St. Andrew's
Presbyterian Church

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 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.

** Indicates that you are invited to rise in body or spirit. You are invited to join in speaking anything in bold, italicized text.*

Inspired by Psalm 78:5-7

GATHERING

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Kim Jackson

Time to Center



Opening Prayer

We praise and worship you, O God,
for your wonderful words which guide us every day:
giving us hope, giving us purpose, giving us clarity.
We thank you
from everlasting to everlasting.
For your steadfastness,
your enduring love,
gathers us all together into one family.
Amen.

Wisdom of Solomon 6.17-20	***Call to Worship** The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction, and concern for instruction is love of her, ***and love of her is the keeping of her laws,*** ***and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality,*** and immortality brings one near to God, ***so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom.*** ***Let us give thanks and worship our Lord!*** ***Opening Hymn** | *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* *Glory to God #32*
Inspired by Joshua 24.1-3a, 14-25, Amos 5.18-24	**Prayer of Confession** ***Great and holy God,*** ***we think we can offer you our best gifts, our best work, and still live in darkness.*** ***We think we can sing your praises, offer our best prayers, and still turn our faces away from you and your commands.*** ***We think we can serve you faithfully, bow down before you in greatest humility, and still treat others unjustly.*** ***You accept none of it.*** ***Instead, you desire our righteousness, our loyalty, our love.*** ***At all times, in all things, with all people.*** ***Forgive us for our forsakenness.*** ***And restore us to the luminous creation you dreamed up and crafted as you receive from us now our confessions.*** **Silent Prayers of Confession** **Assurance of Pardon** ***…Thanks be to God.***

***Response of Praise** | *Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me (Refrain Only)*

Glory to God #71

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

…May the peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Minute for Witness

Stewardship Testimonial – Carol & Larry Patterson

THE WORD

***Prayer for Illumination**

Bless us in the hearing of your word this day, loving God.
May your truth be to us the center of our being, our lives, our hopes, our desires.
Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

…The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:1-13

…The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon ***We Are Wise***

Rev. Dr. Kim Jackson

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

A New Zealand prayer book.

***Affirmation of Faith**

You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.

(Please turn the page to continue.)

Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God.
We worship you.

Prayers of the People and 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.

Worshiping God with our Tithes and Offerings

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory Anthem | *Go Now and Tell the Good News*
by Laura & David Ash

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Profound God, hope in our bleakness,
light in our darkness,
thank you for your faithfulness every moment we have been given.
Take these offerings, held out to you, and use them for your mission so your will may be accomplished.
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Guide and Shepherd,
Amen.

SENDING

***Closing Hymn |** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (vv. 1 and 3)*

Glory to God #475

Charge and Benediction

***Sung Response |** *Go With God*

St. A's Songbook #199

Postlude

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Sung Response: "Go With God" (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; Scott Nasson, worship assistant;
Connie Blumthal, songlead; Caroline Sanderson-Doughty, 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 – Please join us on **Saturday, December 5** for our next gathering. 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 <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** – Please join us from 12:30-2:00pm in the lounge for our next class on **Wednesday, November 18th**. This is a drop-in group; no need to have read the book!

Upcoming Events

November 8 & 15 10:00am Hybrid Worship **November 11** **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR VETERANS' DAY HOLIDAY** **November 14** Parking Lot Cleanup 9:00am-12:00pm St. Andrew's	**November 12 & 19** Virtual Coffee Chat 10:00-12:00pm Zoom **November 15** "Welcome Home" After-Church Potluck 11:00am St. Andrew's **November 18** Spiritual Formation Group 12:30-2:00pm St. Andrew's	**November 19** St. A's Book Club 10:00am-12:00pm St. Andrew's **November 25** Quilters Group 9:30-11:30am St. Andrew's **November 28** Memorial Service for Mary Sherwood 2:00pm 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.

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

New News & Announcements
See your eNews for full details

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY
Next week is Stewardship Sunday! During this service, John Calhoun, Stewardship Elder, will have a special message to share with you all as we dedicate our pledges to St. Andrew's for 2027.

WORK PARTY IN THE PARKING LOT
As we have done a few times each year, a group of faithful volunteers will meet in the St. A's parking lot on Saturday, November 14 to maintain the grounds therein. Scouts from a few troops that meet in our building will lend a hand once again, and light refreshments will be provided.

"WELCOME HOME" POTLUCK
Come join us after service in the chapel **next Sunday, November 15** for our Fall potluck! Our theme is "Welcome Home." This phrase holds great meaning for many and is one we at St. Andrew's use often. We welcome all to the table with open arms, breaking bread and sharing fellowship each Sunday — and every day in between. This month, we welcome our Transitional Pastor, the Rev. Dr. Kim Jackson. Please bring your favorite fall and winter comfort foods and enjoy!

Thoughts from Pastor Kim
(Written November 3rd)

Dear friends in Christ,

Just before our second reading on Sunday, Jesus has been teaching his friends about the end times. It is all very bleak and scary. But Jesus' message is clear: we need not fear. We have been forewarned. And so we get to decide how we will prepare for the moment Jesus returns like a thief in the night and the Kingdom of Heaven is ushered in. We get to decide, just like the ten bridesmaids who were invited to meet the bridegroom heading their way. The ten bridesmaids who each had an equal chance to go and wait and watch.

We read that all ten brought lamps, filled with oil, for who knows what time of day the groom will show up? But of those ten, five were absurd and nonsensical in their thinking, while the rest were sensible and savvy in their understanding. Because only half of them thought to bring extra oil, for who knows how many days we will have to wait till the Beloved appears?

Who knows? Only God. So we must be ready. And to be ready means we must consider. As we wait, what do we need to do to make sure we do not miss the return of Jesus? How do we make sure we are mindful, every second of every day, for the promised redemption of the world? Where do we need to be to ensure we hear the call to gather in the presence of the risen Lord? What does this mean for us, now? What has this meant for everyone, of every time and place, since Jesus first told this story?

Only God knows. But God has told us that there will come a day when the Kingdom of God is ushered in and all things will be made new.

Let us give thanks for that promise, even as we long for the day. Amen.

In Christ,

Pastor Kim