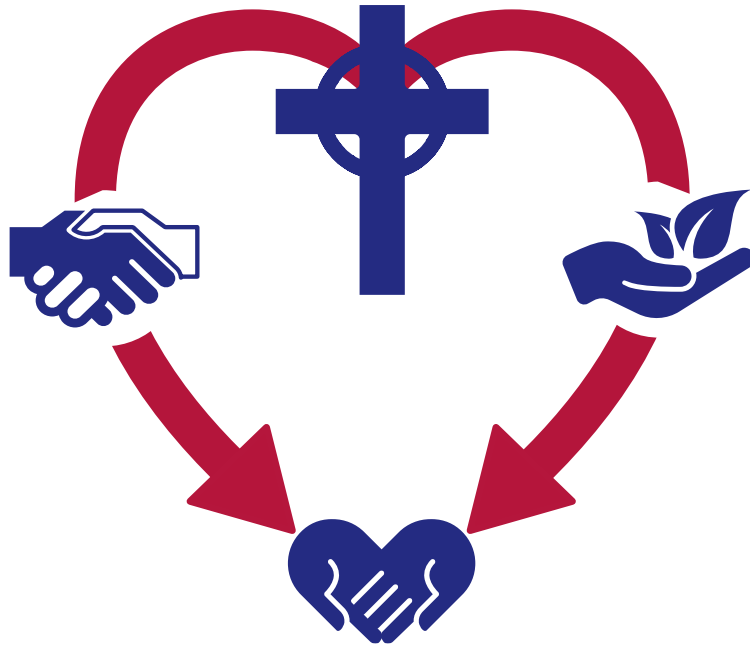
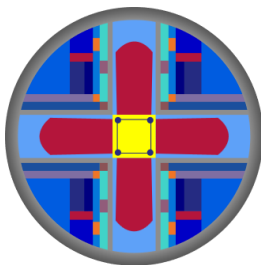


We are imperfect believers, passionate
about sharing the love of Christ:
by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.



**A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 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 (Any Dream Will Do)

Leader: I closed my eyes, drew back the curtain; to see for certain, what I thought I knew.

People: Far, far away, someone was weeping, but the world was sleeping. Any dream will do.

Leader: I wore my coat, with golden lining; Bright colors shining, wonderful and new.

People: And in the East, the dawn was breaking, and a world was waking; Any dream will do.

Leader: May I return to the beginning, the light is dimming, and the dream is too.

People: The world and I, we are still waiting, still hesitating, any dream will do. Amen.

Invocation

***Opening Hymn #35**

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

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 commitment. You call us as your image bearers, but you do not promise that our lives will be free of trouble. You call us to bring life and flourishing, but others seek destruction and death. We too often blame you for the challenges we face and miss the opportunities to learn what they afford. We are tempted to see and take the things that we want, without considering the consequences. In the silence of this moment, help us to truly see where and when we are, and the ways that you are calling us to be your image bearers...

Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

People: Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Close every door to me, keep those I love from me children of Israel are never alone. For we know we shall find our own peace of mind for we have been promised a land of our own. 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

"Like a River in My Soul"

arr. Tim Osiek

Scripture Reading

Genesis 39:1-23

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

"Image of God"

Responding to God's Word

***Hymn #823**

"Shall Tribulation or Distress"

***Affirmation of Our Faith (Apostle's Creed – Unison)**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His
only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day
He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in

the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

Time of Meditation and Reflection

Genesis 50:19-20

Respond: 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 #834

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

*Charge and Blessing

*Congregational Benediction #747

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

*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
Sophie Wayner, Accompanist
Kendra Ivins, Lay Leader

