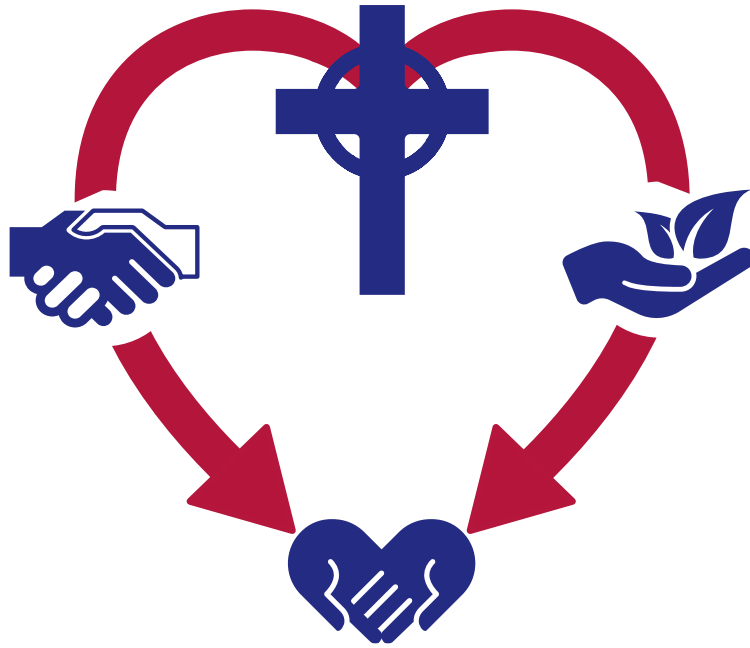
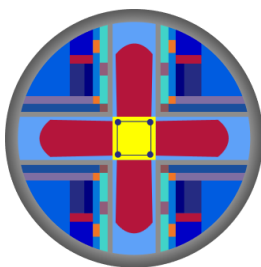


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about sharing the love of Christ:
by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.



A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 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 (Jeremiah 17 CEB)

Leader: Cursed are those who trust in mere humans, who depend on human strength and turn their hearts from the LORD.

People: They will be like a desert shrub that doesn't know when relief comes.

Leader: Happy are those who trust in the LORD, who rely on the LORD.

People: They will be like trees planted by the streams, whose roots reach down to the water.

Leader: They won't fear drought when it comes; their leaves will remain green.

People: they won't be stressed in the time of drought or fail to bear fruit. Amen.

Invocation

***Opening Hymn #65**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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)

LORD, you have known us from the very beginning and send us out to speak your word. But we have abandoned you, our first love. While you are the one who has redeemed and saved us, we have followed the well-worn paths towards other lovers: those who promise wealth, power, comfort, and security. When you warn of disaster, we refuse to listen, believing that destruction could never come to us. We shut our ears to any news that we do not want to hear. Help us to listen, to learn, and to change. Help us to repent and acknowledge our sin. Mold us as a potter molds the clay, and form us in the ways that are pleasing to you. In the silence of this moment, write your word onto our hearts that we may hear and do your will...

Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

People: Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Before I created you in the womb, I knew you; before you were born I set you apart.

Friends, 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 #31**

"Let Us With Gladsome Mind"

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

AJ Ochart

"We Don't Want Your War"

Words and Music Trey Pearson

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 36:1-32

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

"Bearing Witness"

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 #846**

“Fight the Good Fight”

***Charge and Blessing**

***Congregational Benediction #765**

“May the God of Hope Go With Us”

***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
Andy Croston, Lay Leader**

