

Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost, November 19, 2023

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

3228 SW Sunset Blvd, Portland, Oregon

<https://zoom.us/j/738059997> or <http://www.facebook.com/standrewspdx/live>



## GATHERING

**Prelude**

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Welcome**

**Time to Center**

**\*Call to Worship**

From seed to shoot,

***God's kingdom is coming, God's kingdom draws near.***

From shoot to branch,

***God's kingdom is coming, God's kingdom draws near.***

Rooted and growing,

***God's kingdom is coming, God's kingdom draws near.***

Flourishing, blossoming,

***God's kingdom is coming, God's kingdom draws near.***

With wisdom and might,

***God's kingdom is coming, God's kingdom draws near.***

With justice and mercy,

***God's kingdom is coming, God's kingdom draws near.***

With righteousness and faithfulness,

***God's kingdom is coming, God's kingdom draws near.***

**\*Opening Song**

*In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful (3x)*

Glory to God #654

**Call to Confession**

## **Prayer of Confession**

*When our faith is rooted deeply in you, O God,  
our lives reflect your kingdom values  
of justice and righteousness,  
but sometimes our lives become  
so entangled with the values of the world,  
that your values take second place.*

*Forgive us, O God, and reconnect us to the Holy Spirit,  
source of power and life.*

*Merciful God, strip our hearts and minds  
of all that prevents our lives being firmly rooted in you.  
May our lives bear fruit worthy of our faith in you,  
as we watch and wait for your breaking into our world once more,  
in the person of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.*

*Amen*

## **Silent Prayers of Confession**

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

## **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Blessed be the Lord our God, who does wondrous things. (Psalm 72: 8)  
The most wondrous of all being God's entry into our world in Jesus Christ,  
"not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."  
"Those who believe in him are not condemned." (John 3:17,18)

*Thanks be to God!*

**\*Response of Praise**      *Give Thanks*      Glory to God #647

**\*Passing of the Peace**  
... The peace of Christ be with you.      *And also with you.*

## **THE WORD**

**Song for Illumination**      *Listen to the Word that God Has Spoken*  
Glory to God #455

**A Reading from the Book of Isaiah**      Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1-5

## **Sermon**

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Song**      *Lord, Prepare Me*      Glory to God #701

**Worshipping God with our Tithes and Offerings and Commitments**

**Invitation to Generosity and Testimony of Gratitude from Your Stewardship Team**     *John Calhoun*

**Offertory Anthem**     "Let the People Give Thanks"     *choir*  
By Pamela Martin & Lloyd Larson

**\*Response of Praise**     *As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought*  
Glory to God #712

**\*Prayer of Dedication**  
*Generous God,  
with these offerings of treasure and commitment,  
We demonstrate our gratitude for the sanctuary  
you have provided to and through us.  
We embody our commitment  
to provide sanctuary in the year ahead.  
And we rejoice in all the blessings  
that flow from generosity, yours first, ours second.  
We dedicate all of this to you. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**SENDING**

**\*Closing Song**     *In the Bulb There Is A Flower*     Glory to God #250

**Our Ministry in Christ**  
*Testimony from Darwin Força*

**Charge and Sung Benediction**

**\*Sung Response**     *Sent Out in Jesus' Name*     St. A's Songbook 193

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

**Postlude**