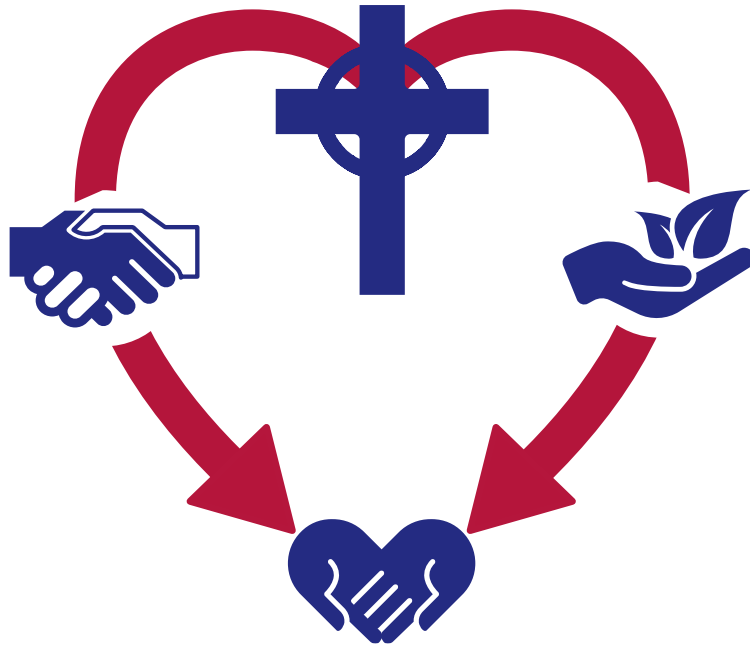
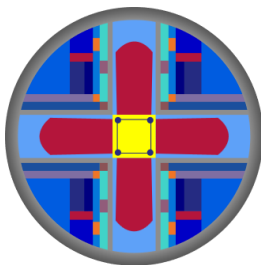


We are imperfect believers, passionate
about sharing the love of Christ:
by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.



A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 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 (Hebrews 11 CEB)

Leader: Faith is the reality of what we hope for, the proof of what we don't see...

People: By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was going to receive as an inheritance. He went out without knowing where he was going.

Leader: By faith he lived in the land he had been promised as a stranger... He was looking forward to a city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God...

People: All these people didn't receive what was promised, though they were given approval for their faith. God provided something better for us so they wouldn't be made perfect without us. Amen.

Invocation

***Opening Hymn #49**

"The God of Abraham Praise"

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 calling, invitation, and lure; you never coerce us to do what you want, but welcome us into your vision for human flourishing. You call us to leave all that we have known and put our trust in, and to follow where you lead. Yet we are frightened, and nervous; we bring our old lives with us just in case. We try to trust you but often fail. We question your motives and your timing, taking things into our own hands and hurting others in the process. In the silence of this moment, call us afresh to cast aside the sins that ensnare us, and follow you wherever you lead...

Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

People: Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: So Abraham is our father in the eyes of God in whom he had faith, the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that don't exist into existence. 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

Chancel Choir

"When In Our Music God is Glorified"

Choral Setting by Harriet Ziegenhals

Scripture Reading

Genesis 12:1-9

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

"Go"

Responding to God's Word

***Hymn of Preparation for Baptism #476**

"Crashing Waters of Creation"

Remembrance of Baptism

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kin(g)dom 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 kin(g)dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sending Out Into the World

***Sending Hymn #51**

"To Abraham and Sarah

***Charge and Blessing**

***Congregational Benediction #747**

"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"

***Postlude**

Flowers:

**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
Rita Batman, Lay Leader**

