



St. Andrew's

Presbyterian Church

Ash Wednesday
February 18, 2026
7:00pm, Chapel

<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.)

Did you know there are paragraphs beneath each hymn in our hymnal explaining their origins or interesting features? May be worth checking out!



Call to Worship

If God threw a party,
all would be invited.

If God hosted a dinner,
there'd be a seat saved for each of us.

If God prepared a banquet,
a cheer would go up when you arrived.

This is the good news:

God is throwing a party.

God is hosting a dinner.

God is preparing a banquet,
and all are invited.

Let us worship this invitational God.

***Song | Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling**

Glory to God #418

Call to Confession

Family of faith, if someone declines our invitations again and again, in our human ways, we tend to stop inviting them. We get the hint. We assume they'd rather be elsewhere. With God, however, things are different. No matter how many times we overlook or ignore God's outstretched hand, God will never stop reaching for us. So with that good news in mind, let us go to God in prayer.

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you invite us deeper into faith, deeper into relationship, and deeper into community. You invite us to your table, but we cling to the wall. We RSVP "Maybe." We come up with excuses for why we can't attend. Forgive us for doubting the invitation, and forgive us for doubting our worth. Show us how to respond to you with confidence instead of hesitancy, and joy instead of doubt. With gratitude we pray, amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Friends, no matter how many times we mess up, no matter how many times we lose our way, no matter how many times we decline God's invitation, God will never stop inviting us to the table. There is and always will be a seat saved for you. So join me in these good news words:

*We are forgiven, again and again.
We are invited, again and again.
We are loved, from beginning to end.
Thanks be to God, our Inviter. Amen.*

***Response of Praise | Just as I Am, without One Plea
(v. 3 only)**

Glory to God #442

<p><i>Lectio and Visio Divina from the NRSV [a]14.16 Greek he [b]14.24 The Greek word for you here is plural</i></p>	<p>Prayer of Illumination</p> <p>Lectio and Visio Divina</p> <p>Luke 14:15-24 The Rev. Susan Tindall</p> <p>¹⁵ One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, “Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!” ¹⁶ Then Jesus^[a] said to him, “Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. ¹⁷ At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is ready now.’ ¹⁸ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.’ ¹⁹ Another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.’ ²⁰ Another said, ‘I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.’ ²¹ So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, ‘Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.’ ²² And the slave said, ‘Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.’ ²³ Then the master said to the slave, ‘Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. ²⁴ For I tell you,^[b] none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.’</p> <p>Prayer of Thanksgiving</p> <p>Imposition of Ashes O Lamb of God</p> <p>Glory to God #555</p> <p>Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer</p> <p>Affirmation of Faith</p> <p>We believe in a table-setting God <i>who always has a seat saved for you.</i></p> <p>We believe in an inviting God <i>who leaves the porch light on and a hand extended.</i></p> <p>We believe in a radically welcoming God <i>who eats with the overlooked and the outcast, the hungry and the downtrodden.</i></p>
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We believe in the good news of the gospel,
which reminds us
*that all are welcomed, all are celebrated,
all are loved, and all are claimed.*
Pull up a seat at God's table.
There is good news to be shared here. Amen.

Song | Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)
(verses 1, 2, and 5)

Glory to God #726

Lenten Benediction

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

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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

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visit our website at www.standrewspdx.com
Office hours: Mon - Thurs, 8:30 - 2:30, Bookkeeper Hours: Mon & Weds, 9:00 - 3:00

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.

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 March 7th, 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 (March 7th).

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.

February Birthdays

Karry Gillespie - February 3, Christina Tilton - February 6, Lis Powell - February 10,
Darwin Forca - February 12, John Blumthal - February 15,
Barbara Thompson - February 19, Lorinda Moholt - February 21,
Kathleen Cook - February 25, Becky Schiefelbein - February 26

February Anniversaries

Jeff & Lori Sweeney - February 1, Eric Chavez & Bennie Pacheco - February 14,
Nancy Kraemer & David Roth - February 17, Pat & Marily Quesnel - February 18

Upcoming Events

February 18

7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service
St. Andrew's

February 22 & 29
10:00am Hybrid Worship

February 18 - April 5
“One Great Hour of Sharing”
Special Offering

February 19
10:00am-12:00pm St. Andrew's Book Club
St. Andrew's

February 22
11:00am Sanctuary Choir
St. Andrew's

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5:00pm Supper Church
St. Andrew's

February 25
9:30-11:30am Quilters Group
St. Andrew's

February 26
1:00-5:00pm SW Outreach Allies Meeting
St. Andrew's

March 4
12:30-2:00pm Spiritual Formation Group
St. Andrew's

New News & Announcements

See your eNews for full details

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The Presbyterian Church (USA) explains that this Special Offering is “interpreted during Lent and received on Palm Sunday and/or Easter Sunday in response to Christ’s call to ministries of compassion for the most vulnerable around the world.” Please be on the lookout for materials about this Special Offering and give as you are able.

UPCOMING WORK PARTY

Many hands make light work! Stay tuned for information about a parking lot work party (tentatively slated for a Saturday before Easter Sunday) and please plan to stop by and help. This work ensures that the grounds near our building safe, inviting, and appealing to the humans and animal inhabitants alike for years to come.

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 2nd and 4th 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. ***We hope to see you Sunday evening!***
- **Sanctuary Choir** - Rehearsal will be held after service on Sunday, 2/22 in the chapel.
- **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 on Wednesday, February 18th as we examine Celtic Spirituality with a focus on the first seven days of Creation.