



St. Andrew's
Presbyterian Church

eNews

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Office Hours: 8:30am – 2:30pm, Mon - Thurs

Join us in person for worship every Sunday at 10:00am, or on Zoom & Facebook.

An online version of the weekly worship bulletin can be found on our website – www.standrewspdx.com

Thoughts from Your Session

Dear friends in Christ,

Pastor Kim will be joining us for worship next Sunday (November 1) and begins preaching the following Sunday. We are so excited to meet her in person and lift her and furry companion, Champ, up in prayer as they are working their way to the Pacific Northwest.

Help Us to Welcome Pastor Kim

Do you have a favorite dentist, dog park, or local attraction to recommend? Please forward any suggestions you have to Kara (admin@standrewspdx.com) or bring it with you to church on Sunday. We will provide index cards to capture the congregation's top secret best places in Portland, to help Kim settle in and feel welcome. Shoe repair? Karaoke bar? Favorite farmer's markets? It is all fair game if it is a local favorite of yours!

Thank you to everyone who has submitted a suggestion card or contacted Kara already. It's not too late to contribute your ideas! (**Deadline for submission is Sunday, October 25**, so that Kara will have time to format everyone's suggestions into a little booklet that we'll present to Pastor Kim on November 1).

We hope you will be able to attend the November 1 service and stay for a special meet 'n greet with Pastor Kim during our Fellowship Coffee Hour following service.

In Christ,

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Session

SCRIPTURE

October 25 <i>1 Kings 19:1-16</i> <i>John 12:27-32</i>	November 1 <i>To Be Announced</i> <i>(Guest Pastor: Bob Stebe)</i>
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News & Notes

SUNDAY LIVE STREAM IS BACK!

We have been able to resume live streaming our Sunday worship services to our Facebook page. The easiest way to find our page is to search Facebook for StAndrewsPDX. This avoids ending up at the the page for St. A's Presbyterian Church somewhere else in the country.

A HUGE thanks goes out to Steve Planck for tirelessly working to resolve our tech issues with Meta and get everyone using the church's usual page (thanks also to you all for bearing with us and deferring to the backup account/page while this all happened).

Please note: Each Sunday's service will be available to watch for a month after it's posted.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF THE CASCADES

The following is a message from the Presbytery, sent out this past Friday (October 16).

So many of us were enjoying a beautiful and warm Pacific Northwest fall day when the news broke of the tragedy in Bend on Thursday. Our collective hearts sank as we watched the details emerge from Silver Rail Elementary School. Here at the Presbytery, phone calls and text messages started pouring in from around the region and across the country as with words of prayer and consolation as we attempted to connect with our leaders in the area. As a presbytery, we share minister members and lay leaders in the Bend/Redmond/Sunriver region who not only serve in congregations, but also as staff at St. Charles Medical Center, which heroically moved into triage mode to both save lives and console others.

Pastor Steven Koski is the Lead Pastor from First Presbyterian Church of Bend, and earlier today (Friday) he sent out these words and prayer for both his congregation and for the wider community. We want to share those words with you as well and ask that we continue to lift up our dear friends and siblings in the Bend region to be touched and filled by the Spirit in the midst of their broken hearts.

Dear friends,

Our hearts are heavy with the news from Silver Rail. Some losses leave a wound that does not close, and no words can reach that place. We will not try to rush past it. This Sunday, as we gather for worship, we will hold space for our shared grief, our questions, and our love for the families who are hurting. Moments like this are exactly when we need one another, so please come, just as you are, and let us be community together.

A Prayer for Silver Rail:

God of all comfort,
We come to you with broken hearts,
and we know they will stay broken.

Three children of our community are gone,
children who went to school expecting a normal day,
whose names were spoken by teachers this week,
whose backpacks still hang by doors at home.
There are no words that can reach the place where this grief lives, so we bring you our silence and our tears.

We hold before you the families whose lives have been torn open and changed forever.
Be near to the parents, siblings, grandparents, and friends in the hours when the house is too quiet and the questions are too loud.
Hold what they cannot carry.

We pray for the children of Silver Rail who saw what no child should see,
for teachers and staff who protected and comforted them,
for first responders who ran toward danger,
and for the doctors, nurses, and counselors now tending wounds of body and spirit.
Give them strength, rest, and people to lean on.

We confess that we are angry and afraid.
We do not understand how this keeps happening, and we will not pretend it is acceptable.
Let our grief not harden into despair.
Let it move us toward one another and toward the work of making our children safe.

Jesus, you took the children in your arms and blessed them.
We trust that these little ones are held in that same embrace,
and we ask you to hold us too, because we are not okay.

Help us be the church this week and in the weeks to come showing up for one another grieving with those who grieve
without hurrying toward comfort.
Let no one in our community feel alone in this.

And in our grief, help us trust what we cannot yet feel: that nothing in all creation, not death, not violence, not the
deepest sorrow, can separate us or these children from your love in Christ Jesus.
Death and tragedy will not have the last word.

Love will.

Hold us in that promise until we can hold it ourselves.
In the name of Christ, whose love is stronger than death,
Amen.

With you in grief and in hope,
Pastor Steven

NEW PASTOR GIFT

Though Pastor Kim is accustomed to moving frequently and adapting to her surroundings fairly quickly, we thought it
would be fun to provide her a guide to the area, including recommendations of some of the congregation's favorite, go-to
places and service providers to help her settle in faster.

If you need some ideas to get started, we've provided a list here -- but feel free to add anything and everything to provide
her with the full PNW experience through a local's eyes.

- **SW Portland recommendations** (healthcare resources, service providers, favorite shops, etc.)
- **Dog life in PDX** (dog parks, pet stores, veterinary care resources, trails to hike with a dog, special animal-friendly events, etc.)
- **Foodie recommendations** (places to go "for the best ____," favorite menu items, must-visit places where famous chefs are featured, lists of restaurants by type of cuisine, etc.)

As noted in the message from Session above, you can bring your suggestions to church on Sunday, write something on the
cards provided during the coffee hour, or email Kara to include your local go-to spots in the printed guide we'll gift to
Pastor Kim on November 1. **Please have all responses submitted no later than Sunday, October 25.** Champ and Pastor Kim
will surely appreciate any suggestions you offer and we can't wait to hear what adventures they have together here in the
PNW.

OFFICE HOURS

Thanks to all who made it possible for Kara to take some vacation time this week!
Regular office hours (9am-3pm) will resume on Monday, 10/26.

FALL PARKING LOT WORK PARTY

When: Saturday, November 14

Time: 9am-3pm

Where: St. Andrew's Parking Lot

As we've done for several years, at least twice a year, we will be working together to clean up the parking lot, maintain the vegetation along the perimeter, and any other work that arises to keep our grounds beautiful and inviting for all. The Scouting America troops that regularly meet at St. A's will be here lending a hand throughout the day and refreshments will be served. We hope you will attend! Questions? Please contact Jeanette Kloos for more information.

Learning & Fellowship

SPIRITUAL FORMATION GROUP

Come join us as we continue to discuss Richard Rohr's book *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*. Come join us on **Wednesday, November 4** in the lounge from **12:30-2:00pm**. This is always a drop-in group. (No need to have read the book!) We hope to see you there. Questions? Please contact Amy or Jan.

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP: COME JOIN US!

On the 2nd Sunday of each month, following worship, Family Fellowship gathers downstairs in Calvin Hall for approximately two hours. Our Fellowship Team looks forward to seeing everyone, especially visiting families with young children. We invite guests to join us as well. Lunch will be served. If you would like to join us, please contact Roberta Schlechter, Elder of Christian Formation, for planning purposes.

ST. A's BOOK CLUB

Please plan to join us as we discuss our next book, *Yellow Crocus* by Laila Ibrahim. The Book Club meets regularly, always on the 3rd Thursday of each month.) Our next book club gathering will take place in the lounge on **Thursday, November 19** from **10-11am**. We look forward to seeing you all!

BE A "COFFEE ANGEL" DURING FELLOWSHIP

Volunteers are always needed on Sundays to make post-worship coffee hour & fellowship happen. If you would like to sign up for one or more Sundays, please do so on the SignUp Genius link. Contact Marie Dolson or Gail Planck for more info.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Please join us in this virtual Men's Bible Study on Zoom when we resume on **Wednesday, November 4 at 7:00am**. Can't make it for this next study session? Not to worry! This group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month using this same Zoom link. Contact Larry Kelley for more information.

Connected In Christ

In this section, you will find information about events published by the Presbytery of the Cascades and other local churches and like-minded groups who uphold the vision, values, and mission of St. Andrew's. By supporting those beyond our walls, we show that the Connectional Church helps us achieve more together than we ever could alone.

PRESBYTERIAN ADVOCACY HOUR

WEBINAR (Via Zoom)

Wednesday, October 28 at 9:00am

The October Presbyterian Advocacy Hour, ***Building Power and Sharing Victories***, will equip you with practical tools to address the urgent challenges of our time. You will also discover ways Presbyterians can join and strengthen existing movements for immigrant rights, racial and economic justice, climate action, and international militarization.

Through inspiring examples and actionable strategies, you'll learn how to engage more effectively in coalition spaces, build relationships, and act in solidarity with communities most directly impacted. Whether you are a seasoned advocate or just beginning your journey, this session will help you increase your local impact while connecting with growing national networks working together for a more just, compassionate, and peaceful future. Register for this webinar here: <https://pcusa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/zh0UxJ3mTZakbrOmCTSFZg#/registration>

SEEKING SACRED WISDOM SPEAKER SERIES

Workshop with Diana Butler Bass, Ph.D.

Saturday, November 7, 2026

9:00am - 1:00pm

Rose City Presbyterian Church

Diana is an award-winning author, popular speaker, inspiring preacher, and one of America's most trusted commentators on religion and contemporary spirituality.

Agenda

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (Fri., 11/6): Lecture & Book Signing

Ticketed lecture will begin at 7pm with doors opening at 6:30pm. Seating is general admission. Book signing and reception to follow.

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (Sat., 11/7): Workshop

Join this half day workshop with further sharing from Dr. Bass. Doors open at 8:30 with refreshments.

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (Sun., 11/8): Sunday Worship

All are welcome to join us for worship with preaching by Dr. Bass.

You can purchase tickets on the Eventbrite website (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/seeking-sacred-wisdom-series-diana-butler-bass-tickets-1989398236679>). To learn more about Diana, visit her website (<https://dianabutlerbass.com/>).

BECOMING THE GRIEF INFORMED CHURCH

This seminar, held at Hillsboro Presbyterian Church on **Saturday, November 14**, equips faith communities to understand grief and better support those who are grieving. Grief Educator Becky Oswald will cover common expressions of grief, death and non-death losses, what grief needs for healthy mourning and healing, and practical ways churches can care for grievers. This seminar is for pastors, deacons, elders, church members, friends, and anyone seeking to become grief informed. To view a promotional video and register for this event, check out the event page at Hillsboro Presbyterian Church's website (<https://hillsboropres.org/news-events/the-grief-informed-church>).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

(A call for volunteers from the Presbytery)

Next January, Cascades Presbytery will host the Annual Event of The Association of Partners in Christian Education (APCE). Several hundred Christian Educators from the US and Canada will gather at Portland's Waterfront Marriott Hotel for three days of fellowship and learning.

Rev. Joyce Emery and Elder Roberta Schlechter, CCE, co-chair the Local Welcome Team. They are joined by Rev. Amy Delaney, Rev. Carolyn Hampton, HR, Susan Young Thornton (Covenant Network of Presbyterians), and Elders Kay Hope Gold and Vickie Forrester of East Woods-Vancouver. The Welcome Team is hard at work arranging meaningful excursions, creative introductions to the history and culture of the Pacific Northwest, and a table decor to reflect that story.

During the event, the team will help attendees find their way around the hotel and assist with logistics, among other tasks. This is a large, important event, and we seek interested people to come and help us ensure that every APCE attendee experiences the very best of Northwest hospitality. Interested helpers may reach out to Pastor Joyce at emery.joyce@gmail.com or Roberta at rrschlechter@gmail.com.

Mission & Ministry

*If you have any questions about our ministries
or would like to be a part of our Mission Team, contact Marilyn Palumbo.*

ST. ANDREW'S QUILTERS

2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 9:30am

The St. A's Quilters work year-round to create some beautiful items that are donated to organizations that provide warmth to those in need. Whether you're a novice or have some sewing/quilting experience, we hope you will join us. All are welcome! Can't make it this time? No problem! Stop in at 9:30am on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month (in St. A's quilting room). Please contact Gail Planck for more information.

SUPPORTING MSRV

Our friends at the Multnomah Safe Rest Village (MSRV) always enjoy when volunteers drop off items for **FMSRV Sandwich Mondays**.

If you'd like to participate, you'll make a dozen of an item of your choosing and ideally:

- Can be consumed without utensils (e.g., sandwiches, wraps, burritos).
- Has a protein and/or vegetable included.
- Is easy to chew.

Check the Sign Up (<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/9vq03k>) to see what others have volunteered to bring (if they've noted they're bringing a certain type of sandwich, you could take another volunteer slot and bring something either to complement that item or sign up to bring something that will provide residents with a choice for their meal).

This community also needs folks advocating for their needs as well as shedding light on the need for real solutions to end homelessness. For more information about these activities or other ways in which you can get involved to help our at-risk, unhoused neighbors, text Robin at 503-703-7183. And please visit the Friends of Multnomah Safe Rest Village website, and join their Facebook group for updates, news, photos, and connections.

SOUTHWEST OUTREACH

Southwest Outreach is an active civic group connecting with our neighbors living outside in SW Portland through visits, conversation, and relationship-building through a variety of programs and services. Check out the YouTube video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-tEMx35jzJk>) to see how programs like SW Outreach's weekly shower program at Village Grace Church (where guests get a shower, a hot meal, and a chance to connect with resources and engage in conversation) bless so many in need.

Volunteers are always needed as are material items (e.g., phones, tablets, laptops, and portable WiFi hotspots). of SW Outreach. You can also financially support SW Outreach (of which St. Andrew's is the fiscal sponsor) by donating online — select 'SW Outreach' in the drop-down menu when noting your designation. To get involved, please email Marilyn Palumbo. If you see (or know of) someone living outside in our area and you are uncertain how or whether to approach, you can always contact Southwest Outreach for a team to visit them. Call Marilyn to coordinate (971.235.5788).

Virtual Gatherings & Events

Sunday, October 25 & November 1 10:00am Hybrid Worship In person or online (Zoom & Facebook)	Friday, October 23 & 30 10am-12pm Virtual Coffee Chat Zoom
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Quick Reminders

NEED A RIDE?

If you need assistance getting to or from the church, please call Larry Kelley at 503-724-1966.

SUPPORT NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE FREE FOOD MARKET

During Communion (1st Sunday service of each month) and at potlucks and other events throughout the year, we collect non-perishable food donations for Neighborhood House Free Food Market. To further meet the need where it's greatest, we now have a list of most-requested items from our friends at Neighborhood House, which can be found on Neighborhood House's website.

ST. ANDREW'S NAME TAGS

As part of our welcome and when passing the peace, name tags help put names with faces - a crucial part of fellowship! Stop by the tower by the sanctuary doors in the narthex and grab your name tag and wear it during worship. (Don't forget to return it there after service so you'll have it next week too!) If you don't see yours, or need a new one, ask one of our welcome team members on Sundays or contact the office during the week and we will be happy to make you a name tag for future use.

ACCESSIBLE (ADA) PARKING

Please remember that street parking along SW Sunset is reserved for picking up and dropping off those who need extra assistance for worship on Sundays. Additional parking spaces are plentiful in our lot across Dosch. Please contact the office if you have any questions or need elevator access.

FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

If you would like to recognize a special occasion or person (e.g., birthdays, anniversaries) or memorialize a loved one by placing flowers on the chancel, please contact Bev Ruggles to confirm a date. (Contact the office for Bev's phone number if you don't have it.)

NATIONAL SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

People experiencing a mental health crisis have a way to reach out for help in the U.S., by calling or texting the numbers 9-8-8. The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is a national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in the United States. It will function much like 9-1-1, but is solely dedicated to addressing mental health needs. See their website for more information on this potentially lifesaving program, and help spread the word.

Thank you for continuing to support the ministries of St. Andrew's
through your online donations and checks sent by mail.

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