

And daily we reject your claim upon us as your royal and chosen people. O God, forgive our reluctance to be your servants, and declare again and again your words of mercy until we finally and totally believe... until we finally and fully serve you with gratitude and in eagerness. Lord, hear our prayer. (Silent Confession) Amen.

PETITIONS

WORDS OF THE INSTITUTION

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

All who are able and desire to come forward to receive the elements are invited to come forward by way of the center aisle, break off a piece of bread and eat it, then take a cup and drink it—placing the empty cup in the tray against the wall and return to your seat using the outside aisles.

Those who would prefer to have the elements brought to them, are asked to let one of the ushers know during the communion time.

SONG

Come, Just As You Are

PRAYER & SENDING

One: Go forth from this place inspired to serve one another

All: and empowered by the love of God to do so.

One: Go forth from this place to work in company with all God's children

All: to do God's work and God's will on Earth as it is in heaven,

One: that in loving and serving one another

All: the kingdom of God may come to this world through us. Amen.

SENDING SONG

Shine, Jesus Shine

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

EMERGING WORSHIP

October 2, 2011

SEEING
the UNSEEN
CHRIST

How His Presence
Transforms Life

Welcome to this service of worship!

We are glad you're here.

It is our sincere hope and prayer that you feel God's presence here in a very powerful way and that your journey of faith may be strengthened through this time of worship.

GATHERING SONG

Awesome God

OPENING PRAYER & CONFESSION

One: Praise you, God, for you are Lord and Master.

All: Through our serving may you be honored.

One: Your presence motivates us to minister to the needs of others.

With cheerful hearts we look out for the interests, needs, and concerns of others.

All: May we be ready to serve as if we were serving you.

For this is our privilege and our responsibility.

One: O God, you are Lord and Master!

All: As we worship you, help us to become difference-makers in other people's lives.

One: Praise you, God, for you are Lord and Master.

One: Let us honor you by not only looking after our own needs, but also the needs of others.

One: Let us serve one another with gratitude and eagerness.

Let us carry each other's burdens, share with those in need, and be devoted to one another in love.

All: For you, God, are Lord and Master. We worship you!

For you are worthy of praise!

SONG

Be Still

TIME WITH CHILDREN
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

GIVING OUR GIFTS TO GOD
PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, we seek the transformation of the world, but we fear the change it could bring to our own lives. Grant us the trust and courage to acknowledge your gracious reign among us. Take these gifts as symbols of our desire to genuinely love our neighbors as ourselves. May they be used to build a better world, where your love and salvation are known by all. We offer these monies, symbolizing our lives, that we offer to you in service to meet the needs of a hurting world. In gratitude we give and in eagerness we serve, in the name of Christ be praised. Amen.

SONG *I'll Serve You*

SCRIPTURE READING
Epistle Reading

Romans 12:3-8

MEDITATION *Seeing the Unseen Christ:* Pastor Steve
Serve Christ with Gratitude and Eagerness

RESPONSE *Servant Song*

THE LORD'S SUPPER
INVITATION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Nicene Creed

**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.**

GREAT PRAYER
CONFESSION OF SIN

God of unfailing mercy, we acknowledge Christ as the unshakable foundation of our lives. His constant love, his insistent call and his enduring presence among us quell our anxiety and free us to bear his light into the darkest corners of our world. Yet as much as we believe this, we are reluctant to be used by Christ as stones laid upon the foundation of his life. We do not sacrifice as he did. We reserve ourselves, as if some more important task will soon claim us.