



# St. Andrew's

Presbyterian Church

First Sunday of Ordinary Time  
January 11, 2026  
10:00am, Sanctuary

<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.)*

*Opening Responses, Opening Prayer, Prayer of Confession, and Assurance of Forgiveness by the Rev. Teri Peterson, prepared for the Bible Worm Collective in which Pastor Sarah is a member.*

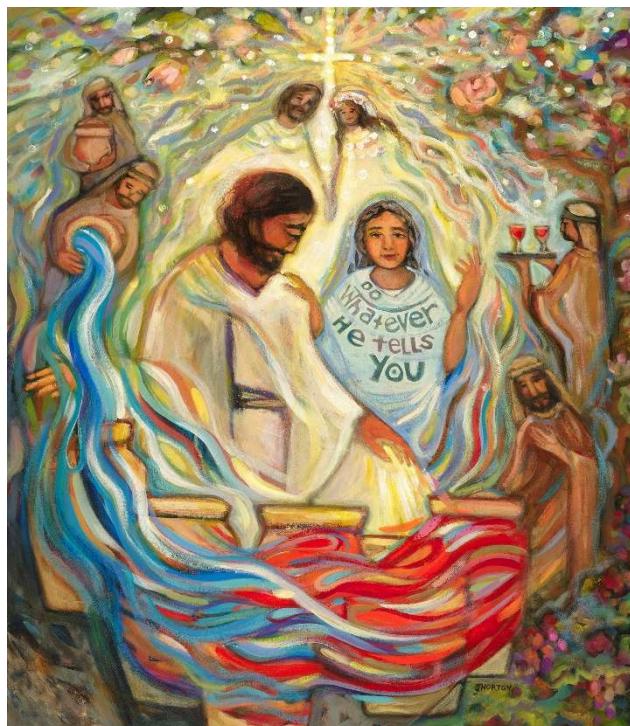
## GATHERING

**Prelude**

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Welcome**

**Time to Center**



**Opening Responses**

Worship Assistant: Grace upon grace

Pastor Sarah: glory is revealed

Right Side: plenty beyond reason

Left Side: despite the questions

All: the kingdom of God arrives, unexpectedly!

<p><i>Did you know there are paragraphs beneath each hymn in our hymnal explaining their origins or interesting features? Maybe worth checking out!</i></p>	<p>Worship Assistant: The best of the best      Pastor Sarah: flowing freely  <i>Right Side: mysteriously abundant</i>  <i>Left Side: from his fullness we all receive</i>  <i>All: the kingdom of God arrives, unexpectedly!</i></p> <p><b>Opening Prayer</b></p> <p>You make miracles, O God,      every day.      You show us your glorious presence      new every morning.      Your Word fulfils your purpose,      season by season and day by day.      Open us to recognize you at work,      in even the most ordinary of moments.  <b>Amen.</b></p> <p><b>*Hymn   Sing of God Made Manifest (vv. 1 and 3)</b>  <b>Glory to God #156</b></p> <p><b>Call to Confession</b></p> <p>In the light of God made manifest, let us see our hearts      clearly and offer them to God in Christ in prayer.      Please pray with me.</p> <p><b>Prayer of Confession</b></p> <p><i>You show us the truth of your goodness, O God –      that even when we fall short, you provide      more than enough.</i>  <i>We give you thanks for your abundant generosity.      We confess that we have abundant reasons      for shame –      we shame ourselves,      with our inner voices shouting      that we aren't as good as others;      we shame others when we judge      they've not measured up to our standards;      we have expectations that neither we      nor anyone else can meet.</i></p>
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*Yet you transform shame with grace.  
Forgive us, Lord Jesus,  
and help us to be gracious to one another and  
to ourselves.  
Forgive us and set us free to change our ways.  
Forgive us and fill us to overflowing with your  
goodness once again.  
We ask in your glorious and powerful name.  
Amen.*

**Silent Prayers of Confession**  
...In Jesus' name  
**Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**  
Friends, hear this good news:  
In Christ, creation is made new,  
God's kingdom arrives,  
and grace upon grace pours out on us all.  
Know that you, too, are made new;  
that you, too, live today in God's kingdom;  
that you, too, overflow with grace.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*Sung Response of Praise | As the Wind Song**  
Glory to God #292

**Sharing the Peace of Christ**  
The Spirit of God blows so many blessings upon us,  
including peace that passes all understanding.  
May the Spirit of God move us to share this peace with  
one another. May the peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## THE WORD

**Prayer of Illumination**  
*Open our hearts and our minds, our ears and our eyes,  
to see the abundance you offer. In Jesus' name,  
Amen.*

	<p><b>A Reading from the Book of Psalms</b>  <i>Psalm 104:14-16</i></p> <p>...Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. <b><i>Thanks be to God.</i></b></p> <p><b>Conversation with the Younger Church</b></p> <p><b>A Reading from the Gospel According to John</b>  <i>John 2:1-11</i></p> <p>...For the Word of God in scripture.    For the Word of God among us.    For the Word of God within us.  <b><i>Thanks be to God.</i></b></p> <p><b>Sermon</b> <i>Pastor Sarah Sanderson-Doughty</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>RESPONSE TO THE WORD</b></p> <p><b>Silent Reflection on the Word Read and Preached</b></p> <p><b>Song   Taste and See</b> <i>Glory to God #520</i></p> <p><b>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!</b></p> <p><b>Worshipping God with our Tithes and Offerings</b>  <b>Invitation to Generosity</b></p> <p><b>Offertory</b></p> <p><b>Doxology   Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow</b> <i>Glory to God #609</i></p> <p><b>Prayer of Dedication</b></p> <p><b><i>Lord Jesus, we receive abundance from your hand, and we present a portion of that abundance for your worship.</i></b>  <b><i>Be present among us as we share with others, that all your people may be provided for and your blessing may be revealed to everyone.</i></b>  <b><i>We pray in your holy name. Amen.</i></b></p>
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**Prayers of the People and the Prayer that Jesus Taught**

**SENDING**

**Our Ministry in Christ**  
*Announcements*

**\*Song | God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me**  
Glory to God #543

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**\*And All God's People Say**

**Postlude**

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



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Office hours: Mon - Thurs, 8:30 - 2:30, Bookkeeper Hours: Mon & Weds, 9:00 - 3:00

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**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](http://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 February 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 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.

### January Birthdays

Howard Page - January 13, Jim Tormey - January 14, David Anderson - January 15, Audrey Forca - January 22, Bev Hardin - January 24, Janice Reynolds - January 24, Tim Tanous - January 25, Bill Kinsey - January 29, Anne Dewey - January 30

### Learning & Fellowship Opportunities

- Sunday Coffee Hour** - Volunteers are needed for Sundays. Contact Marie Dolson or Gail Planck for more info.
- Supper Church** - Supper Church is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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** - Please join us on Zoom on January 24<sup>th</sup>! Newcomers are welcome - no need for an understanding of this subject - just come and learn!
- Anti-Racism Discussion Group** - Our group now meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month from 7-8pm. Please join us on Zoom on February 12<sup>th</sup>!
- Spiritual Formation Group** - Please join us from 12:30-2:00pm in the lounge on Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> as we examine Celtic Spirituality with a focus on the first seven days of Creation.

### Upcoming Events

<p><b>January 11 &amp; 18</b> 10:00am Hybrid Worship</p> <p><b>January 11</b> 11:00am Sanctuary Choir St. Andrew's</p> <p><b>January 11</b> 5:00pm Supper Church St. Andrew's</p> <p><b>January 14</b> 9:30-11:30am Quilters Group St. Andrew's</p>	<p><b>January 16 &amp; 23</b> 10:00am-12:00pm Virtual Coffee House Zoom</p> <p><b>January 21</b> 12:30-2:00pm Spiritual Formation Group St. Andrew's</p> <p><b>January 24</b> 1:00pm Enneagram Study Group Zoom</p>
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## **New News & Announcements**

**\*See your eNews for full details\***

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Our next after-church potluck, *Sharing a Meal Warms the Hearts*, is coming up. Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 15 and plan to attend. Soup will be served. Please consider bringing one of the items listed on the SignUp Genius link. For more questions, please contact Marie Dolson or Gail Planck.

### **Sanctuary Choir**

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

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### **Thoughts from Pastor Sarah**

**(Written January 8<sup>th</sup>)**

Dear Kindred in Christ,

It was so wonderful to welcome the musical gifts of Aubrey and Everett Schiefelbein into our worship service last week (and all the other band members too) just a few weeks after their baptisms! We pray Aubrey safe travels back to Chicago and a strong second semester of her first year of college. And we hope Everett will play for us again soon. Are there any drummers in our fellowship who'd like to step up?

We remain partners with a church in Santa Clara, Cuba. We are hoping to visit them in late March and in the next few months to raise consciousness of our partnership and funds to offer them as a gift. Stay tuned for the opportunity to participate in a small dinner, in the home of a fellow church member, sometime in February or early March.

Our national relationship to Latinx kindred is fraught right now. Our actions in Venezuela and the waters near Venezuela, the status of immigrants in our nation, there are multiple painful, messy, scary situations. I am extra grateful, then, that we have a direct way to share love with our Cuban kindred even as we strengthen our bonds with one another. When things feel overwhelming, finding something positive, and meaningful to do is tremendously helpful. And shoring up our connections in Christ is a wise thing to do as well.

Speaking of shoring up our connections in Christ, I hear wonderful reports about the Big Table. And your Fellowship elders are already hard at work on a potluck near Valentine's Day. Let's keep connecting and breaking bread.

It's been a long break, but I'll be back on coffee chat this Friday between 10 and 12. Even if you don't usually check in, why not give it a try? I'd love to see you and hear you.

Speaking of long breaks, our anti-racism discussions resume this evening. Hope you'll join us.

We'll continue our journey in the Gospel of John this Sunday morning and gather for Supper Church this Sunday evening for a lesson about Jesus' disciples. I hope you'll find a way to connect.

In Christ, Pastor Sarah