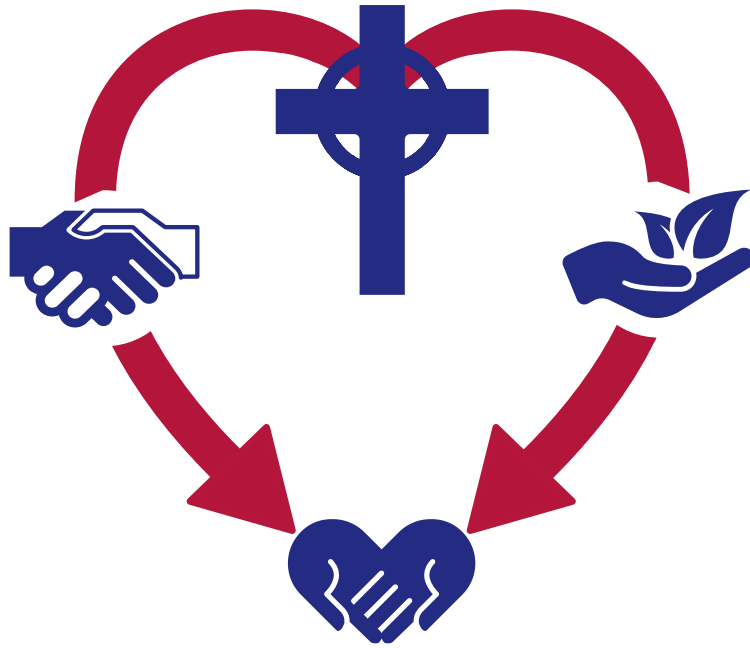
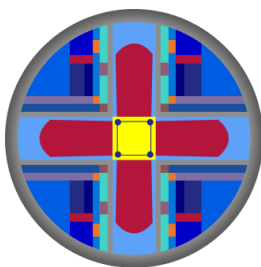


We are imperfect believers, passionate
about sharing the love of Christ:
by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.



A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 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 (Psalm 113- Anglican Church of New Zealand)

Leader: Praise the Lord.

People: O praise the Lord, you servants of the Lord.

Leader: The Lord lifts the weak out of the dust

People: and raises the poor from the dung-heap

Leader: to make them sit with princes

People: with the princes of God's people.

Leader: The Lord gives the barren woman a home

People: and makes her the joyful mother of children.

All: O praise the Lord. Amen.

Invocation

***Opening Hymn #757**

"Today We Are All Called to Be Disciples"

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)

Lord of all Creation, we are all your children, created in your image. Yet we separate and stratify, we see ourselves as better than some and worse than others. We are thankful for the benefits that we have, but are wary of extending them to others. We do not join in the struggle with others because we do not see their struggle as our own. Help us to see and work towards the liberation that you offer, not only for ourselves, but for all our siblings. In the silence of this moment, help us to see the struggle of those around us, and the ways that you are calling us to participate...

Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

People: Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—
and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. 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 #659**

"Know That God is Good"

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

"Discovery on Adventure Island"

Scripture Readings

**Numbers 27:1-11; Psalm 113;
1 Corinthians 12:14-26; Matthew 25:31-46**

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

"Deep Solidarity"

Responding to God's Word

***Response Hymn #767**

"Together We Serve"

***Affirmation of Our Faith (Confession of Belhar – Unison)**

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that the credibility of this message is seriously affected and its beneficial work obstructed when it is proclaimed in a land which professes to be Christian, but in which the enforced separation of people on a racial basis promotes and perpetuates alienation, hatred and enmity; Therefore, we reject any doctrine which, in such a situation, sanctions in the name of the gospel or of the will of God the forced separation of people on the grounds of race and color and thereby in advance obstructs and weakens the ministry and experience of reconciliation in Christ.

Time of Meditation and Reflection

James 5:1-6

Respond: Sacred Creator, I honor and revere who you are. I am humbled before you. Your domain encompasses above as well as below, my inner self and my external world. Thank you for providing all that I need today. Please forgive my human failings as I forgive others theirs. Guide me on the path that is right for me, and help me avoid what is not right. I acknowledge you are the architect of all that is. Thank you for lovingly enfolding me into your Being. Amen.

Sending Out Into the World

***Sending Hymn #339**

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

***Charge and Blessing**

***Congregational Benediction #549**

“May the Love of the Lord”

***Postlude**

The flowers for this morning are in honor of Shannon Bryan on her last Sunday with us, with blessings for the future.

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

