

ALL are welcome here.  
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helps the hour to be  
more worshipful for you.

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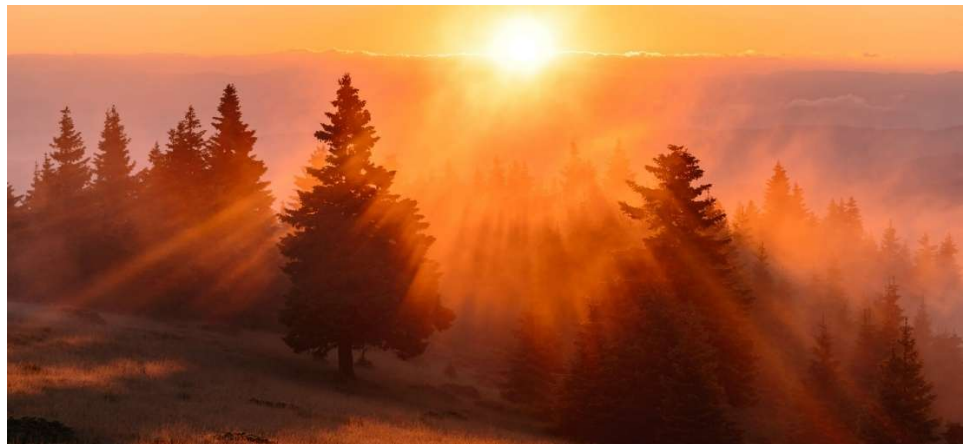
## GATHERING

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Time to Center



### \*Call to Worship

The apostle Paul calls us to “let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.” What is the mind of Jesus?

***The mind of Jesus is to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.***

Paul reminds us that “it is God who is at work in you.”  
How is God at work in us?

***God enables us through grace to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.***

Paul exhorts us to “work on your own salvation with fear and trembling.” How do we work on our own salvation?

***We cooperate with grace to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.***

Beloved, we gather to worship God who, through Jesus, shows us how to love and enables us to love as Christ loves us.

***We gather to learn how to live in full accord through our love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.***

**\*Opening Hymn | *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship***  
St. A's Songbook #165

### **Call to Confession**

Within the strength of community, in the power of silence, we come before God with the truth of our lives, trusting in the mercy and love of our Creator.  
Let us offer our confession before God and each other.

### **Prayer of Confession**

***Holy God, we know that in so many ways  
We have run from you,  
We have ignored your call,  
We have closed our eyes to your presence,  
We have disbelieved your mercy,  
We have disregarded your words,  
We have belittled ourselves,  
We have forsaken others.  
So we ask, once again, for your forgiveness.  
We ask you to stay with us as we turn away from  
what is wrong and hurtful to what is bright  
and life-giving.  
And hear now our silent prayers.***

### **Silent Prayers of Confession**

...In Jesus' name.  
***Amen.***

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Receive the good news:  
God's love abounds for us,  
Forgiving us and restoring us to  
Community with God and one another.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
***Thanks be to God!***

**\*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

As we open ourselves to God's word in song, scripture,  
and speech, let us pray...

*O God of promise, your word made flesh in Jesus  
Christ is trustworthy and true.*

*By the power of your Holy Spirit, may it rise up in us  
this day like a gift from the spring of the water of life  
to refresh our thirsty souls. Amen.*

### A Reading from the Book of Psalms

*Psalms 19:1-6*

### A Reading from the Book of Philippians

*Philippians 2:1-7*

### Sermon

*What We Might Mean When We Say,  
"I'm Spiritual But Not Religious"*

*Rev. Scott Dalgarno*

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### \*Affirmation of Faith

*In Christ, the new world has already broken in  
and the old can no longer be tolerated.*

*We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom.  
But hope plunges us into the struggle  
for victories over evil that are possible now  
in the world, the church, and our individual lives.*

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

Philippians 2:1-13

*Hope gives us courage and energy  
to contend against all opposition,  
however invincible it may seem,  
for the new world and the new humanity  
that are surely coming.*

## Worshipping God with our Tithes and Offerings

### Invitation to Generosity

### Offertory

*\*Song of Praise | Praise God, from Whom All Blessings  
Flow (Doxology)*

*Glory to God #609*

### \*Prayer of Dedication

*Humble Savior, you meet us at the start of every  
day and invite us to take on the mind of Christ.*

*As we bring these gifts, set aside in us the need  
to win, to hoard, to be first.*

*Shape us instead for love, for shared work, for joy  
in serving side by side.*

*Use what we offer to build a community where  
sacrifice is natural, mercy is instinctive, and hope  
rises in every heart.*

*Keep forming us, not by force but by grace, until  
our living begins to look like Jesus.*

*We place our offerings—and ourselves—in your  
hands. Amen.*

## Prayers of the People and the Prayer that Jesus Taught

## SENDING

*\*Closing Hymn | Will You Come and Follow Me  
(vv. 1-3 only)*

*Glory to God #726*

**Our Ministry in Christ**  
**Announcements**

## Charge and Benediction

**\*Sung Response | *Take My Life (and Let It Be)***  
**(verse 6 only)**

*Glory to God #697*

## 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.  
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](http://www.standrewspdx.com)



Today's worship leadership includes the Rev. Scott Dalgarno, Guest Preacher;  
Carol Patterson, Worship Elder; Don Feely, Director of Music;  
Laura Hays, worship assistant; Connie Blumthal, songlead;  
Caroline Sanderson-Doughty, AV tech assistant;  
and Steve Ihrig, sound technician.

About Our Guest Preacher: The Rev. Scott Dalgarno has served as a preaching pastor in five Presbyterian Churches in Oregon. Most recently, he served Southminster, Beaverton. He has also served Westminster, Eugene; Westminster, Portland; Grace Presbyterian, Portland; and First Presbyterian, Ashland. Rev. Dalgarno has also pastored Wasatch Presbyterian Church in Salt Lake City (2011 to 2021). He lives in Lake Oswego where he writes every day. His writing can be found on the web at [www.scottdalgarno.org](http://www.scottdalgarno.org).



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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](http://www.nhpd.org).

**Ziploc Ministry** - Resuming on **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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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** - Rehearsals resume **TODAY, (9/27)**! If you'd like to join, we encourage you to stop by the chapel after service. Contact Don Feely for more info.
- **Men's Bible Study** - This group meets at 7am via Zoom on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, October 7<sup>th</sup>**. This is a drop-in group; no need to have read the book!

## Upcoming Events

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| <b>September 27 &amp; October 4</b><br>10:00am Hybrid Worship<br><br><b>September 27</b><br>( <i>TODAY!</i> )<br>11:00am Sanctuary Choir<br>St. Andrew's<br><br><b>October 7</b><br>12:30pm Spiritual Formation Group<br>St. Andrew's<br><br><b>October 14</b><br>9:30-11:30am Quilters Group<br>St. Andrew's<br><br><b>October 11</b><br>11:00am Family Fellowship<br>St. Andrew's | <b>October 2 &amp; 9</b><br>10:00-12:00pm Virtual Coffee Chat<br>Zoom<br><br><b>October 15</b><br>10:00am St. A's Book Club<br>St. Andrew's<br><br><b>October 15</b><br>10:00am St. A's Book Club<br>St. Andrew's<br><br><b>November 7</b><br>10:30am First Saturday Ziploc Ministry<br>St. Andrew's<br><br><b>November 14</b><br>9:00am-12:00pm - Parking Lot Cleanup<br>St. Andrew's |
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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.*

### September Birthdays

Everett Schiefelbein - September 1  
Mary Poulsen - September 2  
Scott Nasson - September 7  
Alyda Gilkey - September 15  
Ryan Patterson - September 24  
Laura Erickson - September 25  
Rebecca Nasson - September 26  
Bennie Pacheco - September 30

### September Anniversaries

Amy & Tim Tanous - September 5  
Kevin & Sarah Sanderson-Doughty - September 21

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**New News & Announcements**  
**\*See your eNews for full details\***

**SANCTUARY CHOIR IS BACK - TODAY!!!**

Many apologies for not getting this notice into this week's eNews. We hope those of you who are interested in joining our choir (or returning for another year) can make it to our first practice today. If you've got time, stop by the chapel after worship to see what sanctuary choir is all about. Questions? Feel free to speak with Don Feely.

**WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING**

On Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, we will receive the World Communion Offering, one of three Special Offerings that the Presbyterian Church (USA) designates for specific causes.

The Word Communion Offering will support ministries in racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations. There will be special envelopes designated for this offering. Please prayerfully consider making a contribution to this Special Offering.

**UPCOMING CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

We continue to lift up the family of Sue Malter as they process their loss. Sue's memorial service will be held at St. Andrew's in the Fall.

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**Thoughts from Your Session**  
**(Written September 24<sup>th</sup>)**

Dear friends in Christ,

This week, we enjoyed time with one another at a potluck that celebrated the abundance of the harvest and of love for one another. And we rejoiced in the news that Session has called the Rev. Dr. Kim Jackson as our Transitional Pastor. Her first Sunday with us will be November 1.

More information and a "Get to Know Your New Pastor" event is in the works and will be shared with you soon, but in case you missed what we shared last Thursday, here's a little background on Pastor Kim:

Assisting churches large, medium, and small in discerning their future path is part of her calling. Since her parents were in the foreign service, she is accustomed to moving around. She is looking forward to living in our part of the country, which she has never done. Along with ministry, she is an artist and is proficient with technology. You can view her blog seven different ways at <https://jacksonvisualmedia.blogspot.com/>.

While we eagerly anticipate her arrival in a month's time, we continue to focus on ways in which we can help our kindred in Christ across the globe. Please read the article in your eNews about our important work in Cuba, written by Mission Elder, Marilyn Palumbo. And we're gearing up to receive and dedicate our next Special Offering on Sunday, October 4 -- the World Communion Offering -- which members of your Mission Team spoke about during last Sunday's service. This Special Offering supports ministries focused on racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations.

Through our gifts, we participate in God's work of reconciliation around the corner and around the globe. In our divided and hurting world, this Offering reminds us that Christ's table is open to all people and that we are called to build communities shaped by compassion, justice, peace, and hope -- something our world desperately needs right now.

Our generosity will go a long way as the PC(USA), alongside global partners, addresses some of the most pressing challenges facing our communities and world. Together, we work to foster understanding across differences, accompany communities impacted by violence and injustice, strengthen relationships across cultures and faith traditions and bear witness to the reconciling love we know in Jesus Christ.

This is why we are inviting each member of our community to give generously to the World Communion Offering. We give because reconciliation is not simply an idea; it is central to our calling as the Church. Every act of compassion, justice and peace becomes part of God's healing work in the world.

As Presbyterians, we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord of all Creation and seek to follow him in lives marked by compassion, kindness and grace. And through our giving, may we joyfully share Christ's reconciling love with all those we care for, love and serve.

In Christ,

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Session