawing us towards love of many kinds.

**People: Beloved is every gender, revealing you in different ways.**

Leader: To our skin, beautiful in every shade, we say hallelujah! Praise God, our Creator, who blesses us with this world, these bodies, and our fellow creatures, all created good, very good. Amen.

Invocation

\*Opening Hymn #766

“The Church of Christ Cannot be Bound”

### 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 covenant, you call us to be in relationship with one another, and even to treat others as better than ourselves. Yet we are too quick to put our own desires and needs above those of our neighbors. We watch out for our own, and do not make any room for others. We let our ego and ambition lead to the destruction of our neighbors and nature, and demand that others do the same. Help us to love others as our own souls and to intercede for those who would do them harm. In the silence of this moment, speak to us of our relationships and how we might show your love through them...

Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

**People: Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Beloved child of God, The one who has begun a good work in you will see it to completion in the day of our Lord. You are a divine work in progress, Every day you are transitioning more and more into the image of Christ, God is not done with you yet. In the name of Jesus, 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 #40 (Refrain)**

**"God's Word is Upright"**

**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**

**Kellen Jones**

**"God Help the Outcasts"**

Music by Allen Menken, Lyrics by Steven Schwartz

**Scripture Reading**

**1 Samuel 18:1-5; 20:1-4, 35-42; 2 Samuel 1:17-27**

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**

**"Greater than the Love of Women"**

## Responding to God's Word

\*Hymn of Preparation for Baptism #476

"Crashing Waters of Creation"

### Remembrance of Baptism

Respond: Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The Hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For your reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

## Sending Out Into the World

\*Sending Hymn #769

"For Everyone Born"

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Congregational Benediction #702 (v.3)

"Christ Be Beside Me"

\*Postlude

Sanctuary Flowers - The flowers today were given by Margaret Borry in loving memory of Michael Borry, December 17, 1975 to June 6, 2012.

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

