

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
the text aloud. When
there is an asterisk (*)
before an element of
worship, you are invited
to stand.

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GATHERING

Prelude

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome

Time to Center



*Call to Worship

Love is calling for liberation.

Love is hoarse from calling,
her voice raw from the decades
she has spent chanting at protests
and speaking from pulpits
and singing the songs of freedom.

Love is weeping into a white candle

she cups her hands at a vigil
for one more immigrant lost,
kidnapped, deported, separated from loved ones.

She is holding the hands of a grieving mother
and praying aloud for peace.

This is where Love shows up,
where Love has always shown up.

She is tugging at our hands and sleeves,
begging us to lay down our egos
*and take up our courage
and dedicate our lives to justice.*

***Opening Hymn | When In Our Music God Is Glorified**
Glory to God # 641

Call to Confession

We know our God loves us.
Let us have no fear.
God's forgiveness comes to those who open their hearts
to it.

Prayer of Confession

*God of light.
In Jesus you brought hope to the world and joy to
our lives.
Our world is so full of anger and violence.
For too many people, revenge is a religion.
God of light, open our eyes, clear our minds, and
soften our hearts so we may walk as children of light.
Through Jesus our Lord.*

Silent Prayers of Confession

...In Jesus' name.
Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

In Christ, our reconciliation with God has already
happened.
Forgiveness is real.
Redemption is possible.
Let us continue in faith, holding to the hope of the
gospel.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
Thanks be to God.

Response of Praise | *I Want Jesus To Walk With Me
Glory to God #775

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

THE WORD

Prayer of Preparation
Lord, open our hearts and minds to your word in song,
scripture, and speech.
Amen.

A Reading from 1 Thessalonians
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A Reading from the Book of Revelation
Revelation 1:4-8

Sermon *When Biblical Hope Turns Counterfeit*
Rev. Scott Dalgarno

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith**
*We trust in Jesus Christ,
Fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.*

*From the PC(USA) "Brief
Statement of Faith,"
1983*

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

*Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.*

*God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.*

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 God, thank you for the blessings you have
given us in abundance.
We've now returned a tiny portion of what you
have provided as an act of worship.
Use these gifts to further your work and bless
others.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.*

Prayers of the People & the Prayer that Jesus Taught

SENDING

***Closing Hymn | My Life Flows On**
Glory to God #821

Our Ministry in Christ

*Introduction to Stewardship Campaign - John Calhoun
Announcements*

Charge and Benediction

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

Glory to God #542

Postlude

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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

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. Scott Dalgarno, Guest Preacher;
Don Feely, Director of Music; Amy Houchen, worship assistant;
Connie Blumthal, songlead; Ryan Patterson, AV tech assistant;
and Steve Ihrig, sound technician.

About Our Guest Preacher: The Rev. Scott Dalgarno has served as a preaching pastor in five Presbyterian Churches in Oregon. Most recently, he served Southminster, Beaverton. He has also served Westminster, Eugene; Westminster, Portland; Grace Presbyterian, Portland; and First Presbyterian, Ashland. Rev. Dalgarno has also pastored Wasatch Presbyterian Church in Salt Lake City (2011 to 2021). He lives in Lake Oswego where he writes every day. His writing can be found on the web at www.scottdalgarno.org.



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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, October 21st**. This is a drop-in group; no need to have read the book!

Upcoming Events

October 18 & 25 10:00am Hybrid Worship October 21 12:30pm Spiritual Formation Group St. Andrew's October 28 9:30-11:30am Quilters Group St. Andrew's November 1 <i>Welcoming Pastor Kim!</i> St. Andrew's November 4 6:00pm SW Outreach Meeting St. Andrew's	October 23 & 30 10:00-12:00pm Virtual Coffee Chat Zoom November 7 10:30am First Saturday Ziploc Ministry 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 19 10:00am St. A's Book Club St. Andrew's
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New News & Announcements

See your eNews for full details

PREPARING TO WELCOME PASTOR KIM

We are still collecting suggestions and ideas from the congregation to gather together and create a local guide that we can present to Pastor Kim on Sunday, November 1. We will have a basket and some blank cards available after service, if you'd like to jot down a few notes to include (can be anything from favorite places to eat, hiking spots, services and resources for dog owners, recommendations for service providers, etc.). Kara will be compiling any responses received - you can also send them to her in an email (admin@standrewspdx.com). **Please have all responses submitted no later than Sunday, October 25** so there is time to format everything into a nice little booklet. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Our stewardship campaign has begun! Please keep an eye out as we have just mailed out a letter and pledge card — please let Kara know if you don't receive it this week. We invite you to reflect all month on the good news that St. Andrew's is a Christian community of care and compassion, anchored in hope for the future. Your generosity helps us to be such a community and share the good news with the world as we act as a beacon of aid and support. Thanks be to God!

OFFICE HOURS NEXT WEEK

Kara is taking a few vacation days this week and will be holding regular office hours (9am-3pm) only on Monday, October 19th. For urgent matters, please contact Worship Co-Elders Amy Houchen or Carol Patterson and they will be able to further assist you. Krissy will maintain her usual office hours on Monday and Wednesday, so any bookkeeping matters will proceed without any delays.

Thoughts from Your Session (Written October 14th)

Dear friends in Christ,

This coming Sunday (10/18), we will kick off our annual pledge drive. 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 will also be receiving your pledge card in the mail next week. Hopefully you can bring it back to church on or before Stewardship Sunday. However, you can also 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.

As you will hear in the coming weeks, despite lacking a full-time pastor for much of this year, we have accomplished a lot as a church committed to both service and a spiritual message. On November 1st the Rev. Dr. Kim Jackson, our new pastor, will join us. I am hopeful that a strong pledge response will provide evidence of our mutual commitment to each other and allow her to make a smooth transition and focus on meeting and supporting us.

In Christ,

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Session