St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

# Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
November 22, 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.*

*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.*

*Inspired by Psalm 100*

## GATHERING

**Prelude**

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Welcome & Announcements**

*Rev. Dr. Kim Jackson*

**Time to Center**



**Opening Prayer**

We make a joyful noise, O holy God!
For we are yours!
You made us a little less than the angels,
those who surround your throne,
those who envelop your courts with praise.

Standing alongside the great cloud of witnesses,
they rejoice for all eternity at the glory of your name,
the wonders of your deeds,
singing out your truth, over and over:
*(prayer continued on the next page)*

Jesus conquered the grave,
Jesus outlawed evil,
Jesus defeated sin.
Nothing may harm us any more.
For your steadfast love endures forever!
We praise your holy name, gracious God! ***Amen***.

*Psalm 100*

***Call to Worship**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
***Serve the Lord with gladness;***
***Come into his presence with singing.***

Know that the Lord is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
***we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.***

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him; bless his name.
***For the Lord is good;***
***his steadfast love endures forever***
***and his faithfulness to all generations.***
***Let us give thanks and worship our Lord!***

***Opening Hymn** | *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*
*(vv. 1, 2 and 4)*
*Glory to God #187*

**Prayer of Confession**

*Inspired by Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24*

***Our holy God, you are our great Shepherd,***
***our precious Redeemer, our mighty King.***
***We have strayed far from you,***
***from who you have created and called us to be.***
***We reject your caring claim upon our lives.***
***We rebuke your humble sacrifice for our souls.***
***We deny your royal lineage that seats you at the right hand of the throne.***
***We doubt you, we deny you, we ignore you, we mock you.***
***We are a faithless, disobedient people who love only ourselves.***
*(prayer continued on the next page)*

***And yet, you guard us, you save us, you uphold us with your victorious hand.***
***Forgive us.***
***For you are love, and you are grace, and you are mercy.***
***Receive us, and our confessions, this day, we pray.***
***And renew a right spirit within us.***

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**
…***Thanks be to God.***

***Response of Praise |** *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*
*Glory to God #654*

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

**Minute for Witness**

## THE WORD

**Prayer for Illumination**
***Holy One,***
***grant that we may hear your word anew this day***
***so we might be transformed,***
***so the world might be changed.***
***Amen.***

**First Scripture Reading**
*Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24*
…The word of the Lord.
***Thanks be to God.***

**Second Scripture Reading**
*Matthew 25:31-46*
…The word of the Lord.
***Thanks be to God.***

**Sermon** *We Are Gathered*

*Rev. Dr. Kim Jackson*

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith**

*From Heidelberg Catechism, 4.001*

***Our only comfort, in life and death,***
***is that we belong —***
***body and soul, in life and in death —***
***not to ourselves but to our faithful Savior,***
***Jesus Christ,***
***who at the cost of his own blood***
***has fully paid for all our sins***
***and has completely freed us***
***from the dominion of the devil;***
***that he protects us so well***
***that without the will of our Father in heaven***
***not a hair can fall from our heads;***
***indeed, that everything must fit his purpose***
***for our salvation.***
***Therefore, by his Holy Spirit,***
***he also assures us of eternal life,***
***and makes us wholeheartedly willing and ready***
***from now on to live for him.***

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

***Our Father, who art in heaven,***
***hallowed be thy name.***
***Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,***
***on earth as it is in heaven.***
***Give us this day our daily bread;***
***and forgive us our debts,***
***as we forgive our debtors;***
***and lead us not into temptation,***
***but deliver us from evil.***
***For thine is the kingdom and the power***
***and the glory, forever.***
***Amen.***

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

## Worshipping God with our Tithes and Offerings

**Invitation to Generosity**

**Offertory Anthem |** *Let the People Give Thanks*
by Pamela Martin & Lloyd Larson

***Song of Praise |** *Doxology*
*Glory to God #609*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Merciful and wondrous God, thank you for giving us so much.
Help us to be generous in our stewardship of your gifts.
And bless these offerings so that we may share your glory with the world around us.
Amen.

## SENDING

***Closing Hymn |** *Let All Things Now Living*
*Glory to God #37*

**Charge and Benediction**

***Sung Response |** *Go With God*
*St. A's Songbook #199*

**Postlude**

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Hymns: *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal*. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013.

Sung Response: "Go With God," St. Andrew's Songbook (page 199), arranged by Don Feely.

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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. Dr. Kim Jackson;
Don Feely, Director of Music; Lois Haley, worship assistant;
Nancy Goering, songlead; Steve Planck, AV tech assistant;
and Steve Ihrig, sound technician.

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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 -** This ministry meets monthly **on the first Saturday of each month** 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 <u>always</u> welcome!
- **Sanctuary Choir -** The choir rehearses on Sunday in the chapel after each service. 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** – We are taking a break for the rest of the calendar year and will pick up with our sessions in 2027.

*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.*

## November Birthdays

Jeanette Kloos – November 1
Raylan Gerhardt – November 2
Larry Kelley – November 3
Ron Kleve – November 3
Dave Pebworth – November 3
Mimi Cook – November 4
Larry Dewey – November 7
Todd Jessell – November 7
Diane Calhoun – November 8
Frances Page – November 8
Jeff Sweeney – November 17
Scott Schiefelbein – November 24
Lori Sweeney – November 25
Charles Duncombe – November 27
Larry Patterson – November 28

## November Anniversaries

Laurie & Richard Donald – November 4
Becky & Scott Schiefelbein – November 11
Marie Dolson & Dale Sherbourne – November 24
Jo Ann & Ric Tower – November 28

## Upcoming Events

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| **November 22 & 29**<br>10:00am Hybrid Worship<br><br>**November 25**<br>Quilters Group<br>9:30-11:30am<br>St. Andrew's<br><br>**November 28**<br>Memorial Service for<br>Mary Sherwood<br>2:00pm<br>St. Andrew's | **November 27 & December 4**<br>Virtual Coffee Chat<br>10:00-12:00pm<br>Zoom<br><br>**November 26-27**<br>**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**<br><br>**December 17**<br>St. A's Book Club<br>10:00am-12:00pm<br>St. Andrew's |

## New News & Announcements
## *See your eNews for full details*

**NEED ENVELOPES?**
In our recent pledge campaign mailer, we forgot to include a space on the pledge card to indicate if you wanted our bookkeeper to provide you with monthly envelopes that you can you to submit your pledge amount each month. If you would like envelopes, email Krissy (bookkeeper@standrewspdx.com) to indicate you'd like her to prepare envelopes that you can use for your 2027 pledge payments.

**GIFT BAGS FOR MSRV**
Your Mission team is hard at work to prepare their annual gift bags which are delivered to the staff at the Multnomah Safe Rest Village (MSRV) to distribute to the 100 residents currently residing therein. We're currently doing some cost comparison — particularly for highly requested items like heavy-duty warm socks that will wick away moisture — and hoping to score some savings with upcoming holiday sales.

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## Thoughts from Pastor Kim
**(Written November 3rd)**

Dear friends in Christ,

Each year in the lectionary, Christ the King Sunday holds a different emphasis. This year, we encounter Jesus as the Great Shepherd. Of particular note is the reading from the prophet Ezekiel which reminds us of the profound lengths to which the Shepherd will go to make sure we are always cared for and claimed. Wondrous words of all sorts which, all together, convey the promise, as given to Ezekiel, that "I the Lord will be their God…." (Ezekiel 34.24a)

It is a promise which continues still.

The Lord is our God. And the Lord is our God because the Lord loves us so. And the Lord loves us so because God can do no other. And God can do no other for God is love. And the love of God is something fierce. Fierce like a shepherd protecting the flock from danger. Fierce like a shepherd searching high and low for the least and the lost. Fierce like a shepherd gathering us together, as one, and making sure our every need is met. Fierce like a shepherd who knows when we need to rest and eat and drink and mend so we may be strengthened for the journey ahead. Fierce like a shepherd who examines us all and makes decisions we may not understand so we may be delivered from evil.

That kind of fierce and that kind of love because our God belongs to us and we belong to God and we need to remember.

So, this Christ the King Sunday, let us remember. And let us give thanks.

In Christ,
Pastor Kim