



St. Andrew's
Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday of Pentecost
June 7, 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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GATHERING

Prelude

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome

Time to Center



***Call to Worship**

Here in this place, there are no foreigners,
for all are welcome in God's house.

***Here in this worship, there is only acceptance,
for love is the language of faith.***

Here in our lives, there are no divisions,
for God dwells in each of us.

Come, let us worship in unity and love.

***Opening Hymn | Here I Am To Worship**

St. A's Songbook #171

1 Peter 5:7

Call to Confession

Hear these words from the First letter of Peter:

Kindred in Christ,
God not only desires our repentance,
but longs to offer us forgiveness.
Therefore, cast all your anxiety on God,
because God cares for you eternally.

Let us confess our sin together.

Psalm 46;

Matthew 7:21–29

Prayer of Confession

*God, our rock and refuge,
there are plenty of things that we allow
to erode our faith in you.*

*When life gets stormy,
we let our uncertainty
cloud our trust in you.*

*We think we know better
and start relying on ourselves
to be able to weather the rain.*

*Forgive our lack of hope
and the disbelief that drowns us.
Allow us to hold on to you, our rock,
and to build our lives on the foundation of your love.
In the name of Jesus Christ,
our stalwart and our shelter. Amen.*

Silent Prayers of Confession

...In Jesus' name.

Amen.

From
Colossians 3:15-17
(The Message)

Assurance of Pardon

The peace of Christ keeps us in tune with each other.
The power of the Spirit keeps us in step with
one another.
The grace of the Creator grants forgiveness,
making us grateful.

Thanks be to God for the Good News:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Response of Praise | *Glory to God, Whose Goodness
Shines on Me***

Glory to God #582

***Passing the Peace**

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

THE WORD

Prayer of Preparation

*Almighty God, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
speak to us in the language of our hearts,
that we may hear your Word with understanding
and answer your call with confidence. Amen.*

A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke

Luke 6:36-38

Conversation with the Younger Church

A Reading from the Book of Ruth

Ruth 2:1-23

Sermon

Rev. Amy Delaney

Acts 2:11

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Declaration of Faith 10.1
(PCUSA 1985, PCUS 1977)*

Affirmation of Faith

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus God kept his promises. All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ. But the work of God in Christ is not over. God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen. The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence that supports us when lesser hopes fail us. In Christ God gives hope for a new heaven and earth, certainty of victory over death, assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death. This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.

Worshipping God with our Tithes and Offerings Invitation to Generosity

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

Offertory Anthem | *How Can I Keep From Singing?*

Arr. by Greg Gilpin

Song of Praise | *O God, You Are My God

Glory to God #743

***Prayer of Dedication**

*O God, may these gifts bring light to those who walk in darkness,
hope to those who live in despair,
and justice to those who are oppressed.
Grant to each giver a sense of participation
in the most important opportunity of all time—
to share your love with the world.
To this end, we dedicate our offerings and
ourselves. Amen.*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

God is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

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.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to God.
Let us give thanks to God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
...You planted seeds in fertile ground,
to rise and sing your praise.
Glory to you forever.

...to join the song of all creation
and forever sing your praise:
***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of goodness and life,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of
the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

...He shared bread with outcasts and sinners
and healed the brokenhearted.
Glory to you forever.

...Do this for the remembrance of me.
Glory to you forever.

... we will live forever in blessedness
as we taste the fruits of heaven.
Glory to you forever.

...Blessed are you, now and forever. ***Amen.***

Prayers of the People & the Prayer that Jesus Taught

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

***God of grace,
You renew us at your table with the bread of life.
May this food strengthen us in love
And help us to serve you in each other.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.***

SENDING

Closing Hymn | *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
Glory to God #435

Our Ministry in Christ
Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation
Election of Session Elders and Deacons
Adoption of revised Foundation by-laws
Election of Foundation Board members

Announcements

Charge and Benediction

Sung Response | *Go with Us, Lord
Glory to God #748

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; John Calhoun, worship assistant;
Connie Blumthal, song leader; Steve Planck, 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 this Saturday (June 6), 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 (June 6th).

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.

*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.*

June Birthdays

Dick Shettler - June 1
Greg Williams - June 1
Carol Patterson - June 9
Victoriano Ledezma-Tilton - June 12
Randy Schlecheter - June 16
Steve Cook - June 18
John Sherwood - June 18
Merrie Backer - June 19
Connie Lloyd - June 22
Nancy Mitchell - June 28

June Anniversaries

Kathy & Larry Kelley - June 9
Amy Houchen & Rick Wise - June 9
Becky & Chuck White - June 9
Gail & Steve Planck - June 15
John & Mary Sherwood - June 21
Connie & John Blumthal - June 21
Lorinda & Ray Moholt - June 24
Steve Cook & Marianne Parshley - June 26

Learning & Fellowship Opportunities

- **Sunday Coffee Hour** - Volunteers are needed for Sundays. Contact Marie Dolson or Gail Planck for more info.
- **Supper Church** - Join us for food and fellowship, as well as fun for the kiddos! We meet in the lounge/chapel for an all-ages, family-focused service (with meal provided) and children in attendance hear a Bible story and then take part in a craft that mirrors the lesson. Guests are always welcome! Our next gathering will take place after service next Sunday, June 14th.
- **Sanctuary Choir** - Rehearsal takes place after service each week in the chapel. If you'd like to join, we encourage you to stop by. 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, June 17th. This is a drop-in group; no need to have read the book!

Upcoming Events

<p>June 7 & 14 10:00am Hybrid Worship</p> <p>June 6 10:30am First Saturday Ziploc Ministry St. Andrew's</p> <p>June 7 11:00am Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting St. Andrew's</p>	<p>June 7 2:00pm Memorial Service for Steve Griffith Lincoln High School</p> <p>June 10 9:30-11:30am Quilters Group St. Andrew's</p> <p>June 14 11:00am Supper Church St. Andrew's *Please note the new date/time!</p>	<p>June 17 12:30-2:00pm Spiritual Formation Group St. Andrew's</p> <p>June 18 10:00am St. A's Book Club St. Andrew's</p> <p>June 28 11:00am After-Church Potluck St. Andrew's</p>
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New News & Announcements

See your eNews for full details

TODAY! SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please plan to stay after worship today (June 7th) for the semi-annual congregational meeting, at which time we will elect officers for the church and conduct the business of the foundation, including changes to the foundation bylaws (i.e., the number of board members, allowing for electronic meetings, etc.). Copies of the proposed bylaws will be available.

UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE

While this time of year brings about so many activities and celebrations of milestones and more, it is also a time for our church family to reflect upon and celebrate the lives of several individuals we've recently lost. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend and honor their memories, as we keep their families in our prayers:

- **Steve Griffith's memorial service will be taking place TODAY at 2pm at Lincoln High School and live on YouTube.**
- **Gwen Wildfong's memorial service will be held here at St. A's at 11am on Saturday, August 1. A luncheon will be held after the service at the Jewish Community Center.**
- **Sue Malter's memorial service will be held at St. Andrew's. Date and time to be announced.**

DO YOU HAVE A HEART FOR MISSION?

Though many of us are busy planning summer getaways (or perhaps a staycation that involves getting lots of items checked off on the To Do List), our Neighborhood Ministries and Mission teams are working to ensure that our unhoused neighbors and those in need in our community aren't forgotten in the midst of summer festivities. If you would like to know more about the work that SWITCH, Laundry Love, and other mission-centered teams are doing, we would love to have you come aboard. Please contact Marilyn Palumbo for more information.

Thoughts from Pastor Amy (Written June 4th)

Dear friends in Christ,

This week I have been thinking about the blessings of community, and how one act of loving kindness (Hesed in Hebrew) ripples through many lives beyond the intended recipient.

Our grandkids have a new picture book in their home, *What Should Danny Do?* by Ganit and Adir Levy, a “choose your own story” book about a young superhero named Danny. A similar book with Darla as the protagonist is also available. Danny’s superpower? The power to choose! At several points during Danny’s day he has the power to make a choice that will lead to a very good day, or a not so good day. The reader chooses which path to take and then the story continues with the consequences of that choice, before facing yet another choice. In our house it passes the keeper test – do they ask to read it again? Yes!

As I read that book one evening this week with the grandkids, I realized that this book is a good reminder for all of us about how some choices build relationships, build community or assist others ... and some choices do not.

In the book of Ruth, the first chapter begins with a choice for Naomi’s recently widowed daughters-in-law. Will they travel return to their own mothers, or will they choose to travel to a foreign land with their widowed mother-in-law, Naomi. Orpah chooses to go home, and Ruth chooses to go with Naomi. The next choice once Ruth and Naomi arrive in Bethlehem, is made seemingly randomly when Ruth goes gleaning for food for her and Naomi. Come to worship on Sunday, or read along in the book of Ruth for more of the story. We will focus on chapter 2 this week.

Ruth and Naomi aren’t alone in facing choices. I met this week with a seminarian who will be searching for his first pastoral call in 2027. He has many choices about his future direction. Parents have made choices about summer plans and school in the fall. Teachers are planning for the end of the year and also choosing what to do differently next year. And our Session will soon be making a choice regarding the transitional pastor to shepherd this congregation. Each of us decide what to do with our time, our energy, and our resources. And in all these choices God waits patiently for us to pray, to reflect, to consider what to do with our power to choose that will show the love of God and neighbor to the world.

Choose well!

In Christ,

Pastor Amy