



St. Andrew's
Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2026
10:00am, Sanctuary

<https://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.

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GATHERING

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Time to Center



Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Opening Hymn | *Here in This Place (Gather Us In)

Glory to God #401

Acts 2:40

Call to Confession

Jesus' rising from the dead assures us that we, too, have been given new life. Let us repent of our sin before God and one another, certain of God's mercy. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

*Almighty God,
our world is filled with corruption:
power disguises itself as truth;
convenience masquerades as goodness;
selfish pleasure imitates love.*

*We confess to you, O God,
that we have been caught in the web of the
world's sin.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
save us from these deceptions and free us for glad
obedience,
that we may see the joy of Jesus' resurrection
and receive the promise of everlasting life. Amen.*

Silent Prayers of Confession

...In Jesus' name.
Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear God's word of grace:
You are precious in my sight,
And honored, and I love you.

The former things have passed away.
God says: I am doing a new thing;
Now it springs forth – do you see it?

Friends, believe the good news,
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

***Response of Praise | Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks**
(v. 4 only)

Glory to God #240

***Passing the Peace**

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

THE WORD

Prayer of Preparation

*Open our eyes and soften our hearts, O God,
through the work of your Holy Spirit,
that in the hearing of your Word
we may receive new life. Amen.*

A Reading from the Gospel According to John

John 1:16-18

Conversation with the Younger Church

A Reading from the Book of Acts

Acts 17:16-31

Sermon

Rev. Amy Delaney

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith**

God was incarnate in Jesus Christ, who announced good news to the poor, proclaimed release for prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, let the broken victims go free, and proclaimed the year of the Lord's favor. Jesus came to seek and to save the lost; in his life and death for others God's redeeming love for all people was made visible; and in the resurrection of Jesus Christ there is the assurance of God's victory over sin and death and the promise of God's continuing presence in the world.

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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!

One Great Hour of Sharing 2026 worship resource

Worshipping God with our Tithes and Offerings Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

***Song of Praise | Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks
(v. 4 only)**

Glory to God #240

***Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God,
you have blessed us with many gifts.
Now you call us to be a blessing for others.

Receive the offering of our lives —
our work and witness,
our time and resources,
our love and service.

Use these gifts to build up your church
that we may serve you in the world,
doing justice, loving kindness,
and walking humbly with you.
Through Jesus Christ we pray. ***Amen.***

The Sacrament of Holy Communion Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed.
Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... the eternal chorus of rejoicing who forever sing:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power, Giver of life,
heaven and earth declare your splendor.
Praise, glory, and love are yours.

Prayers submitted on prayer cards and Zoom will be read followed by "Christ, in your mercy," to which everyone responds, "Hear our prayer."

All the bread is gluten-free, all the juice is unfermented. Please come forward, if you are able, bringing food offerings and receiving bread and cup. If you wish to be served in your seat, please raise a hand when the server comes near. Hold onto the bread and cup until all have received so we might receive as one body with our kindred at home.

... that we might live in love.
Christ is risen from the dead. Love is come again.

... do this for the remembrance of me.
Christ is risen from the dead. Love is come again.

... we worship you eternally in songs of pure unbounded praise.
Amen.

Prayers of the People & the Prayer that Jesus Taught

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

***Loving God, you have given us a share
in the one bread and the one cup
and made us one with Christ.
Help us to bring your salvation and joy to
all the world.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.***

SENDING

Closing Hymn | *Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Glory to God# 744

**Our Ministry in Christ
*Announcements***

Charge and Benediction

Sung Response | *As You Go On Your Way

composed by John Ylvisaker
arr. by Joyce Borger

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.

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



Today's worship leadership includes the Rev. Amy Delaney, Bridge Pastor;
Don Feeley, Director of Music; Amy Houchen, worship assistant; Connie Blumthal, song leader;
Caroline Sanderson-Doughty, AV tech assistant; and Laura Planck, sound technician.



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Mission Updates

*See your eNews, Upcoming Events in this bulletin,
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 June 6th, 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 (June 6th).

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.

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.

May Birthdays

Bev Ruggles - May 1
Marilyn Palumbo - May 5
Katelan Gerhardt - May 11
Amy Houchen - May 11
Dwain Peterson - May 13
Marianne Parshley - May 17
Susan Peterson - May 17
Michael House - May 18
Todd Gerhardt - May 24
Mary Silver - May 25
Don DeFrancq - May 29
Nina Schiefelbein - May 30
Diane Kleve - May 31

May Anniversaries

Randy & Roberta Schlechter - May 30
Ray & Paddy Blair - May 31

Learning & Fellowship Opportunities

- **Sunday Coffee Hour** - Volunteers are needed for Sundays. Contact Marie Dolson or Gail Planck for more info.
- **Supper Church** - Join us for food and fellowship, as well as fun for the kiddos! We meet in the lounge/chapel for an all-ages, family-focused service (with meal provided) and children in attendance hear a Bible story and then take part in a craft that mirrors the lesson. Guests are always welcome! Our next gathering will take place **after service on Sunday, May 17th**. To RSVP, or to learn more, please contact Roberta Schlechter.
- **Sanctuary Choir** - After a brief hiatus, the choir is back! Rehearsal takes place today after service 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** - We're taking a pause, but will start up a new class on Wednesday, May 20th. Please join us from 12:30-2:00pm in the lounge – this is a drop-in group; no need to have read the book!

Upcoming Events

<p>May 3 & 10 10:00am Hybrid Worship</p> <p>May 3 11:00am Sanctuary Choir St. Andrew's</p> <p>May 13 9:30-11:30am Quilters Group St. Andrew's</p> <p>May 17 11:00am Supper Church St. Andrew's <i>*Please note the new date/time!</i></p>	<p>May 20 12:30-2:00pm Spiritual Formation Group St. Andrew's <i>*Note: No meeting on 5/6!</i></p> <p>May 21 10:00am St. A's Book Club St. Andrew's</p> <p>May 24 2:00pm Memorial Service for Carol Pebworth St. Andrew's</p>
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New News & Announcements
See your eNews for full details

UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE

As we collectively continue to navigate a world without Steve Griffith, Carol Pebworth, and now Gwen Wildfong, their families are in the midst of the often-heavy process of planning memorial services and other tasks. Please mark your calendars, if you would like to attend and honor the memory and celebrate the life of Steve, Carol, and Gwen.

- Carol Pebworth’s memorial service will be held here at St. A’s at 2pm on Sunday, May 24.
- Steve Griffith’s memorial service will be taking place at 2pm on Sunday, June 7 at Lincoln High School.
- Gwen Wildfong’s memorial service is still in the planning stages. Location and time to be announced.

SWITCH NEEDS YOU

The Southwest Initiative to Change Homelessness (SWITCH), formerly Pathways Home, is a collaboration between SW Faith Coalition, Friends of the Multnomah Safe Rest Village, and SW Outreach working to foster an environment of hope, while restoring dignity and a sense of belonging for individuals facing houselessness. Through education, advocacy, and street outreach, SWITCH aims to create pathways home for vulnerable unsheltered neighbors in our community. If you would like to join this group (or just want to know more), please contact Kara or Marilyn to find out about our next meeting and how you can get involved.

Thoughts from Pastor Amy
(Written April 30th)

Dear friends in Christ,

Today I have a bit of a sermon preview.

On Sunday, we will be hearing Paul’s sermon to the Athenians on Mars Hill as found in Acts 17:16-31. As I’m pondering the text, one Greek word (which may appear in the sermon) keeps standing out to me. The word is translated as “amateur” in our Common English Bible, and is used in the build-up to the sermon on Mars Hill.

Acts 17:18: Certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers engaged Paul in discussion too. Some said, “What an **amateur!** What’s he trying to say?”...

Other translations read “babbling,” “chatterer,” “show off,” or “word scatterer.” This word in the Greek literally reads ‘seed picker’ – like a chicken pecking at seeds, first one and then another. It is an evocative image. It is also a critique of Paul and his scattered thoughts, implying that he is quoting from this and that without following a proper form of argument. The CEB’s translation ‘amateur’ reminds us that Paul is speaking to professional philosophers, and probably Paul doesn’t fully understand how they do things. Yet the philosophers are curious, and so they bring Paul to Mars Hill to continue their discussion.

When I was in college, there was a philosophy major who loved to bait Christians. He would seek out any underclassman wearing a cross and engage them in a brutal philosophical discussion over a meal. It felt abusive, but also a rite of passage, to be chosen to be part of one of these debates.

And so, when I imagine Paul at Mars Hill, I imagine trained philosophers picking on Paul, continuing to call him just a seed-picker. But that may not be a fair characterization because, in the text that we have, Paul holds his own, delivering a neatly organized sermon. And while some in attendance scoff, others believe the message.

I wonder, when have you been “out of your league” in a discussion? How did you feel? Were you able to remain curious about the other person while in the midst of defending your position? This passage has many things to teach us, not the least of which is the importance of continuing in dialogue with people whose beliefs differ from ours.

It is important to know that I have written this before writing the sermon – so I encourage you to join me for worship on Sunday as we dive more deeply into the text and ponder this event in Paul’s life.

In Christ,

Pastor Amy