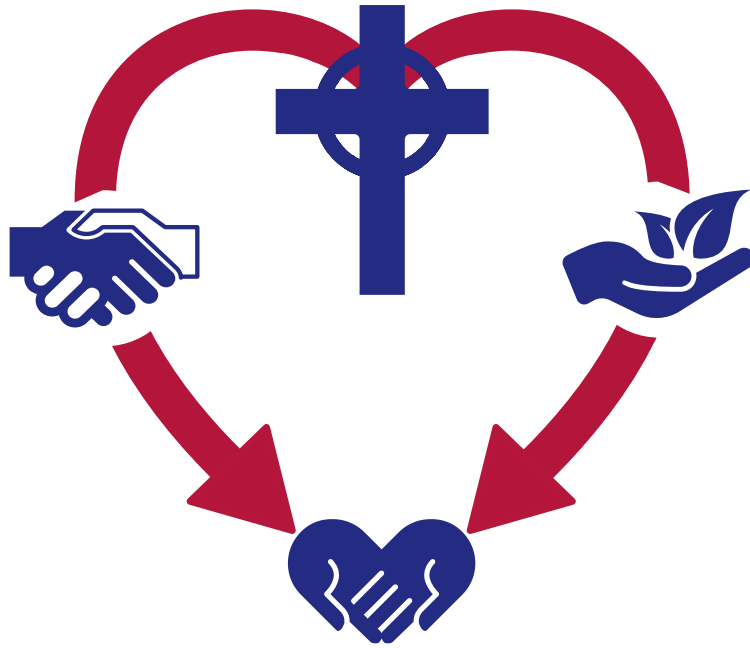
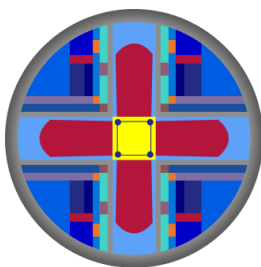


We are imperfect believers, passionate
about sharing the love of Christ:
by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.



**A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 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 (Matthew 24 CEB)

Leader: But nobody knows when the day and the hour will come, not even the heavenly angels and not the Son. Only the Father knows.

People: As it was in the time of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Human One.

Leader: In those days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark. They did not know what was happening until the flood came and swept them all away...

People: Therefore, you also should be prepared, because the Human One will come at a time you don't know. Amen.

Invocation

*Opening Hymn #8

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

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 Creation and of Destruction, you call us to be righteous and blameless in the midst of violence and injustice. You grieve over the violence that we bring upon ourselves, and call us to lives of faith. You call us to follow your ways and instructions, even when we do not understand how or why. You know that every inclination of our hearts can be tainted by sin and violence, yet you refrain from bringing your judgement upon us. While we drive recklessly towards destruction, you work to preserve all of the goodness that you can. Help us to build and to be a refuge for all those in need and be with us in the midst of the overwhelming flood. In the silence of this moment, call us to hear your voice 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: You will hear about wars and reports of wars. Don't be alarmed. These things must happen, but this isn't the end yet. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel, in Jesus the Christ you 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 #59**

"The Steadfast Love of the Lord"

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

"Hymn of Promise"
words and music by Natalie Sleeth

Scripture Reading

Genesis 6:1-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17

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

"De-Creation"

Responding to God's Word

***Response Hymn #475**

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

***Affirmation of Our Faith (Nicene Creed - Unison)**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Preparing Our Hearts for Prayer (#471)

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

Prayers for the People

Shelby Wood

Respond: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom 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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sending Out Into the World

***Sending Hymn # 463**

“How Firm a Foundation”

***Charge and Blessing**

***Congregational Benediction #747**

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

***Postlude**

Flowers: the flowers were placed in the sanctuary by Heather Murtaugh in honor of Lottie Belle's 11th birthday on September 12th

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
Sophie Wayner, Accompanist
Jennifer Massey, Lay Leader

