

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

Ring of the Bell

Welcome

Time to Center



*Call to Worship

Loving God, You are the Father who waits for us, watches for us, and runs to meet us while we are still a long way off.

We praise You for Your relentless grace that refuses to let us go.

You clothe us in mercy and invite us to Your table.

In this hour of worship, tune our hearts to the music of Your home, that we might celebrate Your goodness together.

***Opening Hymn | To God Be the Glory**

Glory to God #634

Call to Confession

Like the younger son, we have squandered our inheritance in distant lands.

Like the older son, we have harbored bitterness in our hearts.

Confident in the mercy of a loving Father, let us confess our sins together.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from Your presence.

We have sought fulfillment in things that do not satisfy.

We have wasted Your gifts and broken Your heart.

Other times, we have stayed home but grumbled at Your generosity toward others.

Forgive our rebellion.

Forgive our self-righteousness.

Restore us to the joy of Your salvation.

Receive us, not as we deserve, but according to Your steadfast love. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

...In Jesus' name.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news!

The Father says, "This child of mine was dead and is alive again; they were lost and are found."

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and brought home.

Alleluia! Amen

***Response of Praise | Holy, Holy, Holy
(sung twice)**

Glory to God #595

***Passing the Peace**

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

THE WORD

Prayer of Preparation

Let us prepare our hearts and minds to hear God's word,
as we pray:

*All-knowing God, you have satisfied our hunger at
sunset and held us close through nights of wrestling.
Now let the day break with your blessing.
Awaken and illumine us by your Word
that we may behold your likeness. Amen.*

A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke

Luke 15:1-10

Conversation with the Younger Church

A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke

Luke 15:11-32

Sermon

Parable of the Lost Brothers

Pastor Steve Parker

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn | *Amazing Grace

Glory to God #649

Service of Installation of Church Officers

Opening Sentences

There are varieties of gifts,
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

<i>Thank you for your faithful giving that fuels the mission and ministries of St. Andrew's!</i>	<i>There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.</i> God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished. <i>To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.</i> Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it. Statement on Installation Constitutional Questions Do we, the members of the church, accept Elder Carolyn Gazeley and Deacons Cory Chesnut and Lois Haley, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? If so, please say, "We do." <i>We do.</i> Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is head of the church? If so, please say, "We do." <i>We do.</i> Prayer of Installation Declaration of Installation Charge to the Newly Installed 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
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***Prayer of Dedication**

*Loving and generous God,
you provide for us and even bless us
in more ways than we can number.
We give these tithes and offerings
to tell of your wondrous and steadfast love
so that those who do not yet know you
may also come to your love. Amen.*

Prayers of the People & the Prayer that Jesus Taught

SENDING

Our Ministry in Christ
Announcements

Charge and Benediction

Sung Response | *You Shall Go Out with Joy
Glory to God #80

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



Today's worship leadership includes the Rev. Steve Parker, Guest Preacher, and the
Rev. Amy Delaney; Don Feely, Director of Music; Amy Houchen, worship assistant;
Connie Blumthal, song leader; Caroline Sanderson-Doughty, AV tech assistant;
and Larry Patterson, sound technician.

About Our Guest Preacher: The Rev. Steve Parker is an honorably retired Pastor and now serves the Presbytery
on COM northwest region. He currently lives in Dundee, OR with his wife Rachel and has a married son and two
grandchildren. They worship at First Presbyterian McMinnville. He served in Grants Pass for 28 years before
working with the Presbytery of the Cascades for 6 years as their Communication Coordinator. He and Rachel
also attended one of the mission trips to Cuba with a St. Andrew's delegation in 2019.



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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.nhpdx.org.

Ziploc Ministry - This ministry meets monthly to fill bags with hygiene and personal items to be distributed to our unhoused neighbors. **Please note:** We are taking a break for the summer. Check your eNews for updates regarding our Fall kickoff date and times.

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. **Please note:** We are taking a break for the summer. Check your eNews for updates.

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 the month following 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!
- **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.

Upcoming Events

August 23 & 30
10:00am Hybrid Worship

August 26
9:30-11:30am Quilters Group
St. Andrew's

August 28 & September 4
10:00-12:00pm Virtual Coffee Chat
Zoom

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.

August Birthdays

Jocelyn Errico - August 1
Laura Planck - August 4
August Dew - August 6
Kara Errico - August 11
Ron Grover - August 13
Charlie Heniken - August 17
Bev Shaw - August 18
Wesley Tanous - August 20
Carolyn Gazeley - August 22
Tracy Gerhardt - August 22
Barb Leahey - August 22
Sydney Herb - August 23
Joy Moss - August 23
Carol Stanfield - August 25
Jim Leahey - August 26
Katherine Van Allen - August 26
Irene Fowler - August 30



August Anniversaries

Dwain & Sharleen Peterson - August 3
Diana & Roland Zapata - August 13
Anne & Larry Dewey - August 16
Adam & Emily Dew - August 22
Linda & Todd Jessell - August 30



New News & Announcements
See your eNews for full details

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Is your weekly eNews missing? It might be hiding in your spam or promotions folder. To make sure you never miss important church updates, event registrations, or inspiring messages, please take a quick moment to add our email address (admin@standrewspdx.com) to your contacts or "Trusted Senders" list. Doing this tells your email provider that you want to hear from us, keeping our weekly updates safely in your main inbox!

UPCOMING CELEBRATION OF LIFE

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

Thoughts from Your Session
(Written August 19th)

Dear friends in Christ,

With the arrival of Fall, our church calendar is springing back to life. We are excited to resume our regular weekly activities, small groups, and ministries, and we look forward to seeing our worship spaces filled with familiar faces ready to serve and grow together (stay tuned for an announcement on when we'll move back into the sanctuary -- likely not until late September, depending on the temperature).

Change is in the air, not just in the season, but also in the life of our congregation. We ask that you join us in intentional prayer for our committee members who are currently finalizing the crucial structural tasks required to officially bring a new Transitional Pastor on board (more information to follow as we know more). Please pray for God to grant them deep discernment, wisdom, and unity as they complete this vital work to prepare our church for this next chapter.

This week, we have a special note of thanks to share with you from Carolyn Gazeley, who will be installed as an Elder this Sunday:

"Thank you for all of the prayers, calls, cards, and well-wishes during my weeks at home with a broken knee and elbow. It made a huge difference to me and helped keep my spirits up. I deeply appreciate being part of such a caring community."

In Christ,

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Session