



St. Andrew's
Presbyterian Church

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 12, 2026
10:00am, Chapel

<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.*

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Based on Psalm 33

GATHERING

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Time to Center



***Call to Worship**

Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and shield.
Our hearts are glad, because we trust in God's holy name.
Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

***Opening Hymn | Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!**

Glory to God #839

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

*Holy God,
you promise us a life full of blessing,
but we do not always believe.
You incite us to hope,
but we fall back into fear.
You urge us to give freely,
but we cling to what we have.
You call us to watch at all times for you,
but we grow idle and self-absorbed.
Forgive us.
Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts,
and keep us alert to the wonders you work
in the world every day.*

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 | *Glory to God, Whose Goodness
Shines on Me***

Glory to God #582

***Passing the Peace**

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

THE WORD

Prayer of Preparation

*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.*

Conversation with the Younger Church

Reading from Scripture

Psalm 33:11-22

Voice One: Your will, O Lord, stands fast forever, and the designs of your heart from age to age.

All: *Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!*

Sung Refrain *Great is thy faithfulness!*
(for All): *Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord unto to me!*

Voice Two: The Lord looks down from heaven and sees all humankind.

*Our reading from
Scripture today will be a
responsive Psalm with a
sung refrain from "Great
Is Thy Faithfulness"
(Glory to God Hymn
#39.)*

All: *God sits firmly enthroned and watches
all who dwell on the earth.*

Voice One: God fashions all their hearts and observes
all their deeds.

Sung Refrain *Great is thy faithfulness!*
(for All): *Great is thy faithfulness!*
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
*All I have needed thy hand hath
provided.*
Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord unto to me!

All: *A king is not saved by the size of the
army, nor are warriors rescued by their
great strength.*

Voice Two: The horse gives vain hope for victory;
despite its great strength it cannot save.

All: *Truly your eye is upon those who fear
you, O Lord, upon those who wait for
your steadfast love,*

Voice One: to deliver their lives from death, and to
keep them alive in time of famine.

Sung Refrain *Great is thy faithfulness!*
(for All): *Great is thy faithfulness!*
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
*All I have needed thy hand hath
provided.*
Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord unto to me!

Voice Two: Our innermost being waits for you, O
Lord, our helper and our shield.

Voice One: Surely our heart rejoices in you, for in
your holy name we put our trust.

All: *Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.*

Sung Refrain *Great is thy faithfulness!*
(for All): *Great is thy faithfulness!*
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord unto to me!

Sermon *We Hope in You*

Rev. Lindsey Santamaria

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn | *Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Glory to God #39

Worshipping God with our Tithes and Offerings

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

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.*

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

Invitation to Generosity from Psalm 116:12, 14

Psalm 100

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

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.

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. Lindsey Santamaria, Guest Preacher and
Amy Houchen, Worship Elder; Jeffrey Kaye, guest musician; John Calhoun, worship
assistant; Merrie Backer and Roberta Schlechter, co-song leaders;
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 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.

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



Learning & Fellowship Opportunities

- **Sunday Coffee Hour** - Volunteers are needed for Sundays. Contact Marie Dolson or Gail Planck for more info.
- **Family Fellowship (formerly Supper Church)** - Please join us after service TODAY for food and fellowship, as well as fun for the kiddos! We will meet 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.
- **Spiritual Formation Group** - This drop-in group is taking a break for the summer and will resume sessions in September.

Upcoming Events

<p>July 12 & 19 10:00am Hybrid Worship</p> <p>July 12 11:00am Family Fellowship <i>(formerly Supper Church)</i> St. Andrew's</p>	<p>July 17 & 24 10:00-12:00pm Virtual Coffee Chat Zoom</p> <p>July 22 9:30-11:30am Quilters Group St. Andrew's</p>
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New News & Announcements

See your eNews for full details

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

Please join us after service in Friendship Hall **TODAY** as our Family Fellowship event, formerly known as Supper Church, resumes. Our amazing Children's Ministry Elder, Roberta Schlechter, has been busy reworking this all-ages family fellowship event and we hope you will stop by to experience this wonderful time of Biblical learning and fellowship over a shared meal. A craft activity will be available for the kiddos while adults enjoy some social time.

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 9th)

Dear friends in Christ,

As we mentioned last week, this section of the newsletter will serve as a means for Session to keep you abreast of life at St. A's during this period of transition. Information about our ministries and mission work (as well as fellowship opportunities) can be found on the calendar, in the Sunday bulletin, and on Facebook. And when we have a Transitional Pastor on board, you'll receive weekly pastoral messages once again.

Your Mission Team recently approved the purchase of 1,000 paper pocket folders as part of St. A's contribution to The Grauer Project. Kindred at St. Luke Lutheran Church help run this large-scale interfaith volunteer effort each summer "to respond to the back-to-school needs of children in Southwest Portland who are eligible for the federal free and reduced lunch program." (*The Grauer Project, 2026*)

In years past, we've asked you to donate as you were able to help in these efforts, but we were asked for this item specifically and answered the call with enthusiasm. The folders will be delivered to St. Luke next week so that the team of volunteers who pack the backpacks will have them with plenty of time prepare the delivery for schools and students. If you would like more information about this initiative, please visit [The Grauer Project website](#).

Speaking of donations, Jeanette Kloos reported this week that she delivered 41 pounds of food to Neighborhood House Free Food Market, following Sunday's Communion table collection. Thank you to all who participated and continue to help our neighbors facing food scarcity.

The Board of Deacons notes with gratitude the faithful service of the following individuals who have reached the end of their terms of service on the Board: Ryan Patterson, Laura Planck, Linda Jessell, Carolyn Gazeley and Mary Poulsen. Your Deacons may have paused their meetings for summer, but will continue to respond to requests for assistance from individuals who contact the office in need, and will be helping to prepare the church for the upcoming memorial service for Gwen Wildfong. They look forward to working with the newly installed deacons when they resume meeting in September.

Summer may be a time when life slows down a bit as we enjoy the longer, warmer days, but it's clear that St. A's is still quite active behind the scenes.

In Christ,

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Session