



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.

All ages are welcome in worship.

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.)

*Group A: those with birthdays January-June,
Group B: those with birthdays July-December*

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Call the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting to Order/ Prayer for the Meeting

A Time to Center



*Opening Responses

A: When we count the minutes

B: and when we have lost track of the years

Leader: The call is for you:

come to the One who brings life –

All: ***the life that is the light for all people.***

*Opening Responses,
Opening Prayer, and
Prayer of Confession by
the Rev. Teri Peterson,
prepared for the Bible
Worm Collective in
which Pastor Sarah is a
member.*

B: When we are desperate for hope
A: and when we have stopped
hoping to avoid disappointment
Leader: The call is for you:
come to the One who brings life –
All: *the life that is the light for all people.*
A: When we trust before we know
B: and when we don't even know what to ask
Leader: The call is for you:
come to the One who brings life –
All: *the life that is the light for all people.*

Opening Prayer

You come to us
and open the way of life
directly.

You come to us
and pour out grace upon grace
directly.

You come to us
and invite us to trust your way,
participate in your work,
live abundantly...

We pray now you would bless us with the faith to
join you
directly.

Amen.

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

***Opening Hymn | I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light Glory to God #377**

Call to Confession

For our confession today, we will sit in silence together.
We are invited to reflect on the ministry of St. Andrew's
in 2025 and our participation in it.
Let us offer to God any regrets, any disappointments,
any grief, any struggle, any wounds.

Silent Prayers of Confession

...In Jesus' name.

Amen.

<p><i>Pastor Sarah will sing “Bless our God, my soul, and bless God’s holy name. Bless our God, my soul, who leads me into life.”</i></p>	<p>Assurance of Forgiveness Friends, anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone and a new life begun. Know that we are forgiven, and be at peace. <i>Alleluia. Amen.</i></p> <p>*Response of Praise We Are Forgiven Glory to God #447</p> <p>*Passing the Peace ... The Peace of Christ be with you. <i>And also with you.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE WORD</p> <p>Song of Preparation Listen Now for the Gospel Zimbabwean traditional; tr. John L. Bell</p> <p>A Reading from the Book of Psalms Psalm 40:1-5 ...Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. <i>Thanks be to God.</i></p> <p>A Conversation with the Younger Church</p> <p>A Reading from the Gospel According to John John 4:46-54 ...Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. <i>Thanks be to God.</i></p> <p>Sermon <i>Pastor Sarah Sanderson-Doughty</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">RESPONSE TO THE WORD</p> <p>Silent Reflection on the Word Preached</p> <p>Song Bless the Lord (Bless our God) Glory to God #544</p>
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<p>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!</p> <p><i>The congregation is invited (silently, by chat, or by speaking aloud - unmuting for Zoomers):</i></p> <p><i>To express thanksgiving for some aspect of our ministry in 2025— perhaps something read in the report, or something remembered.</i></p> <p><i>To voice prayers of concern regarding the ministry of St. Andrew's in 2025.</i></p> <p><i>To share other concerns aloud (those shared in chat will be lifted at this time).</i></p>	<p>Worshipping God with our Tithes and Offerings Invitation to Generosity</p> <p>Offertory Anthem Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me By James H. Duffell & William R. Featherson</p> <p>Sung Response of Praise Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me Glory to God #582</p> <p>Prayer of Dedication <i>Most holy God, we offer up these gifts, and lift up all the gifts shared this past year, to your light, praying that they might extend your healing ministry and bring hope to our world. Thank you for giving so much to us and moving us to give as well. In Jesus' name, Amen.</i></p> <p>Prayers of the People Lifting our 2025 Ministry to God in Prayer Hear now our prayers of thanksgiving for the ministry of St. Andrew's in 2025: ...Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayers. Hear now our prayers of concern arising from our ministry in 2025: ...Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayers. Hear now the other particular concerns of the congregation today: ...Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayers.</p> <p>The Prayer that Jesus Taught</p>
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SENDING

Our Ministry in Christ

Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation Continues
Entertaining Questions about 2025 Annual Report
Session's & Pastor's Reports
Clerk's Report
Nominating Committee Report
Receiving Slate for Needed Elders
Electing 2026 Nominating Committee
Stewardship Report
Foundation Annual Report
2026 Terms of Call for Pastor Sarah
Dissolving Pastor Sarah's Call Effective 3.1.26

Announcements

Charge and Benediction

And All God's People Say...

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

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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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visit our website at www.standrewspdx.com
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.

February Birthdays

Karry Gillespie - February 3, Christina Tilton - February 6, Lis Powell - February 10,
Darwin Forca - February 12, John Blumthal - February 15,
Barbara Thompson - February 19, Lorinda Moholt - February 21,
Kathleen Cook - February 25, Becky Schiefelbein - February 26

February Anniversaries

Jeff & Lori Sweeney - February 1, Eric Chavez & Bennie Pacheco - February 14,
Nancy Kraemer & David Roth - February 17, Pat & Marily Quesnel - February 18

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. ***See You Tonight!***
- Sanctuary Choir** - Rehearsal will be held after service today in the chapel.
- Anti-Racism Discussion Group** - This will be our final gathering and we will be meeting in person! Please join us at 5:30pm on Thursday, February 12th at Atlas Pizza (3570 SE Division St, Portland).
- Spiritual Formation Group** - Please join us from 12:30-2:00pm in the lounge on Wednesday, February 18th as we examine Celtic Spirituality with a focus on the first seven days of Creation.

Upcoming Events

February 8 & 15
10:00am Hybrid Worship

February 8
11:00am Sanctuary Choir
St. Andrew's

February 8
5:00pm Supper Church
St. Andrew's

February 11
9:30-11:30am Quilters Group
St. Andrew's

February 13
10:00am Coffee House with Pastor Sarah
Final Gathering!
Morse Coffee Company (Lake Oswego)

February 15
11:00am After-Church Potluck
St. Andrew's

February 18
Ash Wednesday Services
2:00pm at ICE facility
7:00pm St. Andrew's, Chapel

February 18
“One Great Hour of Sharing”
Special Offering Begins

February 18
12:30-2:00pm Spiritual Formation Group
St. Andrew's

New News & Announcements
See your eNews for full details

SOUP'S ON!

Please join us next Sunday, February 15 for an after-church potluck. We call it *Sharing a Meal Warms the Hearts*, and this will be a celebratory event as we say goodbye to Pastor Sarah, express our thanks for nine years of service, and share fond memories with one another. We hope you will attend!

Soup (and cake!) will be served. Please consider bringing one of the items listed on the SignUp Genius link in your eNews. For more questions, please contact Marie Dolson or Gail Planck.

Thoughts from Pastor Sarah
(Written February 5th)

Dear Kindred in Christ,

There are two main topics I'd like to discuss with you today: our Cuba partnership and the meeting on Sunday morning.

Cuba Partnership Update

As many of you are aware, we have been in a partnership with a congregation in Santa Clara, Cuba for 16 years. Delegations have made several trips to Santa Clara over these years and the plan was that a delegation would travel in March of this year. A number of factors, both personal and global, have made the March 2026 delegation unable to travel and the trip has been cancelled.

That said, we still want to raise funds to support our Cuban kindred and meet very real needs they have expressed to us, and have plans to send funds and goods with a delegation from Spartanburg traveling soon (a much smaller delegation than they were planning to bring. We are not alone in having concerns about travel at present.) As such, our fundraising efforts will go on. If you haven't yet signed up to Dine to Donate, please do so today or on Sunday. You can call the office to sign up, or sign up online, or in the narthex on Sunday morning.

Visits are so important for strengthening our connection and offering and receiving mutual encouragement. We hope to send a delegation either later this year or early next year. If you were wanting to go to Cuba (again, or for the first time), please let Marilyn Palumbo know and she will call a meeting with all interested parties to see if an agreeable date can be identified.

Congregational Meeting on Sunday

Sunday is the day for our semi-annual congregational meeting. Kara has been hard at work on the annual report and a link to is available through our website; hard copies will be available on Sunday morning. The purpose of this meeting is to receive the annual report, reflect on the past year of ministry, elect a nominating committee for the year, and receive nominations for vacant slots, receive financial reports and the annual report of the foundation, vote on terms of call and, this year, the dissolution of my pastoral call. The meeting will be called to order at the beginning of the hour though the bulk of the business will happen near the end of the meeting. We'll have representatives from Presbytery present to answer any questions you might have and to moderate the conversations about call.

I hope you will be present to exercise the responsibilities of membership, and also because it is my penultimate Sunday with you. I want to see as many of you as possible before I go. On that note, I will host two more in person coffee chats – this week (Friday, February 6) at Jola Cafe on SW Corbett, and next week (Friday, February 13) at Morse Coffee Company in Lake Oswego. Even if you've never come to a coffee chat or haven't come in a long time, I hope you'll consider coming to one of these.

I am praying peace and blessings upon all of you and our world,

Pastor Sarah