



St. Andrew's

Presbyterian Church

First Sunday of Lent
February 22, 2026
10:00am, Sanctuary

<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.

The season of Lent is a 40-day period of reflection in preparation for a remembrance of Christ's death and resurrection.

As a gentle reminder, please only read aloud what is italicized and bold. (Anything else indicates a time to listen and reflect on the spoken word.)

Call to Worship and Call to Confession by the Rev. Teri Peterson, prepared for the Bible Worm Collective in which Pastor Amy is a member.

GATHERING

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Time to Center



Call to Worship

We are stepping into the maze today, seeking the way to the cross.

We are uncertain and a bit afraid.

We will put one foot in front of the other, and keep moving forward.

But what if we hit a dead end?

We will turn around and seek another path.

Am I alone?

Did you know there are paragraphs beneath each hymn in our hymnal explaining their origins or interesting features? May be worth checking out!

No, never, we are in this maze together and we have Jesus right here with us.

Does Jesus know the way?

Jesus IS the way. Keep going.
Let us worship God.

***Song | I Want Jesus to Walk with Me**

Glory to God #775

Call to Confession

We are quick to identify sin in others.
We are slow to identify sin in ourselves.
Let us know look inside ourselves and seek the strength of God
that we might be able to repent and experience the joy of God's forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, like Martha and Mary, we confess that we have doubted your timing and your power.

We confess to standing before the sealed stones of our lives, overwhelmed by fear and hopelessness, believing that death or limitation is the end of the story.

We have forgotten that you are the Resurrection and the Life, choosing instead to rely on our own understanding.

We admit to doubting that you can bring life out of the graves we have created for ourselves.

Forgive us for our lack of faith, for our fear of the stench of our own sins, and for our failure to believe in your power to make all things new.

Lord, in your mercy, roll away the stone of our unbelief, and call us out of the darkness into your marvelous light.

Raise us up from our apathy and fear, that we may walk in the freedom of your grace, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

	<p>Silent Prayers of Confession ...In Jesus' name. Amen.</p> <p>Assurance of Pardon</p> <p>Though from our perspective the path is winding and unclear, Jesus sees from above and is the way. Jesus has cleared the way for us. Friends, believe the good news, In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.</p> <p>*Response of Praise I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (v. 1 only)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Glory to God #377</p> <p>*Passing the Peace ... The Peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE WORD</p> <p>Prayer of Preparation <i>Jesus, you are the Word and we pray that we might encounter you in the words of scripture today. Amen.</i></p> <p>A Reading from the Book of Psalms</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Psalm 104:27-30</i></p> <p>Conversation with the Younger Church</p> <p>A Reading from the Gospel According to John</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>John 11:1-44</i></p> <p>Sermon</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>The Rev. Robin Garvin</i></p>
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	<h2 style="text-align: center;">RESPONSE TO THE WORD</h2> <p>Hymn Precious Lord, Take My Hand Glory to God #834</p> <p>Worshipping God with our Tithes and Offerings Invitation to Generosity</p> <p>Offertory Solo Give Thanks <i>by Henry Smith</i> performed by John Sherwood</p> <p>*Song of Praise In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful Glory to God #654</p> <p>*Prayer of Dedication</p> <p>God of the wilderness, We give these offerings in gratitude, <i>rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us.</i> We give these offerings in faith, <i>trusting that you will provide for our needs.</i> We give these offerings in hope, <i>knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world.</i> And with these offerings, we give ourselves; <i>May we live with generous hearts, with open hands.</i> Amen</p> <p>Prayers of the People and the Prayer that Jesus Taught</p> <h2 style="text-align: center;">SENDING</h2> <p>Our Ministry in Christ <i>Announcements</i></p> <p>Charge and Benediction</p> <p>*Sung Response Sent Out In Jesus' Name St. A's Songbook #193</p> <p>Postlude</p>
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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.

Join us for Supper Church on second and fourth Sundays at 5pm.
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

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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

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visit our website at www.standrewspdx.com
Office hours: Mon - Thurs, 8:30 - 2:30, Bookkeeper Hours: Mon & Weds, 9:00 - 3:00

Mission Updates

See your eNews or contact the office for full details.

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 - Join us on the first Saturday of each month to fill bags with hygiene and personal items to be distributed to our unhoused neighbors. The next gathering will be March 7th, 10:30am-12:00pm. **New socks and men's boxer-briefs donations always needed**

West Women & Children's Shelter - We prepare and deliver monthly, homemade casseroles and other food items to this domestic violence shelter. Recipes and instructions are provided. Casseroles are dropped off at the first Saturday Ziploc event (March 7th).

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.

February Birthdays

Karry Gillespie - February 3, Christina Tilton - February 6, Lis Powell - February 10,
Darwin Forca - February 12, John Blumthal - February 15,
Barbara Thompson - February 19, Lorinda Moholt - February 21,
Kathleen Cook - February 25, Becky Schiefelbein - February 26

February Anniversaries

Jeff & Lori Sweeney - February 1, Eric Chavez & Bennie Pacheco - February 14,
Nancy Kraemer & David Roth - February 17, Pat & Marily Quesnel - February 18

Learning & Fellowship Opportunities

- Sunday Coffee Hour** - Volunteers are needed for Sundays. Contact Marie Dolson or Gail Planck for more info.
- Supper Church** - Supper Church is on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, at 5pm in our chapel. Join us for this children and family-focused service, with dinner provided. Please RSVP to help with our planning. ***See You Tonight!***
- Sanctuary Choir** - Rehearsal will be held after service today in the chapel.
- 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 on Wednesday, February 18th as we examine Celtic Spirituality with a focus on the first seven days of Creation.

Upcoming Events

February 22 & March 1
10:00am Hybrid Worship

February 18 - April 5
“One Great Hour of Sharing”
Special Offering

February 22
11:00am Sanctuary Choir
St. Andrew's

February 22
5:00pm Supper Church
St. Andrew's

February 25
9:30-11:30am Quilters Group
St. Andrew's

February 26
1:00-5:00pm SW Outreach Allies Meeting
St. Andrew's

March 4
12:30-2:00pm Spiritual Formation Group
St. Andrew's

March 7
10:30am First Saturday Ziploc Ministry
St. Andrew's

New News & Announcements

See your eNews for full details

ABOUT OUR FOCAL IMAGE

Our Lenten image shows a maze in the foreground with a cross seen through fog in the distance, reflecting that our Lenten journey will not be a straight and simple march to the cross.

In our readings from John's gospel, we'll encounter Jesus opening the eyes of his friends and disciples to who he is and what he is calling them to do, and then the cowardice of Peter's denial of Jesus and of Pilate's giving in to the crowd's call for crucifixion.

We invite you to consider your own faith journey and what Lent means to you as we come to the cross together over the next few weeks.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The Presbyterian Church (USA) explains that this Special Offering is "interpreted during Lent and received on Palm Sunday and/or Easter Sunday in response to Christ's call to ministries of compassion for the most vulnerable around the world." Please be on the lookout for materials about this Special Offering and give as you are able.

UPCOMING WORK PARTY

Many hands make light work! Stay tuned for information about a parking lot work party (tentatively slated for a Saturday before Easter Sunday) and please plan to stop by and help. This work ensures that the grounds near our building safe, inviting, and appealing to the humans and animal inhabitants alike for years to come.

Thoughts from Pastor Amy

(Written February 19th)

Dear friends in Christ,

Already in my short time as your Bridge Pastor, I have felt welcomed, prayed for, and encouraged in this ministry. Last Sunday's celebration of Pastor Sarah was a wonderful tribute to her nine years as your pastor. It is clear that we will all be grieving in large and small ways the ending of Pastor Sarah's time among us. Please hold her and her family in your prayers as they move through the various transitions her new call entails.

Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 18th. It is the season of the church year in which we prepare to celebrate Easter. We do so by first recognizing our own sinfulness, our own frailty, our own dependence upon God. And alongside this, like two sides of the same coin, we celebrate God's invitation to ALL to join in the feast Christ has prepared. The latter scripture we used as our focal point, during the three-congregation Ash Wednesday service led by Pastor Susan Tindall and held in our chapel. This Sunday's sermon will be given by the Rev. Robin Garvin, a retired pastor who serves the Presbytery in a part-time role supporting congregations in transition.

My work as your Bridge Pastor also began this week. A Bridge Pastor shepherds the congregation and Session through that short period of time between the departure of the former pastor and the arrival of the next pastoral leader. Along with assistance from the Presbytery, I will be guiding the Session's discernment of the skills and gifts they foresee being most helpful in their next pastor. That process will lead to a job description, posting, and interviews. It is usual that this process takes 2-3 months, so my initial contract with you is from February 16th through May 17th. The contract can be ended early if the next pastoral leader is available to start sooner than May 18th. It can also be extended, with the permission of all parties (Session, Bridge Pastor, and Presbytery.)

Another thing to know about bridge pastors is that we are usually no more than half-time. My contract is for half-time. That means that I will be preaching half the Sundays, though assisting in worship on most of the other Sundays. The Session and I have set expectations regarding the items that Pastor Sarah routinely did as Pastor. We now have a list that shows what items will be covered by me, what will be covered with the assistance of others, and what few things will be set aside until the next pastoral leader arrives.

Starting in March, you can find me in the church office on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. I will be working from home on Thursdays. Feel free to contact me through the phone number in the church directory, by email, or through the church office. I am available for pastoral care, but this is one of those items that I am sharing with others. The Deacons and Pastor Emeritus Patty Campbell-Schmitt will also be assisting. Please contact me to arrange for pastoral care.

With prayers for the needs of the congregation and the world,

Pastor Amy