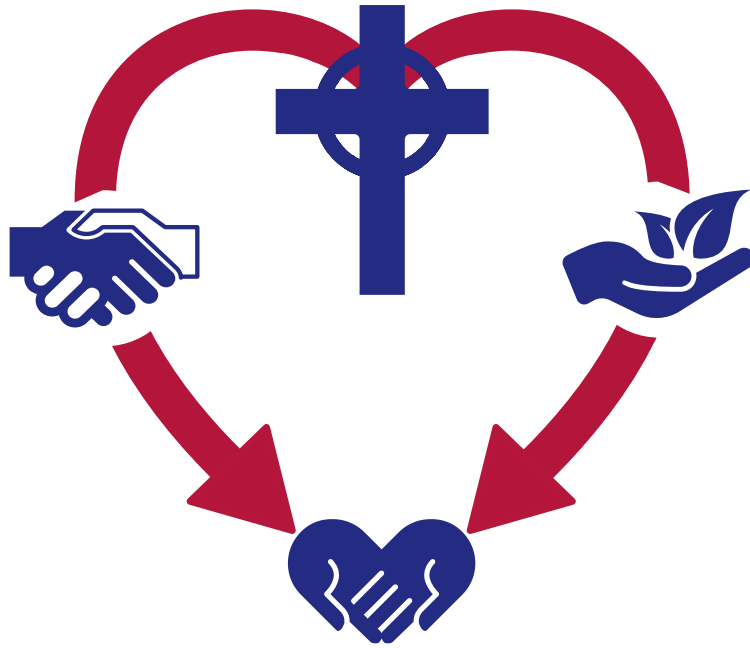
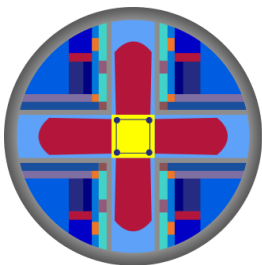


We are imperfect believers, passionate
about sharing the love of Christ:
by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.



A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 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 (Daniel 2 based on CEB)

Leader: God's name be praised from age to eternal age!

People: Wisdom and might belongs to God!

Leader: God is the one who changes times and eras, who dethrones one king, only to establish another,

People: who grants wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those with insight.

Leader: God is the one who uncovers what lies deeply hidden;

People: God knows what hides in the darkness; light lives in God! Amen.

Invocation

***Opening Hymn #463**

"How Firm a Foundation"

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)

Living God, in whom nations rise and pass away; you call us to times of challenge and times of prosperity. Your people have lived under one king, one nation, one empire, one idol after another. Like them, we have rejected you as our sovereign, and are quick to follow the gods and men who promise security and comfort. We hear the calls to worship false gods, and too often fall over ourselves in deference. Help us to recognize the siren song of false worship, and give us the wisdom to know when not to conform. In the silence of this moment, draw us into the embrace of your loving-kindness...

Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

People: Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Bless the Lord, sing praise to God and highly exalt God forever. For God has rescued us from Hades and saved us from the power of death. 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

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Words and Music

Scripture Reading

Daniel 3:1-30

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

"Ungovernable"

Responding to God's Word

***Response Hymn #767**

"Together We Serve"

***Affirmation of Our Faith (From the Brief Statement of Faith – Unison)**

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of
God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of
Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God.**

Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Time of Meditation and Reflection

Daniel 6:25-28

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 #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

