



**St. Andrew's**  
Presbyterian Church

First Sunday in Lent  
March 9, 2025  
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.*

Art is "Neighbors" by Steve Prince. The artist invites you to:

- *Observe the figures' posture and movement. Do you see connection, conflict, or both? How does this reflect your own relationships?*
- *Focus on the textures and shading. What story might these elements tell about resilience or fragility?*
- *Pay attention to the empty spaces around the figures. What do these spaces evoke for you?*
- *Imagine yourself as part of this scene. What role would you play in this dance of connection, tension, and movement?*

*Bold, italicized type is an invitation to the congregation to read aloud.*

## GATHERING

Prelude

Ringing the Bell

Welcome

Time to Center



**\*Call to Worship**

Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

***Who is my neighbor? How can I help?***

***What do I have to learn? Where is God in it all?***

Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

***So may we listen. May we learn.***

***May we stay curious, and may we look for God.***

*Throughout Lent we will pray a prayer of invocation early in worship. This prayer calls to mind God's presence in everything. This prayer is an offering from Sanctified Art.*

*This is a new song for us and we will sing it each week of Lent.*

This is our invitation to lean in.  
Let us worship our holy God.

**\*A Prayer of Invocation**

God meets us in the night—  
*before the sun rises,*  
*before the wound heals,*  
*before there are answers, before there is closure.*

God meets us in the light—  
*where joy is effervescent,*  
*where laughter is contagious,*  
*where flowers bloom from cracks in the sidewalk,*  
*where people gather around tables.*

God meets us in between—  
*at the edge of the water,*  
*at the beginning of the wilderness,*  
*at the start of something new,*  
*on the edge of faith.*

And if God meets us in all those places,  
*then surely God meets us everywhere—*  
*at the water's edge, at the start of something new,*  
*after the baptism,*  
*and before the call.*

We are not alone. God is all around.  
*Let us worship the God of everything.*

**\*Opening Song | God of My Everything Bebo Norman**

**Call to Confession**

Our faith tells us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves, but you and I know that is often easier said than done. Fortunately for us, prayer can be a tool for transformation. When we are honest before God and each other, we open the door to growth and change.

So join me in the prayer of confession.

Join me now, so that tomorrow, we will be even better at loving our neighbors as ourselves.

Let us pray:

**Prayer of Confession**

*Holy God, you have told us to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we get tripped up on logistics.*

*We want to know: who is our neighbor?  
Do we have to love the stranger?  
Must we have compassion for our enemy?  
Forgive our human tendency to create exceptions  
in the face of love. Rewire our hearts so that we  
might see the face of a neighbor in every stranger  
we pass. With hope we pray, amen.*

*As we sing, you may offer  
your personal confessions  
to God in Christ.*

**Song Lord, Have Mercy**  
*Lord, have mercy 3x  
Lord, have mercy on your people gathered here.*

**Words of Forgiveness**

Family of faith,  
When we set limits on love,  
***God loves extravagantly.***  
When we forget that we are neighbors,  
***God claims us as God's own.***  
When we judge, hold back, or harm,  
***God surrounds us with grace.***  
There is nothing we can do or leave undone  
that could separate us from the love of God.  
***This is the good news of the gospel.***  
***Thanks be to God! Amen.***

**\*Sung Response of Praise**  
*What Wondrous Love is This (v.1) Glory to God #215*

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**  
...The Peace of Christ be with you.  
***And also with you.***

*The gift of peace mediated  
through the forgiveness of  
Christ is most fully  
received when it is shared.  
You are invited to greet  
neighbors with signs of  
peace.*

*We pray for the Spirit to  
bring light to the reading  
of God's Word.*

**THE WORD**

**Readings from Scripture**

**Prayer of Illumination**

Gracious God,  
We love to ask you questions.  
We love to throw our wonderings at the sky,  
to bring our curiosity to your feet,  
to examine, beseech, and imagine all day long.  
But when the answers come,  
we don't always like what we hear.

*The Book of Psalms, in the middle of our Bibles, is a book of songs for worship and prayer. We will sing Psalms throughout Lent to receive this scripture more as it was designed to be received.*

*Please rise in body or spirit to join in this affirmation of faith prepared by Sanctified Art.*

Awaken a curiosity in us.  
Awaken a penchant for listening,  
and make room in our spirits for your Word to land.  
With hope we question,  
we wonder,  
we dream,  
we listen.  
Amen.

### **Singing a Psalm**

*Lord, Who May Dwell Within Your House (Psalm 15)  
Glory to God #419*

**A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke**  
*Luke 10:25-37*

...For the Word of God in scripture.  
For the Word of God among us.  
For the Word of God within us.  
***Thanks be to God.***

**Sermon** *Pastor Sarah Sanderson-Doughty*

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Silent Reflection on the Word Read and Proclaimed**

### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

Church, if God asked you,  
“Who is your neighbor?”  
what would you say?  
***We would say,  
every child, every person,  
every weeping willow,  
and every morning lark.  
Every freckled face,  
every wrinkled pair of hands,  
every tail-wagging dog,  
and every crisp ripe apple.  
We would say,  
we are connected—  
to one another, to all of God’s creation.  
There are no strangers in God’s house.  
We are all family here.***

*Mindful of God's great generosity, we respond in gratitude and with our own generosity. In this season, in addition to our regular gifts of tithes and offerings, we are supporting Southwest Hope and One Great Hour of Sharing. Please be sure to indicate if you intend for a gift to support either of these special offerings.*

*When we practice healing prayer you are invited to use this time in whatever way is most healing for you (meditating in your seat, prayer cards in basket, lighting candles, anointing by Pastor Sarah, one on one prayer in the prayer room.)*

*The song 'Breath, Listen and Notice' is the theme song for the Lenten Series offered by Sanctified Art. We will sing it every week of Lent. This week we are introduced to it through a video.*

*You're invited to say "Amen!"*

I think God would delight in that answer. For it is said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
***with all your soul,***  
with all your strength,  
***with all your mind,***  
and you shall love your neighbor as yourself."  
***We believe. Help our unbelief. Amen.***

## **Worshipping God with our Tithes and Offerings Invitation to Generosity**

### **Offertory Anthem**

**\*Song of Praise | You are Holy Glory to God #596**

### **Prayer of Dedication**

***We are committed, O God,  
to connecting with Christ and each other  
to serve our neighbors, all of our neighbors.  
May that which we offer today bring blessings  
to our neighbors. May this hour of worship help  
us to be neighbors. In Jesus' name, Amen.***

### **Healing Prayer**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

## **SENDING**

**Song | Breathe, Listen and Notice**

**Our Ministry in Christ**

**Charge and Blessing**

**And All God's People Say**

**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 these links and the weekly worship bulletin.

**PRINTED COPIES OF TODAY'S SERMON ARE AVAILABLE**



**Blue prayer cards**, located next to the bulletins, may be used to write out a concern or joy you wish to have included in morning prayers. Please check the appropriate boxes for your level of sharing with others. Ushers will collect them during the opening hymn.

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](http://www.standrewspdx.com)



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**Mission Updates**

*See your eNews or contact the office for full details.*

**Neighborhood House** - SW Hope is happening now, March 5<sup>th</sup> - April 20<sup>th</sup>! Keep an eye on your eNews for the events happening each week. You can also make a monetary donation, or bring non-perishable food items to the barrel in the narthex.

**Ziploc Ministry** - Join us on the first Saturday of each month to fill bags with hygiene and personal items for our community partners, including Operation Nightwatch. The next gathering will be April 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:30-12:00pm. **\*\*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.

**Quilters** - Gathers on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, at 9:30am. Contact Gail Planck for more info.

**Homelessness Outreach** - The Multnomah Safe Rest Village just announced new volunteer opportunities through Spring. See your eNews for details

**March Birthdays:** Amy Tanous - March 1, Shirley McIntyre - March 7, Roland Zapata - March 7, Shirley Tormey - March 9, Kevin Sanderson-Doughty - March 12, Eric Chavez - March 14, Janet Berg - March 15, Clee Lloyd - March 16, Pat Quesnel - March 25, Diana Zapata - March 28

**March Anniversaries:** Larry & Carol Patterson - March 19, John & Diane Calhoun - March 19

### Learning & Fellowship Opportunities

- **Sunday Coffee Hour** - Volunteers are needed for Sunday Coffee hour after worship. Contact Becky Schiefelbein for more info.
- **Supper Church** - Supper Church is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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. Join us tonight!
- **Spiritual Formation Group** - Meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month, 12:30-2:00, in the lounge. The topic for fall and winter is “Learning to Discern”, and will run through March 19<sup>th</sup>.
- **Anti-Racism Discussion Group** - Meets on the second Thursday of the month, at 6:00 on Zoom. Our current book for discussion is “Anti-Racism as Daily Practice: Refuse Shame, Change White Communities, and Help Create a Just World,” by Jennifer Harvey.
- **Enneagram Study Group** -Gathers on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month, at 1:00pm on Zoom. For March you are invited to focus on the lines of the Enneagram, and which types are connected to yours. Or just come and learn!
- **Sanctuary Choir** - Rehearsals are right after worship in the choir room, simply come join us if you’d like to participate.

### Upcoming Events

<p><b>March 9 &amp; 16</b> 10:00am Hybrid Worship</p>	<p><b>March 13</b> 6:00pm Anti-Racism Discussion Group, Zoom</p>
<p><b>March 9</b> 5:00pm Supper Church, St. Andrew’s</p>	<p><b>March 14 &amp; 21</b> 10:00-12:00pm Virtual Coffee House, Zoom</p>
<p><b>March 12</b> 9:30am Quilters, St. Andrew’s</p>	<p><b>March 19</b> 12:30-2:00 Spiritual Formation Group St. Andrew’s</p>
<p><b>March 12 &amp; 19</b> 6:00pm Lenten Visio Divina, Zoom</p>	<p><b>March 22</b> 1:00pm Funeral for Carol Studendmund St. Andrew’s</p>

## New News & Announcements (See your eNews for full details)

### SW Hope Is Here! March 5 - April 20

It's that time of year again, when we join our community to support the SW Hope, 'From Hunger To Hope' campaign. Food insecurity is an even greater issue this time of year when donations and interest dip after the holidays. It is also anticipated that there will be increases in the cost of food that will bring a new wave of need in our community and all around.

SW Hope is much more than a food drive - it is our community's resounding commitment to help neighbors forced to go without. SW Hope aims to raise \$80,000, which will provide a 3-month supply of meals to help neighbors with this most basic of human necessities: food.

How can you help? There are several events throughout SW Hope, with a way for everyone to get involved:

- Donate money or food items
- Dine Out to Donate



- Empty Bowls  
Saturday, March 15, 1pm-3pm, at the Neighborhood House Senior Center inside the Multnomah Arts Center.
- Community Meal with St. Luke Lutheran Church  
Wednesday, April 2, 5:45pm at St. Luke Lutheran Church (4595 SW California St.)
- SW Hope 5k  
Saturday, April 12 - Oregon Episcopal School  
Kids' Run - 10am | Adult Run - 10:30am

### Opportunities To See Your Faith Family Perform

The Crucible at Tualatin High School. Caroline Sanderson-Doughty has a small role in this classic play opening at Tualatin High School tomorrow, Friday, March 7, and running for two weekends on Friday and Saturday, evening shows at 7:00pm, Saturday matinees at 2:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased online.



### **Parking Lot Work Party - March 15**

Please join us for a St. Andrew's Local Environmental Mission work party in the parking lot on March 15 from 9am to noon. We will be cleaning curbs and removing invasive plants (English Ivy, blackberry, holly, clematis, shiny geranium, etc) from Restoration Creek. This will allow the native plants, including Oregon Grape, to thrive. Some work gloves and tools provided, but if you have your favorites, bring them. For more information contact Jeanette Kloos.

### **Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Oregon Interfaith Earth Summit - March 16**

The Earth Summit will take place in communities all over Oregon. Explore how climate change affects your safety and health—and what you can do about it. Connect with your community and key organizations. Learn how to protect yourself and your neighbors. Sign up online to take the next step with others.

This gathering is both in-person and on Zoom, held simultaneously with 15 other locations across the state. The first part of the event will be a plenary session on Zoom, with participants watching together from their locations across Oregon. Practical workshops will follow on Zoom and in-person.

The closest local host site for SW Portland is St. Luke Lutheran Church (4595 SW California St, across from the SW Community Center). For questions or more info contact the St. Andrew's office.

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### **Thoughts from Pastor Sarah (Written March 6<sup>th</sup>)**

Dear Kindred in Christ,

Welcome to Lent. I'm grateful for the gathering we had in our chapel last night and for the resources we've gathered from A Sanctified Art. The focal image and poem below are two of those resources, as are the devotional books and cards we made available on Sunday and last night. Today's devotional card reflection prompt is "What keeps you from taking action?" Last night we reflected on Luke 9:51-62, which includes the story of various responses of Jesus' call to discipleship- including several hesitations and delays. Many of us put off until tomorrow what could be done today and delay on giving our hearts and lives fully to the call of God in Christ. Lent is a season for going deeper, committing more fully. How will you take action to go deeper, commit more fully in the next six weeks?

Here are offerings from St. A's to help you to do so:

- Weekly Worship at 10am on Sundays
- Wednesday, 6pm; Visio Divina on Zoom- we'll pray with the focal images for the week
- Devotional books or cards still available
- Inquirers Class- I need a few more commitments before I can guarantee this will happen. *Scheduled for four consecutive Sundays after church. Three on Zoom, one in person.*
- Spirituality Group, first and third Wednesdays, 12:30-2:00pm, in person, in the lounge
- Enneagram Group, fourth Saturday, 1:00pm, Zoom
- Palm/Passion Sunday at St. A's with Valley and Multnomah Presbyterian Congregations, Sunday, April 13, 10am, hybrid

- Maundy Thursday, April 17, 6:00pm, Valley Community Presbyterian
- Good Friday, April 18, 7:30pm, Multnomah Presbyterian
- Easter Sunrise Service, April 20, 7:00am, Gabriel Park
- Easter Celebration Service, April 20, 10am, hybrid

I hope you'll tap into one or more of these resources this season and that you will find spiritual practices that work for you.

I will be on Zoom between 10 and 12 tomorrow for our weekly coffee chat and would be delighted to hear your Lenten intentions. In the meantime, here's the prayer from today's devotional card:

Holy God, you are a God who acts.  
You create. You see. You listen. You heal. You move.  
You meet us where we are.  
I want to do the same.  
I do not want to sit on the sidelines of my life.  
I do not want to wait when there is good work to do.  
So if you can, give me some of your courage.  
Clear my mind.  
Show me the next right step.  
Amen.

In Christ,  
Pastor Sarah.