



St. Andrew's
Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday of Lent
March 1, 2026
10:00am, Sanctuary

<https://https://zoom.us/j/738059997>
<http://www.facebook.com/standrewspdx/live>

ALL are welcome here. Worship is a series of invitations; accept only those you feel called to accept. Feel free to change language in a respectful manner if it helps the hour to be more worshipful for you.

The season of Lent is a 40-day period of reflection in preparation for a remembrance of Christ's death and resurrection.

As a gentle reminder, please only read aloud what is italicized and bold. (Anything else indicates a time to listen and reflect on the spoken word.)

Call to Worship, Prayers of Confession and Preparation, and Assurance of Pardon prepared by the Rev. Dr. Sarah Sanderson-Doughty.

GATHERING

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Time to Center



Finding the Way to the Cross

Call to Worship

We are continuing in the maze today, seeking the way to the cross.

We are feeling a bit lost.

We will put one foot in front of the other, and keep moving forward.

But what if we hit a dead end?

We will turn around and seek another path.

Am I alone?

No, never, we are in this maze together and we have Jesus right here with us.

Did you know there are paragraphs beneath each hymn in our hymnal explaining their origins or interesting features? May be worth checking out!

Does Jesus know the way?
Jesus IS the way. Keep going.
Let us worship God.

Song | *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

Glory to God #775

Call to Confession

If we wish to keep moving forward, we need to lay aside burdens that weigh us down.
Unburden your hearts with honest prayers of confession, to draw closer to the Way.
Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

***Merciful God,
We confess that we often refuse to let you wash our feet.
Like Peter, we struggle to accept your humble service, preferring to hold onto our own pride, status, and self-righteousness.
We confess that we often fail to love one another as you have loved us, choosing selfishness over service and comfort over compassion.
Forgive us for the times we have claimed to follow you but failed to act as servants.
Create in us a clean heart, God, and wash us clean of our iniquities.
Teach us to wash the feet of others— to serve without expectation of reward, and to love to the uttermost, just as Jesus did.
In the name of the Servant-King, we pray. Amen.***

Silent Prayers of Confession

...In Jesus' name.
Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Though from our perspective the path is winding and unclear,
Jesus sees from above and is the way.

Jesus has cleared the way for us.
Friends, believe the good news,
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

***Response of Praise | *I Want to Walk as a Child of the
Light (v. 1 only)***

Glory to God #377

***Passing the Peace**

The good news of our forgiveness brings with it peace
that passes all understanding.
But we only manage to experience this gift
when we find a way to live it out with one another.
May the peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.
Let us share signs of Christ's peace.

THE WORD

Prayer of Preparation

*Jesus, you are the Word
and we pray that we might encounter you
in the words of scripture today. Amen.*

A Reading from the Book of Psalms

Psalm 51:7-12

Conversation with the Younger Church

A Reading from the Gospel According to John

John 13:1-17

Sermon

The Rev. Amy Delaney

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith** *Excerpt from A Declaration of Faith from the PCUS
(former southern Presbyterian Denomination), 1977*

Jesus Christ overthrew evil powers that enslaved and degraded people, yet he made no use of power to protect himself. He healed those who were sick in body and mind, yet he did not avoid pain and suffering for himself. He commanded his followers to place loyalty to him above loyalty to family and country, yet he lived among them as a servant.

Jesus taught with authority, challenging many time-honored customs and ideas, yet he submitted to humiliation and death without a word on his own behalf. He forgave sinners, yet he was counted among sinners. We recognize the work of God in Jesus' power and authority. He did what only God can do. We also recognize the work of God in Jesus' lowliness. When he lived as a servant and went humbly to his death the greatness that belongs only to God was manifest. In both his majesty and lowliness Jesus is the eternal Son of God, God himself with us.

We respond to our generous God by practicing grateful generosity. You are encouraged to give as you are able, to honor or even exceed your pledge!

**Worshipping God with our Tithes and Offerings
Invitation to Generosity**

**Offertory Anthem | *How Beautiful*
(incorporating *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*)**

By Twila Paris
Arranged by Benjamin Harlan

***Song of Praise | *In the Lord, I'll be Ever Thankful*
Glory to God #654**

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of the wilderness,
We give these offerings in gratitude,
rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us.
We give these offerings in faith,
trusting that you will provide for our needs.
We give these offerings in hope,
*knowing you can use them to spread your love in
this world.*
And with these offerings, we give ourselves;
*May we live with generous hearts,
with open hands.*
Amen

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

We pause now for deeper nourishment so we might
have the courage to keep making our way through
maze as we seek to find the way to the cross.
You are welcome here.
Pull up a seat. Jesus, the Way, invites you.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

May the God of last suppers be with you.
And also with you.
Open your hearts to God today.
*We open them to the One whose heart was broken
that night.*
In the midst of uncertainty and fears,
we will praise God
*Our thanks are offered to the One
who walks and waits with us through long nights.*

...Therefore, with those whose feet are
covered with sin,
and those whose hearts are gripped by fear,
we join the choirs of every time and place,
forever singing your praises:

***Holy, holy, holy are you, foot-washing God.
We join heaven and earth in praising
your holy name.
Hosanna in the highest!***

***Blessed is the One who became a servant.
Hosanna in the highest.***

...Every time we eat the bread,
our brokenness is made whole;
every time we drink from the cup,
we receive unceasing grace;
every time we come to the Table,
we remember that mystery called faith:

***In remembrance, we mourn Christ's death;
In remembrance, we look to the Day
of Resurrection;
In remembrance, we await his return to us.***

...And when there are no more hours to come,
when there is only eternal peace and life with you,
we will gather in that upper room called your heart,
serving our families and friends with grace,
receiving forgiveness from our enemies,
singing your joy, forever and ever,
God in Community, Holy in One. **Amen.**

*Prayers submitted on
prayer cards and Zoom
will be read followed by
"Love, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer."*

*All the bread is gluten-
free, all the juice is
unfermented. Please
come forward, if
you are able, bringing
food offerings and
receiving bread and cup.
If you wish to be served
in your seat, please raise
a hand when the server
comes near. Hold onto
the bread and cup until
all have received so we
might receive as one
body with our kindred at
home.*

Prayers of the People and the Prayer that Jesus Taught

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

***Jesus, you have fed us well
and we are ready to keep moving through the
maze.***

You will show us the way.

You are the way.

In your name we pray, Amen.

SENDING

Closing Hymn | *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?
Glory to God #727

Our Ministry in Christ
Announcements

Charge and Benediction

Sung Response | *Sent Out In Jesus' Name
St. A's Songbook #193

Postlude

Welcome to St. Andrew's PDX!
Welcome Home! We are so glad you are here.

Connecting with Christ and each other to Serve Our Neighbors

Join us for worship every Sunday at 10:00am,
both in person and online via Zoom and Facebook.

Join us for Supper Church on second and fourth Sundays at 5pm.

Visit our website for the worship links and the weekly worship bulletin.

Please use blue prayer cards or Zoom chat to share prayer requests. You can pass these to the pastor during the passing of the peace or give them to an usher at any time in the first half of the service.

PRINTED COPIES OF TODAY'S SERMON ARE AVAILABLE



We encourage you to leave your **offerings and sign-in sheets** in the offering plates that are passed during worship. Offerings can also be made anytime on our website, www.standrewspdx.com



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Office hours: Mon - Thurs, 8:30 - 2:30, Bookkeeper Hours: Mon & Weds, 9:00 - 3:00

Mission Updates

See your eNews or contact the office for full details.

Neighborhood House - Current legislation and drastic cuts to food assistance and Head Start programs will undoubtedly create more hardship to this organization and the people it serves. You can help by: donating to their social safety net services; contacting your legislators to support SNAP, Head Start, and housing assistance programs; and talking to others to increase awareness of this crisis to our most vulnerable neighbors. Visit their website for more ways to help -- www.nhpdx.org.

Ziploc Ministry - Join us on the first Saturday of each month to fill bags with hygiene and personal items to be distributed to our unhoused neighbors. The next gathering will be March 7th, 10:30am-12:00pm. ****New socks and men's boxer-briefs donations always needed****

West Women & Children's Shelter - We prepare and deliver monthly, homemade casseroles and other food items to this domestic violence shelter. Recipes and instructions are provided. Casseroles are dropped off at the first Saturday Ziploc event (March 7th).

Quilters - Gathers on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, at 9:30am. Contact Gail Planck for more info.

Homelessness Outreach - We support the Multnomah Safe Rest Village and the Southwest Outreach shower program. See your eNews for volunteer opportunities.

March Birthdays

Amy Tanous - March 1, Shirley McIntyre - March 7, Roland Zapata - March 7,
Shirley Tormey - March 9, Kevin Sanderson-Doughty - March 12,
Eric Chavez - March 14, Janet Berg - March 15, Clee Lloyd - March 16,
Pat Quesnel - March 25, Diana Zapata - March 28

March Anniversaries

Larry & Carol Patterson - March 19, Diane & John Calhoun - March 19

Learning & Fellowship Opportunities

- **Sunday Coffee Hour** - Volunteers are needed for Sundays. Contact Marie Dolson or Gail Planck for more info.
- **Supper Church** - Supper Church is on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, at 5pm in our chapel. Join us for this children and family-focused service, with dinner provided. Please RSVP to help with our planning.
- **Sanctuary Choir** - Rehearsal will be held after service today in the chapel.
- **Men's Bible Study** - This group meets at 7am via Zoom on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Contact Larry Kelley for more info.
- **Spiritual Formation Group** - Please join us from 12:30-2:00pm in the lounge on Wednesday, March 4th as we examine Celtic Spirituality with a focus on the first seven days of Creation.
- **St. A's Book Club** - Please join us in the lounge at 10am on Thursday, March 19th as we discuss a new book each month. For March, our book is *The Last Green Valley* by Mark T. Sullivan.

Upcoming Events

<p>March 1 & 8 10:00am Hybrid Worship</p> <p>February 18 - April 5 "One Great Hour of Sharing" Special Offering</p> <p>March 1 11:00am Sanctuary Choir St. Andrew's</p> <p>March 4 12:30-2:00pm Spiritual Formation Group St. Andrew's</p>	<p>March 7 10:30am First Saturday Ziploc Ministry St. Andrew's</p> <p>March 8 5:00pm Supper Church St. Andrew's</p> <p>March 11 9:30-11:30am Quilters Group St. Andrew's</p> <p>March 19 10:00am-12:00pm St. A's Book Club St. Andrew's</p>
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New News & Announcements

See your eNews for full details

ABOUT OUR FOCAL IMAGE

Our Lenten image shows a maze in the foreground with a cross seen through fog in the distance, reflecting that our Lenten journey will not be a straight and simple march to the cross. In Week 2, we are taking our first steps into the maze.

In our readings from John's gospel, we'll encounter Jesus opening the eyes of his friends and disciples to who he is and what he is calling them to do, and then the cowardice of Peter's denial of Jesus and of Pilate's giving in to the crowd's call for crucifixion. We invite you to consider your own faith journey and what Lent means to you as we come to the cross together over the next few weeks.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

We are partnering with our kindred churches to share Holy Week services, reflecting our belief that we are truly one body in Christ. By rotating locations, we remind ourselves that the road to the cross—and ultimately the empty tomb—is not a journey taken alone. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

- Palm Sunday (March 29) - 10:30am service at Multnomah PC
- Maundy Thursday (April 2) - 6:00pm meal and service at Valley Community PC
- Good Friday (April 3) - evening service at Multnomah PC (time TBA)
- Easter Sunday (April 5) - 10:00am at St. Andrew's PC

DID YOU MISS IT?? (SUPPORTING OUR CUBA MINISTRY)

Did you think you missed your chance to join your church family in a home meal and support our sister church in Santa Clara Cuba? Think again! We have another group forming for those who haven't yet found their place. Please leave a message with Kara at the church office or Carolyn Gazeley at 503.519.6764 to indicate your interest. Carolyn will offer dates to find one that is mutually acceptable.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The Presbyterian Church (USA) explains that this Special Offering is "interpreted during Lent and received on Palm Sunday and/or Easter Sunday in response to Christ's call to ministries of compassion for the most vulnerable around the world." Please be on the lookout for materials about this Special Offering and give as you are able.

UPCOMING WORK PARTY

Many hands make light work! Stay tuned for information about a parking lot work party (tentatively slated for a Saturday before Easter Sunday) and please plan to stop by and help. This work ensures that the grounds near our building safe, inviting, and appealing to the humans and animal inhabitants alike for years to come.

Thoughts from Pastor Amy (Written February 25th)

Dear friends in Christ,

Early in February, a group of us from St. Andrew's (plus Pastor Susan from Valley) met to consider the scripture passages from the Narrative Lectionary for the season of Lent.

We read the passages, then prayerfully began to offer words, phrases, and images of what the passages were leading us to notice when taken as a whole. We realized that while Jesus knew he was on the way to the cross, the disciples did not yet understand. For them, only the next step, the next turn around a corner was in sight. Jesus made choices they would not have made, but they continued to follow him, and did not step down the other paths that were available to them. As we talked, the focal image for Lent of the maze with a cross at the end came together. We journey through Lent with the disciples, noticing that they chose to follow Jesus again and again as Jesus drew near to the cross on which he would be crucified. But we, from our vantage point in 2026, see that the cross was where Jesus was leading them. It was the cross on which Jesus would die. But that's not the end of the story – God would raise Jesus from the dead, a joyous resurrection we will celebrate on Easter.

As we hear the Gospel read each Lenten Sunday, I invite you to wonder with me about the text. If I were a disciple, what would I be seeing, noticing, or feeling? What would I already know about Jesus and what would I learn in this narrative we are hearing read this morning? What paths were chosen, what paths were not chosen?

Thank you to everyone for a warm welcome for me and for assisting me in welcoming and hosting our guest preacher, the Rev. Robin Garvin, last week. Please notice that there is an update from your Session in today's e-news and bulletin. They are hard at work, mostly behind the scenes, leading the congregation with their attention to the administrative part of ministry. I have worked with a lot of Sessions over the years, and yours is first-rate. Please share a word of thanks with your Session elders when you see them.

Something I have realized about you as I have begun my work as Bridge Pastor is that you have a highly competent staff. You have seen Don at the piano each week

and know of his skill as well as his leadership with worship & the choir. But some of the other staff- Kara, Krissy, Caroline, and Todd - may be less known to you and are equally impressive. You (and I) are blessed, especially during this transition time to have good people at work on our behalf. Please extend them a word of thanks as they support all of us during the transition.

With prayers for the needs of the congregation and the world,
Pastor Amy

News from Your Church Session

Your Session has had a busy month! On February 8th following worship, they met with representatives from the Presbytery to discuss next steps and consider a contract with a Bridge Pastor. We were well supported from the Presbytery! At the meeting were:

- Brian Craker, Transitional Executive Presbyter;
- Robin Garvin, Commission on Ministry Pastoral Transition Advisor; and
- Don Ludwig, Presbytery Commission on Ministry Liaison.

The Session learned how transitions usually work in Cascades Presbytery. The first step is to secure a bridge pastor to provide pastoral leadership and assist the Session with discerning the next type of pastoral leader that will serve the congregation well. In most cases, that will be some form of transitional pastor on contract with the Session while steps are taken, such as forming a Pastor Nominating Committee, to call or hire the next pastoral leader.

They concluded the meeting by interviewing and extending a contract offer to the Rev. Amy Delaney to serve as half-time bridge pastor for 12 weeks, ending May 17th. She accepted and has begun her service among us.

Then on February 19th, the Session met on Zoom to conduct the usual business of the church. At that meeting, we responded to the Presbytery's survey of congregations – more on that next week – and reviewed the Separation Ethics expected of departing pastors. The document can be briefly summarized by this statement in the document, “Personal relations of friendship are to be affirmed and may continue but are not to be confused with the pastoral relationship which has ended.” Pastor Sarah may continue those friendships she made while here, but any discussion about St. Andrew's is to be discouraged.

Our next Session meeting is a special meeting on March 5th where we will be joined by Robin Garvin from the Presbytery to learn more about the pastoral leadership options for the next pastor and why we might choose one over another.

We appreciate your prayers. Please reach out to Pastor Amy or a Session Elder if you have any questions during this transition time.