



St. Andrew's
Presbyterian Church

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
November 9, 2025
10:00am, Chapel

<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. 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.)

GATHERING

Prelude

Bell Ringing

Welcome



Litany for Veterans Day

Pastor: As we begin our worship today, we want to honor Veterans. Will all the Veterans among us please stand? Let us show our appreciation for the sacrifices made and service offered by these among us. Now let us share in a litany to continue to honor Veterans.

Pastor: For the people who serve in the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard,

People: We ask your blessing.

Assistant: For the family members who have made great sacrifices in order to make it possible for their service members to be on watch at home or around the world or to go into harm's way,

People: We ask your blessing.

Pastor: For the families who grieve the death of a member who went in harm's way, never to return,

People: We ask your blessing.

Assistant: Jesus tells us that no one has greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. For all those Veterans who have been willing to lay down their lives for us,

People: We ask your blessing.

Pastor: For the Veterans of past wars who bear scars in their bodies and spirits,

People: We ask your blessing.

Assistant: For Veterans who came home but couldn't "fit in" with their families or communities anymore,

People: We ask you blessing.

Pastor: Keep all our Veterans in your care today. Grant them the peace they sought to preserve for others. As we honor our Veterans, we also pray for peace. Teach all your people the ways of peace that those who have sacrificed so much for peace and freedom will not have done so in vain. We pray all these things in the name of your son, our savior, Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

Did you know there are paragraphs beneath each hymn in our hymnal explaining their origins or interesting features? Maybe worth checking out!	Time to Center *Opening Responses Though the world is overwhelming, <i>we are never alone.</i> Though our hearts are heavy with grief and fear, <i>we are never alone.</i> Though we may feel threatened on all sides, <i>we are never alone.</i> We gather to worship today to be reminded by our connection with Christ and each other that <i>we are never alone.</i> *Opening Prayer Thank you for drawing us into this community of care and compassion, and giving us the strength to do your work in the world. Please use this hour to purify our hearts and deepen our awareness that we are never alone, and then anoint us for your purposes. In Jesus' name, <i>Amen.</i> *Opening Song I've Got Peace Like a River Glory to God #623 Call to Reconciliation We are not alone. Let us open our hearts to the presence of our creator, savior, and sustainer and honestly surrender our need for mercy and grace. Please join me in our prayer of confession first aloud and then in silence. Unison Prayer for Forgiveness <i>We stand before you, Saving God, stripped of our pretensions and pride, for nothing we do or say, or do not, can be hidden from you. You hear the angry words we preach to ourselves; you sift through the rubble of hurts we have caused; you see how we stumble,</i>
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*weighed down by all that 'stuff'
that keeps us from following Jesus.
We stand before you, Holy Grace.
As you empty our hands of that wealth of unneeded
things to which we cling so tightly,
fill them with your grace and hope.
As we let go of all which might hold us back,
give us the trust to follow Jesus Christ,
our Lord and Savior,
into that life with which he offers to each of us.*

*Silence is kept
In Jesus' name. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! Because God loves us,
we lack for nothing;
because God forgives us, we have everything we need;
because God surrounds us with sisters and brothers,
we do not journey alone.
*Committing everything to God,
trusting in the One who redeems us,
we decide to live as God's faithful and forgiven
people. Amen.*

***Sung Response of Praise | O Sing to the Lord (vv.1-3)**
Glory to God #637

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

The gift of community in Christ helps us to know that
we are never alone.
When we share the gifts of the spirit with one another,
Including the peace that passes all understanding,
this awareness deepens in us.
So let us share peace now.
May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

<i>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!</i> <i>Lyrics for the doxology by Matt Nutter</i>	THE WORD Sung Prayer of Illumination <i>Lord, Prepare Me</i> <i>Glory to God #701</i> A Reading from the Gospel of John <i>John 7:37-38</i> <i>...Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.</i> Conversation with the Younger Church A Reading from the Book of Amos <i>Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24</i> <i>...For the word of God in scripture, For the word of God among us, For the word of God within us. Thanks be to God.</i> Sermon <i>Pastor Sarah Sanderson-Doughty</i> RESPONSE TO THE WORD Silent Reflection on the Word Preached Song <i>Though I May Speak</i> <i>Glory to God #693</i> Worshipping God with our Tithes and Offerings Invitation to Generosity Offertory *Doxology (to traditional tune) <i>Praise God, who fills each cup and plate Whose table's wide and love is great. From broken bread may all be fed. And justice rise where fear has spread. Amen.</i>
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	Prayer of Dedication <i>With gratitude for your steadfast companionship and deep faithfulness to your people We offer these gifts of gratitude, in the hope that more will come to know that they are never alone and that we might become even more fully a Christian community of compassion and care. In Jesus' name, Amen.</i> Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer SENDING Our Ministry in Christ <i>Stewardship Testimonial - Linda Jessell Announcements</i> *Song Go, My Children, With My Blessing (v.1 only) Glory to God #547 *Charge and Sung Blessing *And All God's People Say... 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



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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 for our community partners, including Operation Nightwatch. The next gathering will be December 6th, 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.

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.

November Birthdays

Jeanette Kloos - November 1, Raylan Gerhardt - November 2,
Larry Kelley - November 3, Ron Kleve - November 3, Dave Pebworth - November 3,
Mimi Cook - November 4, Larry Dewey - November 7, Todd Jessell - November 7,
Diane Calhoun - November 8, Frances Page - November 8, Jeff Sweeney - November 17,
Scott Schiefelbein - November 24, Lori Sweeney - November 25,
Charles Duncombe - November 27, Larry Patterson - November 28

November Anniversaries

Richard & Laurie Donald - November 4, Becky & Scott Schiefelbein - November 11,
Dale Sherbourne & Marie Dolson - November 24, Ric & Jo Ann Tower - November 28

Learning & Fellowship Opportunities

- **Disunity in Christ - Come for lunch at 12pm, stay for the Table Talk event!** (Hosted by Multnomah Presbyterian Church today)
- **Spiritual Formation Group** - Please join us from 12:30-2:00pm in the lounge on Wednesday, November 19th as we use the book “Beguiled by Beauty: Cultivating a Life of Contemplation & Compassion” by Wendy Farley to facilitate discussion.
- **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.
- **Enneagram Study Group** - The next meeting of this group will be on Saturday, November 22nd at 1:00pm, over Zoom.
- **Anti-Racism Discussion Group** - Stay tuned for information regarding our next meeting.

Upcoming Events

November 9 & 16 10:00am Hybrid Worship November 9 11:00am Sanctuary Choir St. Andrew's November 9 12:00pm Disunity in Christ Table Talk Multnomah Presbyterian Church	November 14 & 21 10:00am-12:00pm Virtual Coffee House Zoom November 19 12:30-2:00pm Spiritual Formation Group St. Andrew's November 22 1:00pm Enneagram Study Group Zoom
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New News & Announcements
See your eNews for full details

Disunity in Christ - Table Talks

Despite the numerous teachings and prayers of Jesus that all Christians “be one,” our nation (and the world at large) continues to be divided. Through a series of table talks held at Valley PC, St. Andrew’s PC, and Multnomah PC from October 12th through November 16th, we invite you to participate in discussing Christena Cleveland’s book “Disunity in Christ: Uncovering the Hidden Forces that Keep Us Apart.” These discussions will include fellowship and a meal and it is our great hope that we will emerge from these table talks more united in Christ.

There are only 2 more weeks remaining! The next session takes place **TODAY** (November 9th) at **Multnomah Presbyterian Church**. Register to attend using the link in your eNews (or the QR code on screen during pre-worship announcements) and join us for lunch at noon.

Never Alone - Stewardship Campaign

Mailings have been sent out, including a pledge card for 2026. Checks can be made payable to St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church or you can schedule payments online through Kindrid (using the link on our homepage -- just click on the circle that says “Give”). We will conclude our campaign and dedicate commitments on Sunday, November 23rd.

Sanctuary Choir

Rehearsals will take place in the chapel after service. Everyone is welcome; just bring a love of singing. For more information, contact Don Feely.

Thoughts from Pastor Sarah
(Written November 6th)

Dear Kindred in Christ,

It's been so fantastic hearing from several of you in this stewardship season. Thanks to John, Pat, Sally, and Maggie for your testimonies so far. I look forward to hearing what Linda Jessell will share this week. I hope you'll join us.

It's also been wonderful gathering with kindred from Valley and Multnomah for book discussions for four weeks so far. Thanks to all who helped provided hospitality the last two weeks and all who have participated in these discussions. I look forward to heading to Multnomah for the next two Sundays. I understand we'll have tacos for lunch this Sunday and chili the last Sunday. If you have been thinking you'd like to give this a try, you have two more opportunities.

Today I seem to be thinking about the power of sharing our voices and listening to one another. These book discussion sessions have been good practice opportunities. As the days get colder and wetter we can be tempted to isolate. But I hope we'll gather with others around fires and hot beverages and seek to share honestly and listen deeply. May this be a part of our holidays this year.

Please pray for several in our congregation and beyond dealing with serious health conditions, navigating grief, and otherwise struggling. Heather Hellman, pastor at Multnomah, asks that we pray for the people of the Gray's Landing apartments. These are the low-income apartments across from the ICE facility. Heather heard from a resident that with the weather change they can no longer open their windows to let any fresh air in. They have not all received air filtration devices and there is so much tear gas dust it is getting harder and harder to breathe. They have started a GoFundMe to get kids and families out for cheap weekends at a hotel, but they are sinking into deeper depression. She also shared that our colleague Josh Dunham and Covenant Gresham is getting hit really hard with ICE activity in their church community. At one point, agents were even rattling every door to try and get in the church. They host an immigrant church who is no longer coming to worship because they are so afraid. So much for which to pray. God, hear our prayers.

If you have children- your own, or grandchildren, or friends- in your life, please bring them with you to church. We have 8 members of this church who will be ready to provide a child-friendly welcome on Sunday mornings, support families in having meaningful worship experiences, and care for young children in the nursery. This new plan launches this week. We also offer Supper Church twice a month, on the second and fourth Sundays at 5pm. This is a relaxed, alternative worship, learning, and fellowship gathering for all ages. We will gather at 5pm in the lounge this Sunday. Let Roberta Schlechter know if you plan to join us.

Friday coffee chats are another great opportunity to speak and to listen. I hope you'll join me tomorrow at 10am (or any time thereafter until noon) on Zoom. Bring your favorite hot beverage and find your most comfy seat and log on.

Peace be with you and with our world,

Pastor Sarah