

*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
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are invited to join the
congregation in reading
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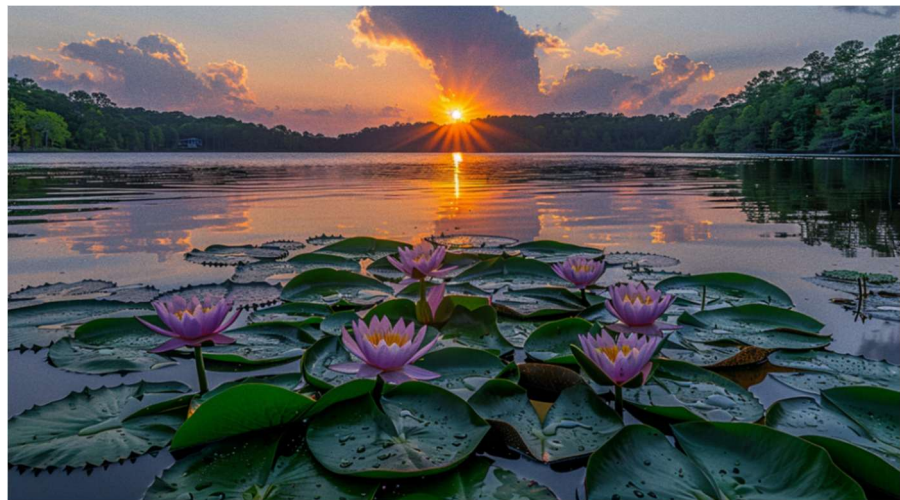
GATHERING

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Time to Center



*Call to Worship

We lift our praise to you, our God,
and we will bless your name into eternity.

God is magnificent

and can never be praised enough.

There are no boundaries to God's greatness.

Generation after generation stands in awe;
each one tells stories of God's mighty acts.

***Creation and creatures applaud you, God;
your holy people bless you.***

Generous to a fault,
you fill our cups to overflowing.

***Everything the Lord does is right—
the trademark on all God's work is love.***

Opening Hymn | *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun
Glory to God #265

Call to Confession

Jesus said not to be anxious about what we will eat or drink or wear, for life is more than food and the body more than clothing.

Let us come confessing our preoccupation with things and our needless anxiety, letting the Lord take our lives. Let us seek God's forgiveness praying together:

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, Lord, when we think we merit the wealth and comforts we enjoy.

With full bellies we only make token gestures to the poor.

Forgive us for keeping the distance between "us" and "them."

Our hands grasp tightly our possessions and treasures, keeping us from lending a hand to our neighbor or clinging to you.

For all our acts of assumption and ingratitude we ask your forgiveness.

O God, unite us with Christ and one another in this community of his body,

that with hearts of thanksgiving we would work to share the vision of your love and justice for all, as did our Lord Jesus in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

...In Jesus' name.

Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rise, let us follow the Lord of Grace, living out the faith that makes us whole.

God will multiply our resources and supply our needs.

When we turn in on ourselves, God forgives.

God hears our prayers, delivering us from fear to an affirming hope.

Thanks be to God.

Response of Praise | *You Are My Strength When I Am Weak (All in All)
Glory to God #519

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

THE WORD

Prayer of Preparation

Let us open ourselves to hear God's word for us today.
Let us pray...

Living God,
help us to hear your holy Word with open hearts
so that we may truly understand;
and, understanding,
that we may believe;
and, believing,
that we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience,
seeking your honor and glory in all that we do.
Through Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Gospel According to John

John 12:27-32

A Reading from the Book of 1 Kings

1 Kings 19:1-16

Sermon *Keep Calm and Carry On*

Rev. Bob Stebe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith**
*In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,*

*From "A Brief Statement
of Faith" of the
Presbyterian Church
(USA)*

Thank you for your
faithful giving that fuels
the mission and
ministries of St.
Andrew's!

*to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord
and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom,
and peace.*

*In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and
new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"*

Worshipping God with our Tithes and Offerings

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

***Song of Praise | Praise God, from Whom All Blessings
Flow (Doxology)**

Glory to God #609

***Prayer of Dedication**

*Gracious and Giving Lord,
take all that we have and all that we are and use it
all to shape our lives, this community, and the
wider world into your kingdom here on earth.
You have filled our cups with gifts to share as a
blessing in the name of Jesus the Christ,
in whom we pray. Amen.*

Prayers of the People & the Prayer that Jesus Taught

SENDING

***Closing Hymn | Be Thou My Vision**

Glory to God #450

Our Ministry in Christ
Stewardship Testimonial - Marilyn Palumbo
Announcements

Charge and Benediction

Sung Response | *May the God of Hope Go with Us
Glory to God #765

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.

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. Bob Stebe, Guest Preacher;
Carol Patterson, Worship Elder; Don Feely, Director of Music;
Amy Houchen, worship assistant; Connie Blumthal, songlead;
Caroline Sanderson-Doughty, AV tech assistant;
and Ryan Patterson, sound technician.

About Our Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Bob Stebe retired from Hillsboro Presbyterian Church in 2022, after over 40 years of ministry as a youth director and ordained pastor with calls in Phoenix, AZ, Jerome, ID and Diamond Bar, CA. He spent many of those years in youth and camping ministry, including 13 runs as a small group leader at the Presbyterian Youth Triennium. He recently served Presbytery of The Cascades as a synod commissioner and was moderator for the Synod of the Pacific. Bob and Lisa have been married for 47 years and have three grown daughters; one married; two granddaughters; a dog and a cat. Bob is one of the scorekeepers for the Hillsboro Hops (minor league baseball team for the Arizona Diamondbacks) and Lisa handles the concierge booth. He also does some substitute teaching and often has a guitar with him. He and Lisa are big fans of baseball, Disneyland and the outdoors, especially Yosemite.



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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.nhpdx.org.

Ziploc Ministry - Resuming on **Saturday, November 7**, this ministry meets monthly to fill bags with hygiene and personal items to be distributed to our unhoused neighbors.

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.

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 downstairs in Calvin Hall 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!
- **Sanctuary Choir** - The choir rehearses after each Sunday service. We plan to begin rehearsals again soon, so that we will be prepared to sing something as we welcome Pastor Kim on November 1. Please contact Don Feely for more info.
- **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 for our next class on **Wednesday, November 4th**. This is a drop-in group; no need to have read the book!

Upcoming Events

October 25 & November 1 10:00am Hybrid Worship November 1 <i>Welcoming Pastor Kim!</i> 11:00am Welcome Coffee Hour St. Andrew's November 4 12:30-2:00pm <i>Spiritual Formation Group</i> St. Andrew's November 7 10:30am First Saturday Ziploc Ministry St. Andrew's	October 30 & November 5 10:00-12:00pm Virtual Coffee Chat Zoom November 8 <i>Pastor Kim Begins Preaching</i> 10:00am Hybrid Worship St. Andrew's November 14 9:00am-12:00pm Parking Lot Cleanup St. Andrew's November 15 11:00am After-Church Potluck St. Andrew's November 15 <i>Stewardship Sunday</i> St. Andrew's
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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.

October Birthdays

Laura Faulkner - October 1
 Erica Herb - October 2
 Ray Blair - October 3
 Linda Jessell - October 5
 JoAnn Tower - October 6
 Nancy Kraemer - October 7
 Stephen Silver - October 7
 Dale Sherbourne - October 13
 Bob Hughes - October 19
 Becky White - October 19
 Chuck White - October 19
 Cory Chesnut - October 20
 Marie Dolson - October 24
 Aubrey Shiefelbein - October 26
 Steve Planck - October 27
 Barrett Tanous - October 27

October Anniversaries

Jake & Kara Errico - October 28

New News & Announcements
See your eNews for full details

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Our annual pledge drive kicked off last weekend. You should be receiving your pledge card in the mail soon, if you haven't already. We understand that the current times may have a large impact on finances. Give as you are able - you'll note that there are boxes to select on the pledge card that also mention helping out around the church where needed.

Over the next several weeks at worship we will hear from members about why they pledge and what the church means to them. We will then celebrate Stewardship Sunday on November 15th. You may bring your pledge card with you to worship on or before that date, or you can mail it to the church, pledge online by using the pledge button on the church's website (<https://www.standrewspdx.com/pledge>), or simply send an email to our bookkeeper, Krissy Wilds (bookkeeper@standrewspdx.com), stating what your pledge will be for next year.

Thoughts from Your Session
(Written October 19th)

Dear friends in Christ,

Pastor Kim will be joining us for worship next Sunday (November 1) and begins preaching the following Sunday. We are so excited to meet her in person and lift her and furry companion, Champ, up in prayer as they are working their way to the Pacific Northwest.

Help Us to Welcome Pastor Kim

Do you have a favorite dentist, dog park, or local attraction to recommend? Please forward any suggestions you have to Kara (admin@standrewspdx.com) or bring it with you to church on Sunday. We will provide index cards to capture the congregation's top secret best places in Portland, to help Kim settle in and feel welcome. Shoe repair? Karaoke bar? Favorite farmer's markets? It is all fair game if it is a local favorite of yours!

Thank you to everyone who has submitted a suggestion card or contacted Kara already. It's not too late to contribute your ideas! (**Deadline for submission is Sunday, October 25**, so that Kara will have time to format everyone's suggestions into a little booklet that we'll present to Pastor Kim on November 1).

We hope you will be able to attend the November 1 service and stay for a special meet 'n greet with Pastor Kim during our Fellowship Coffee Hour following service.

In Christ,
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Session