

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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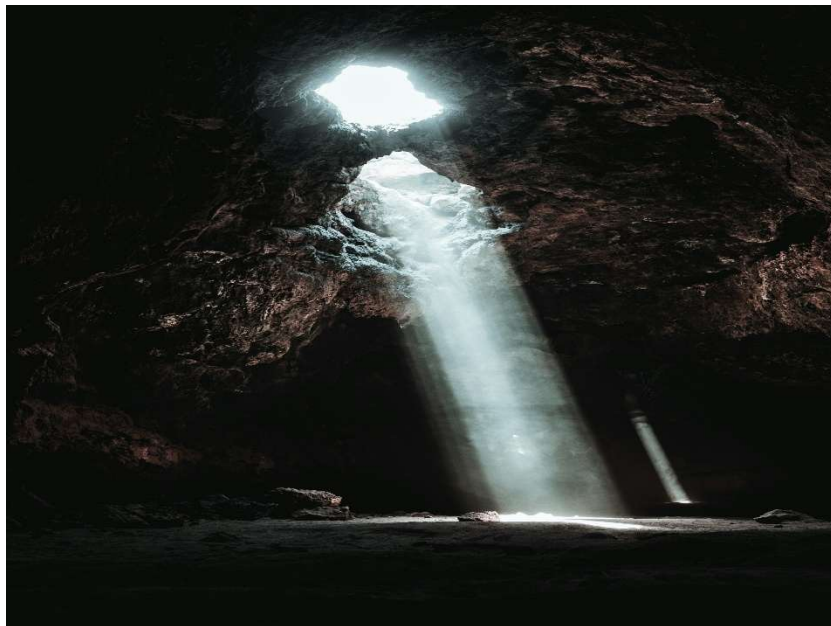
GATHERING

Prelude

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome

Time to Center



*Call to Worship

The Reformed church was not born from a desire for comfort, but from the need for faithfulness.

It was born not to preserve privilege, but to proclaim good news.

It was not born complete. It was born reforming.

Today, in the tradition of the saints who have gone before us, we worship God, who still speaks, still calls, and still opens new paths.

***Opening Hymn | A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

Glory to God #275

Call to Confession

Amid the countless things
that human beings cannot fully comprehend about God,
there stands this:

God so loves us as to bathe us with grace
and feed us with mercy
and forgive us our sins.

Confident in the love of God, let us pray together.

Prayer of Confession

*God of renewal,
we confess that many times we resist the movement
of your Spirit.*

We cling to certainty when you call us to trust.

*We protect our comfort when you call us into
solidarity.*

We choose silence when witness becomes costly.

*We confess the sins of the church;
the wounds of colonialism, racism, exclusion,
violence, patriarchy, greed, and the ways faith has
too often been used for dominating instead of
liberating.*

*Too often we have spoken of hope without practicing
justice.*

*We have prayed for peace while tolerating, even
perpetuating, systems of cruelty.*

*We have proclaimed unity while remaining distant
from one another's pain.*

*Forgive us
when our theology becomes indifferent,
when our worship becomes disconnected from
suffering,
when our institutions fear change and decline more
than injustice.*

***And still, O God, you do not abandon your people.
Reform us again through your Word.***

***Disturb us with your mercy.
Heal us with your truth.
Lead us by your Spirit into communities where
dignity may flourish.***

Silent Prayers of Confession

...In Jesus' name.
Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the good news:
The grace of God is deeper than our failures.
The mercy of Christ is wider than our fear.
The Spirit continues to renew the church and call the
world toward life.

In Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and sent again as a
covenantal Communion.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Song of Praise | Holy, Holy, Holy**

Glory to God #595

***Passing the Peace**

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

THE WORD

Prayer of Preparation

Dear God, today we are especially mindful of how you
have spoken to your people over the centuries as
individuals and in your church.
Let us be attentive to your word.
Amen.

A Reading from the Book of Psalms

Psalms 34

A Reading from the Gospel According to Mark

Mark 10:46-52

Sermon *Give Up Blindness*

Rev. Dr. Bob Stebe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song of Response | *God of Grace and God of Glory

Glory to God #307

***Affirmation of Faith**

*We believe in God,
Breath moving over chaos,
source of life stronger than death,
Justice deeper than empire,
Hope no prison can silence.*

We believe in Jesus Christ,
born among the poor,
forced to flee as a refugee,
friend of the excluded,
disturber of violent powers,
crucified by the logic of domination,
yet risen, breaking the power of fear,
who reconciles all things in the power of God's love.

*We believe in the Holy Spirit,
wild and untamable,
moving through ruined cities, refugee camps,
broken churches, wounded earth,
and weary hearts.*

We believe in the church
when it stands beside the crucified peoples of history.
We believe the church is called to be a sign of unity,
an instrument of reconciliation,
and a witness to God's justice.
We believe faith is not escape from the world
but courage to live differently within it.

Therefore:

In times of war,
we will proclaim peace with justice
and seek reconciliation without betraying the truth.

***In times of hatred,
we will defend human dignity.***

In times of hunger,
we will share bread and resist greed.

***In times of forced migration,
we will widen the table and cross borders of fear.***

In times of racism and exclusion,
we will proclaim that every person bears sacred worth,
for in Christ we belong to one another.

***In times of ecological devastation
we will stand with the earth,
which groans for healing.***

In times of despair,
we will stubbornly practice hope.

***For we are not alone.
The Spirit still moves.
Christ still reforms.***

Though perplexed, we are not crushed.
Though wounded, we are not defeated.
Though fragile, we bear witness.

***Led by the Spirit, we move together
toward unity, reconciliation, justice, communion,
and life.
Amen.***

*Thank you for your
faithful giving that fuels
the mission and
ministries of St.
Andrew's!*

Worshipping God with our Tithes and Offerings

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory Anthem | Over My Head

African American Spiritual

From the Worship
Sourcebook

***Song of Praise | Kyrie Eleison**

St. A's Songbook #195

***Prayer of Dedication**

***God of the harvest,
receive these gifts of the earth
and human labor with the offering of our hearts.
Feed us with your bread and cup,
that we may be signs of your gracious life
made known in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.***

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of abundant grace,
You have gathered us from many peoples, many
stories, many languages, and made us one in Christ.

***At this table there are no strangers, no first or
second places, no borders your love cannot cross.
Here we receive not a reward for our faithfulness,
but your gift of grace.***

Here, the bread is shared, the cup is shared, and your
people are made one.

As we share this bread and drink from this cup, renew
us by your Spirit.

May this meal become living witness: bread shared,
truth spoken, dignity defended, creation cherished,
and love embodied.

Make this table a sign of your Kindom among us,
where justice and peace embrace,
where reconciliation becomes possible,
where every barrier falls,
and where hope is nourished for the journey.

***Gather us again as one body, to persevere in
witness, reforming hope until all are welcomed at
your table.***

Prayers submitted on prayer cards and Zoom will be read followed by "Christ, in your mercy," to which everyone responds, "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.

Through Christ, our host, our peace, and our bread of life. Amen.

Prayers of the People & the Prayer that Jesus Taught

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

*Gracious God,
We thank you for this shared table,
where you remind us that no one walks alone,
no one believes alone, no one is fed alone.
You have made us one body in Christ,
called not only to receive your grace,
but to share it as a communion.*

*Send us now, led by your Spirit,
to persevere in witness, to reform hope,
to seek justice, to widen the table, and to become,
together, bread for a hungry world,
companions for the lonely, and signs of your
Kindom among us.
Through Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, Amen.*

SENDING

***Closing Hymn | May the God of Hope Go With Us**
Glory to God #765

Our Ministry in Christ
Stewardship Testimonial - Marie Dolson
Announcements

Charge and Benediction

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

Postlude

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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.

November Birthdays

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

November Anniversaries

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

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.
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. Dr. Bob Stebe, Guest Preacher;
Amy Houchen, Worship Elder; Don Feely, Director of Music;
Roberta Schlechter, worship assistant; Caroline Sanderson-Doughty, songlead;
Steve Planck, AV tech assistant; and Laura Plank, sound technician.

About Our Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Bob Stebe retired from Hillsboro Presbyterian Church in
2022, after over 40 years of ministry as a youth director and ordained pastor with calls in
Phoenix, AZ, Jerome, ID and Diamond Bar, CA. He spent many of those years in youth and
camping ministry, including 13 runs as a small group leader at the Presbyterian Youth
Triennium. He recently served Presbytery of The Cascades as a synod commissioner and was
moderator for the Synod of the Pacific. Bob and Lisa have been married for 47 years and
have three grown daughters; one married; two granddaughters; a dog and a cat. Bob is one
of the scorekeepers for the Hillsboro Hops (minor league baseball team for the Arizona
Diamondbacks) and Lisa handles the concierge booth. He also does some substitute teaching
and often has a guitar with him. He and Lisa are big fans of baseball,
Disneyland and the outdoors, especially Yosemite.



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Mission Updates

For full details about mission and ministry work, contact the office, and refer to your eNews and Upcoming Events in this bulletin for special events.

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.nhpd.org.

Ziploc Ministry - Resuming this Saturday, November 7, this ministry meets monthly to fill bags with hygiene and personal items to be distributed to our unhoused neighbors.

West Women & Children's Shelter - We prepare and deliver homemade casseroles and other food items to this domestic violence shelter throughout the year. Recipes and instructions are provided; reimbursement is available.

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.

Learning & Fellowship Opportunities

- **Sunday Coffee Hour** - Volunteers are needed for Sundays. Contact Marie Dolson or Gail Planck for more info.
- **Family Fellowship** - Please join us on the 2nd Sunday of each month after service downstairs in Calvin Hall for an all-ages, family-focused service (with meal provided). Children in attendance will hear a Bible story and then take part in a craft that mirrors the lesson. Guests are always welcome!
- **Sanctuary Choir** - The choir rehearses on Sunday in the chapel after each service. Please contact Don Feely for more info.
- **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 for our next class on **Wednesday, November 4th**. This is a drop-in group; no need to have read the book!

Upcoming Events

<p>November 1 & 8 10:00am Hybrid Worship</p> <p>November 1 <i>Welcoming Pastor Kim!</i> Reception 11:00am St. Andrew's</p> <p>November 4 Spiritual Formation Group 12:30-2:00pm St. Andrew's</p> <p>November 7 First Saturday Ziploc Ministry 10:30am St. Andrew's</p>	<p>November 5 & 12 Virtual Coffee Chat 10:00-12:00pm Zoom</p> <p>November 11 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR VETERANS' DAY HOLIDAY</p> <p>November 14 Parking Lot Cleanup 9:00am-12:00pm St. Andrew's</p> <p>November 15 "Welcome Home" After-Church Potluck 11:00am St. Andrew's</p>	<p>November 19 St. A's Book Club 10:00am-12:00pm St. Andrew's</p> <p>November 25 Quilters Group 9:30-11:30am St. Andrew's</p> <p>November 28 Memorial Service for Mary Sherwood 2:00pm St. Andrew's</p>
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New News & Announcements

See your eNews for full details

WELCOME PASTOR KIM!

During our fellowship coffee hour, we will have an opportunity for you to meet our new Pastor. Please feel free to stop into the Chapel to welcome Pastor Kim to St. A's and the PNW!

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

In this week's edition of your eNews, Stewardship Elder, John Calhoun, shared reasons why you should prayerfully consider pledging to support St. Andrew's and added some great visual elements depicting statistics that those who attend church give more often (of their time, talents, money, and more) than those who do not attend. As he noted there, "a gift to St. Andrew's not only supports the church we attend. It helps inspire gifts to other institutions that we want to see supported."

WORK PARTY IN THE PARKING LOT

As we have done a few times each year, a group of faithful volunteers will meet in the St. A's parking lot on Saturday, November 14 to maintain the grounds therein. Scouts from a few troops that meet in our building will lend a hand once again, and light refreshments will be provided.

“WELCOME HOME” POTLUCK

Our next after-church potluck is quickly approaching (Sunday, November 15) and our theme is “Welcome Home.” This phrase holds great meaning for many and is one we at St. Andrew’s use often. We welcome all to the table with open arms, breaking bread and sharing fellowship each Sunday — and every day in between. This month, we welcome our Transitional Pastor, the Rev. Dr. Kim Jackson. Please bring your favorite fall and winter comfort foods and enjoy!

Thoughts from Your Session (Written October 29th)

Dear friends in Christ,

This is our last note from Session before we turn this section over to Pastor Kim. We appreciate your flexibility these past few months as we dealt with tech issues and more. We have enjoyed bringing you these weekly updates during this period of transition.

Roberta recently brought a wonderful quote to our attention that we wanted to share here, as we feel it perfectly describes this moment in St. A’s history.

“The greatest value of liminal times and places is that there is an opportunity to become more open to God’s movement and activity. It takes intentionality to think, to feel, to talk, to confess, to pray, to trust, and to commit to life together in the service of God’s calling.” - Susan Beaumont

Speaking of working in liminal places, Pastor Kim has arrived! She stopped into the St. A’s office very briefly this week with Champ (what an adorable pup who’s equally as excited to meet all of us as we have been to meet Kim and him!) and she will be worshipping with us this Sunday. Her first day preaching will be next Sunday, November 8.

As she settles into her role here, we have a few items that our Session Elders wished to highlight. This week’s messages from your Session Elders come from Steve Ihrig (Building & Grounds Elder) and John Calhoun (Stewardship Elder) — as they were each a report with photographs, and both are important items to note, we have placed them in the *News & Notes* section (of your eNews) to showcase them ... also allowing you to find them easily if you refer back to the eNews at a later time and want to re-read anything about either of these updates.

Much is happening at St. Andrew’s now and we’re excited to see what comes! As Roberta pointed out, Reformation Sunday and All Hallows Eve, the light that follows darkness, a seasonal changing of the clocks, and Sunday’s activities to welcome Pastor Kim are all wonderful things to experience with one another and

asked that we share the Benediction that the Rev. Dr. Bob Stebe delivered last week to remind us of our many blessings.

*May God bless you with
discontent with easy answers, half-truths, superficial relationships, so that
you will live from
deep within your heart.*

*May God bless you with
anger at injustice, oppression, abuse, and exploitation of people, so that
you will work for
justice, equality, and peace.*

*May God bless you with
tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war,
so that you will
reach out your hand to comfort them and to change their pain to joy.*

*May God bless you with
the foolishness to think you can make a difference in this world, so that
you will do the things
which others tell you cannot be done.*

*If you have the courage to accept these blessings, then God will also bless
you with*

- *Happiness: because you will know that you have made life better for others.*
- *Inner peace: because you will have worked to secure an outer peace for others.*
- *Laughter: because your heart will be light.*
- *Faithful friends: because they will recognize your worth as a person.*

In Christ,

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Session

Quotation Source: Beaumont, Susan. *How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going: Leading in a Liminal Season*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2019.

Benediction by Benedictine Sister Ruth Fox, 1985