



St. Andrew's
Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 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.

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How to read the bulletin like a pro: when text is bold and italicized, you are invited to join the congregation in reading the text aloud. When there is an asterisk () before an element of worship, you are invited to stand.*

GATHERING

Prelude

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome

Time to Center



Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

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

***Song | Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)**
(vv. 1, 2, and 5)

Glory to God #301

Call to Confession

Jesus' rising from the dead assures us that we, too, have been given new life. Let us repent of our sin before God and one another, certain of God's mercy. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

*Jesus Christ, in the light of your glory
we see the evil we have done,
the suffering we have caused,
the good we have refused,
and the truth we have denied.*

*Heal us of our sin,
wash us in your mercy,
and feed us with your grace,
so that we may follow your way
and tell the good news of the gospel. Amen.*

Silent Prayers of Confession

...In Jesus' name.
Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Rise up from the dust!
Cast off the shroud of sorrow
and put on the joy of the Lord.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

***Response of Praise | Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks**
(v. 4 only)

Glory to God #240

***Passing the Peace**

... The Peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

THE WORD

Prayer of Preparation

*Open our eyes and soften our hearts, O God,
through the work of your Holy Spirit,
that in the hearing of your Word
we may receive new life. Amen.*

A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew

Matthew 6:24

Conversation with the Younger Church

A Reading from the Book of Acts

Acts 9:1-19a

Sermon

Rev. Amy Delaney

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn | *Will You Come and Follow Me* (vv. 1, 2, and 5)
Glory to God #726

Worshipping God with our Tithes and Offerings Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

***Song of Praise | Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks**
(v. 4 only) *Glory to God #240*

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God,
you have blessed us with many gifts.
Now you call us to be a blessing for others.

Receive the offering of our lives —
our work and witness,
our time and resources,
our love and service.

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!

Once a month we practice healing prayer and, on these weeks, you are invited to use the prayer time in whatever way will be most healing for you – you may meditate quietly in your seat, take a walk, bring forward prayer cards and/or light candles to represent your prayers, come to Pastor Amy for anointing, or head to the prayer room for one-on-one prayer.

Use these gifts to build up your church
that we may serve you in the world,
doing justice, loving kindness,
and walking humbly with you.
Through Jesus Christ we pray. ***Amen.***

Healing Prayer

The Prayer that Jesus Taught

SENDING

Our Ministry in Christ *Announcements*

Charge and Benediction

*Sung Response | *As You Go On Your Way*

composed by John Ylvisaker
arr. by Joyce Borger

Postlude

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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



Today's worship leadership includes the Rev. Amy Delaney, Bridge Pastor;
Don Feeley, Director of Music; Marie Dolson, worship assistant;
Steve Ihrig and Merrie Backer, Healing Prayer assistants; Nancy Goering, song leader;
Caroline Sanderson-Doughty, AV tech assistant; and Steve Ihrig, sound technician.



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Mission Updates

*See your eNews, Upcoming Events in this bulletin,
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 May 2nd, 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 (May 2nd).

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.

Children's Ministry

See your eNews for full details.

Supper Church - This is a wonderful time of food and fellowship, as well as fun for the kiddos. We meet in the lounge/chapel from 5:00-6:30pm and children in attendance hear a Bible story and then take part in a craft that mirrors the lesson that week. Guests are always welcome! RSVP using the SignUp Genius link in your eNews. Contact Roberta Schlechter for more info.

We give thanks for the gift of life and love as we celebrate the birthdays and anniversaries of our church family this month, praying for God's continued grace and joy in every new year ahead.

April Birthdays

John Calhoun - April 3
Barbara Bankes - April 4
David Wu - April 8
Lois Haley - April 10
Emily Dew - April 13
Roberta Schlechter - April 13
Steve Ihrig - April 23
Laurie Donald - April 24
Donna Lee - April 28

Anniversaries

Ron & Diane Kleve - April 2
Brad Van Allen & Carolyn Gazeley - April 23

Learning & Fellowship Opportunities

- **Sunday Coffee Hour** - Volunteers are needed for Sundays. Contact Marie Dolson or Gail Planck for more info.
- **Supper Church** - Please join us on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month for an all-ages, family focused service with dinner provided. For our planning, please RSVP on the SignUp Genius link.
- **Sanctuary Choir** - The choir will resume rehearsals after Service next Sunday (April 26) 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, May 6th as we begin a new book (*Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* by Richard Rohr). All are welcome ANY time. This is a drop-in group – no need to have read the book!

Upcoming Events

April 19 & 26
10:00am Hybrid Worship

April 22
9:30-11:30am Quilters Group
St. Andrew's

April 26
5:00pm Supper Church
St. Andrew's

May 2
10:30am First Saturday Ziploc Ministry
St. Andrew's

May 6
12:30-2:00pm Spiritual Formation Group
St. Andrew's

New News & Announcements

See your eNews for full details

JOIN US AFTER SERVICE!

After service concludes today, please head to the chapel and join us for a potluck meal, which we're calling "A Taste of Spring," because of all the Springtime picnic type dishes that we'll be serving up. As we've seen in recent months at these gatherings, this is a delightful time to share fellowship and food with one another.

SWITCH NEEDS YOU

The Southwest Initiative to Change Homelessness (SWITCH), formerly Pathways Home, is a collaboration between SW Faith Coalition, Friends of the Multnomah Safe Rest Village, and SW Outreach working to foster an environment of hope, while restoring dignity and a sense of belonging for individuals facing homelessness. Through education, advocacy, and street outreach, SWITCH aims to create pathways home for vulnerable unsheltered neighbors in our community. If you would like to join this group (or just want to know more), please contact Kara or Marilyn to find out about our next meeting and how you can get involved.

Thoughts from Pastor Amy (Written April 16th)

Dear friends in Christ,

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

I always enjoy the seven Sundays of Easter, and I am grateful that I live in the northern hemisphere where Easter coincides with the season of Spring. So much new life - weeds and flowers alike. And so many birds singing in the gardens.

But my heart is heavy today with so many things in the news, including the hardships that are currently being experienced in Cuba. Marilyn and I attended a webinar this week that highlighted how dependent the Cuban economy is on oil. Without oil, there is no electricity. Without electricity, the hospitals cannot function well. Here's a link to an article about the webinar: <https://pcusa.org/news-storytelling/news/2026/4/15/path-forward-cuba>. There will be an update in next week's eNews on how our Mission team is supporting our sister congregation in Santa Clara, Cuba.

One of the authors I follow on Substack is the Rev. Cameron Trimble. In a post from 2025, she included a prayer that I will summarize for us. She prays for the tender courage we need to face these challenging days which continue to unfold.

Tender - to not harden our hearts; and courage - to offer our tenderness to others in bravery, faithfulness, and wisdom. It is a good prayer for these times and these days. (See <https://www.pilotingfaith.org/p/the-shelter-of-a-tender-heart>)

I've been pondering courage as I prepare the sermon for Sunday. Our scripture is Acts 9:1-16a, the story of Saul's encounter with Jesus that led him from persecuting the disciples to becoming one of them. Come and wonder together with me about Saul's (Paul's) courage to change, and Ananias' courage to be an agent of change.

And ... Don't forget our potluck following worship on Sunday! I hope to see you there!

In Christ,

Pastor Amy