

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.

*How to read the bulletin like a pro: when text is **bold and italicized**, you are invited to join the congregation in reading the text aloud. When there is an asterisk (*) before an element of worship, you are invited to stand.*

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Based on Psalm 78:1-4

GATHERING

Prelude

Ring of the Bell

Welcome

Time to Center



***Call to Worship**

People of God, open your ears!

Come and celebrate the story of our God,

a story of compassion and mercy,

of redemption and love;

a story passed down from generation to generation,

so that God's people never forget

the wonderful things our God has done!

Let's praise God together!

***Opening Hymn | Breathe on Me, Breath of God**
(vv. 1-3 only)

Glory to God #286

Call to Confession

Confession is a time when we recognize the ways we have moved away from God,
a moment to look deeply into our lives
and into our community and
shine a light on the ways we have not lived faithfully.
Confession offers us the opportunity to reorientate our lives...

to turn our hearts, minds, and whole selves back to God,
even if we have wandered away.

Let us pray together.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Spirit, you desire good:

good in the world and good in our lives.

*You have given us ways to know you and
ways to know what you hope for us.*

*But we confess that we don't often trust in your
presence and goodness.*

*We often do not follow the call of your Spirit or live
in the Way of Christ for our own benefit and thriving.*

*So, we pray for your Holy Spirit to work within us,
to guide and lead us,*

*so that we may grow toward your way of Life
with Hope.*

Silent Prayers of Confession

...In Jesus' name.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Our merciful and loving God never loses hope in us.

God calls and welcomes back the lost, the least, and all
who wander from the path chosen for us.

This is the Good News, love is stronger than hate,
grace has the power to transform,

and the mercy of the Lord is with us now and forever.

In Jesus Christ we who feel lost are found...

we who stumble are forgiven!

In Jesus Christ we are always welcomed home!

Alleluia! Amen.

	*Response of Praise <i>Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me</i> <i>Glory to God #582</i> *Passing the Peace ... The Peace of Christ be with you all. <i>And also with you.</i> THE WORD Prayer of Preparation <i>Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find wisdom, and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</i> A Reading from the Book of Isaiah <i>Isaiah 43:1-7</i> Conversation with the Younger Church A Reading from the Book of Acts <i>Acts 8:14-17</i> Sermon <i>Ours to Receive</i> <i>Rev. Jan Reynolds</i> RESPONSE TO THE WORD *Hymn <i>Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness</i> <i>Glory to God #291</i> Worshipping God with our Tithes and Offerings Invitation to Generosity Offertory
<i>Our first reading from Scripture uses the NRSV translation.</i> <i>Our second reading from Scripture uses the CEB translation.</i> <i>Thank you for your faithful giving that fuels the mission and ministries of St. Andrew's!</i> <i>Invitation to Generosity from Psalm 116:12, 14</i>	

Psalm 100

***Song of Praise | Doxology**

Glory to God #607

***Prayer of Dedication**

*Good and holy God,
for your steadfast love and faithfulness
we give you thanks and bless your name.
Let our whole lives become songs
of gratitude, joy, and praise
so that all the earth may know
that we are your people
and you are our God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Prayers of the People & the Prayer that Jesus Taught

SENDING

Our Ministry in Christ

Announcements

Charge and Benediction

***Sung Response | *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*
(v. 1 only)**

Glory to God #542

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.

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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



Today's worship leadership includes the Rev. Jan Reynolds, Guest Preacher and
Amy Houchen, Worship Elder; Jeffrey Kaye, guest musician;
Lois Haley, worship assistant; Nancy Goering, songlead;
Caroline Sanderson-Doughty, AV tech assistant; and Laura Planck, sound technician.



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Upcoming Events

July 19 & 26 10:00am Hybrid Worship July 22 9:30-11:30am Quilters Group St. Andrew's July 24 & 31 10:00-12:00pm Virtual Coffee Chat Zoom	August 1 11:00am Memorial Service for Gwen Wildfong St. Andrew's (luncheon following at JCC) August 9 11:00am Family Fellowship St. Andrew's
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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.

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 each month after service in Friendship Hall (the gym) 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.

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.

July Birthdays

Connie Blumthal - July 6
Kathy Kelley - July 7
Ray Moholt - July 7
Rick Wise - July 7
Lowen Dew - July 8
Richard Donald - July 8
Ric Tower - July 12
Julie Anderson - July 15
Mary Sherwood - July 15
Sharleen Peterson - July 23
Brad Van Allen - July 28
Earl Stanfield - July 29
Oliver Young - July 31



July Anniversaries

Jim & Barb Leahey - July 12
Karry Gillespie & Greg Williams - July 13



New News & Announcements

See your eNews for full details

UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE

We continue to lift up our friends and neighbors who are experiencing the profound quiet of a recent loss. May God grant them a deep sense of divine peace and reassurance in the days ahead. As we prepare to reflect on and honor the legacies they left behind in our community, you will find the details for upcoming memorial services below:

- Gwen Wildfong's memorial service will be held here at St. A's at 11am on Saturday, August 1. A luncheon will be held after the service at the Jewish Community Center.
- Sue Malter's memorial service will be held at St. Andrew's in the Fall. Date and time to be announced.

Thoughts from Your Session

(Written July 14th)

Dear friends in Christ,

This week's update from your Session comes from our Stewardship Elder, John Calhoun.

Financial Statements for St. Andrew's through June 30th

At the halfway mark for the year, the church's financials are in good shape. (As shown by the financial statement data and graphic representation below.)

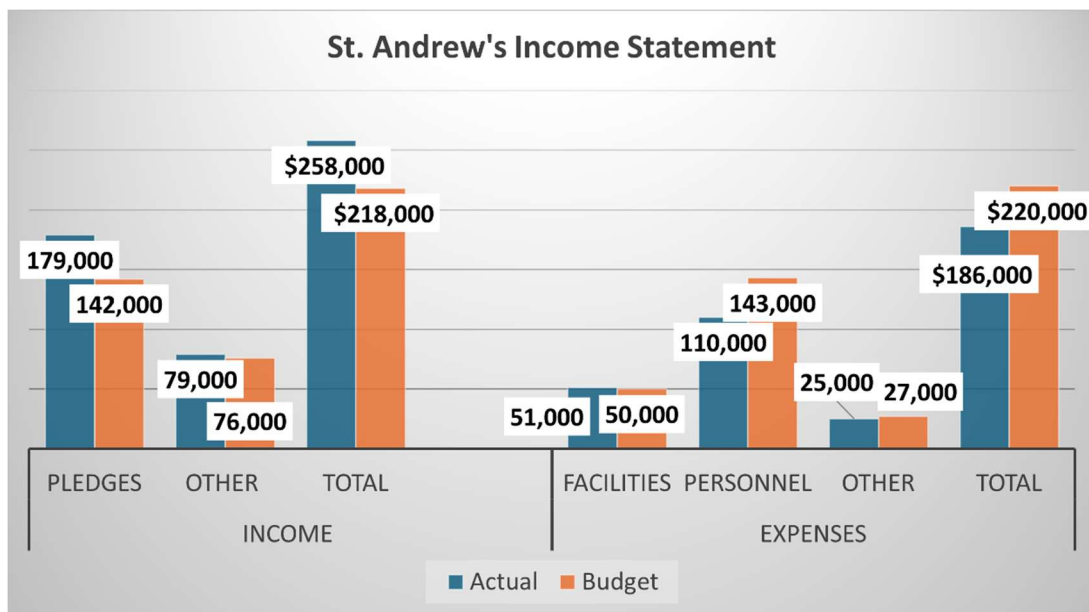
June YTD (totals in thousands)

Income Statement

		Actual	Budget	Variance
Income	Pledges	179	142	37
	Other	79	76	3
	Total	\$ 258	\$ 218	\$ 40
Expenses	Facilities	51	50	-1
	Personnel	110	143	-32
	Other	25	27	-2
	Total	\$ 186	\$ 220	\$ (35)
	Net Income	\$ 72	\$ (2)	\$ 75

Balance Sheet

		30-Jun	31-Dec	Variance
	Bank Acct	74	64	10
	Money Mkt/CD	428	443	-15
	Equity fund	361	330	31
	Total	\$ 863	\$ 837	\$ 26



Since many members give their full pledges for the year during the first half of the calendar year, pledges have been more than halfway completed at this time. Expenses are below budget largely because the budget included a full-time Pastor's compensation. Following Pastor Sarah's departure in February, Pastor Amy worked half time (really more) and did not receive the full benefits package that a full-time Pastor receives. Until we bring on a Transitional Pastor, we will continue to underspend in this area when compared with what was budgeted.

We are taking advantage of this surplus and funds from our Foundation to improve our building and expand our mission work. We spent \$14,000 on capital building projects and another \$14,000 for mission in dedicated funds (these figures do not show up in our operational statements). Session also approved using \$5,000 from the Foundation to increase our mission work in support of our sister church in Cuba, supporting the Presbyterian efforts dealing with the earthquake in Venezuela, and helping local mission needs.

In Christ,

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Session