

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Welcome to worship at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, where everybody belongs!

We are so glad you're here.

This service is live streamed on our YouTube channel.

**Children of all ages are welcome in worship.** We also have childcare available in our fellowship hall for children under 4 years old. Feel free to ask a greeter for help and directions.

Children in PreK through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to join our volunteers for Children's Church downstairs after the Word with Children and can be picked up after the conclusion of the service.

All are invited to gather in Fellowship Hall after the service for coffee hour and snacks.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**New Sermon Series – Inspired** | This winter we're beginning a new sermon series exploring the stories, questions, and surprising beauty of the Bible through Rachel Held Evans' book *Inspired*. Together, we'll look at Scripture with fresh eyes-- engaging our doubts, our hopes, and our imagination as we seek a faith that is honest, courageous, and life-giving. Whether church is a weekly rhythm or an occasional visit, you're invited. There's a place for your questions, your curiosity, and your story. **Join us January 11 - February 15.**

**MLK March and Celebration** | The MLK Diversity-Engagement Foundation is holding their 35th annual MLK March and Celebration on January 19th at the Leesburg Courthouse at 10am. If you're interested in joining Pastor Amanda and other SAPC community members for the event, email Pastor Amanda (amanda@standrew-pres.org).

**Save the Date - Congregational Meeting and Chili Cookoff** | On **Feb 1st** we will be hosting a congregational meeting after worship, which will include approving the 2026 budget and voting on a new church logo. The meeting will be followed by our annual chili cookoff! Are you interested in becoming a member of SAPC so you can vote on these important topics? Email Amanda for more information - amanda@standrew-pres.org

## CALENDAR

January 18	10:00 am	Worship
	10:15 am	Children's Church (Minis)
January 19	10:00 am	MLK March and Celebration
January 25	10:00 am	Worship
	10:15 am	Children's Church (Minis)



Scan the QR code to access our LinkTree.

Here you'll find the link to give financially to St. Andrew. You will also find all the information you need as you engage with our community, including volunteer opportunities and links to sign up for our e-news and monthly newsletter.

LITURGY WRITTEN AND CURATED BY AMANDA KEMERY BASED ON INSPIRED, BOOK AND RESOURCES BY RACHEL HELD EVANS  
READINGS AND ART FROM "THE BOOK OF BELONGING" BY MARIKO CLARK, ILLUSTRATED BY RACHEL ELEANOR

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## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. AMANDA KEMERY

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather as sojourners in a weary world.

**All: We look for the God who makes a way where there is no way.**

One: We gather as those who have known the wilderness.

**All: We seek the God who meets us there.**

One: We gather to remember the stories of deliverance.

**All: For our God is the God who sees, the God who hears, and the God who sets us free.**

One: Let us worship God together!

\*HYMN 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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INVITATION TO THE CONFESSION

CATHERINE GENDALL

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of the oppressed, we confess that we have often used your Word to justify our own comfort rather than to seek your justice. We have walked past the suffering of the banished and the unloved, forgetting that you are the God of liberation. Deliver us from our own indifference. Afflict us in our comfort until we seek the deliverance of all your children. Forgive us for when we've read your stories without a lens of love. Meet us by the spring in our own deserts and remind us that we are seen. Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the good news: God does not leave us in the wilderness. The God who saw Hagar and heard the cries of the Hebrews in Egypt sees you and loves you. In Jesus Christ, we are delivered from the power of sin and death and set on the path toward the Promised Land. You are forgiven, you are seen, and you are free.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

GLORIA

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.  
Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.  
All: And also with you.

HEARING THE WORD

THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING                      Genesis 16:1-4, 6b-15                      CATHERINE GENDALL

One: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, and for the Word of  
God within us...

All: We give thanks to God.

SERMON    Keep Knocking    REV. AMANDA KEMERY

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN 53    O God, Who Gives Us Life    NOEL

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH    CATHERINE GENDALL

We believe in a God who takes the side of the powerless. As the Church has confessed throughout the ages, God is the one who brings liberty to the captives and reaches out to the unloved. We believe that in the Exodus, in the return from exile, and most fully in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God has acted to break the chains of oppression. We affirm that scripture is a story of liberation, intended to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable. We commit ourselves to a prejudice of love, believing that only love can sustain us through the wilderness. We trust that God is making a way for a world where all are seen, all are heard, and all are free. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

One: God of our story...

All: Hear our prayer.

OFFERING OURSELVES, OUR TIME, AND OUR TALENTS

ANTHEM  
DOXOLOGY  
PRAYER OF DEDICATION

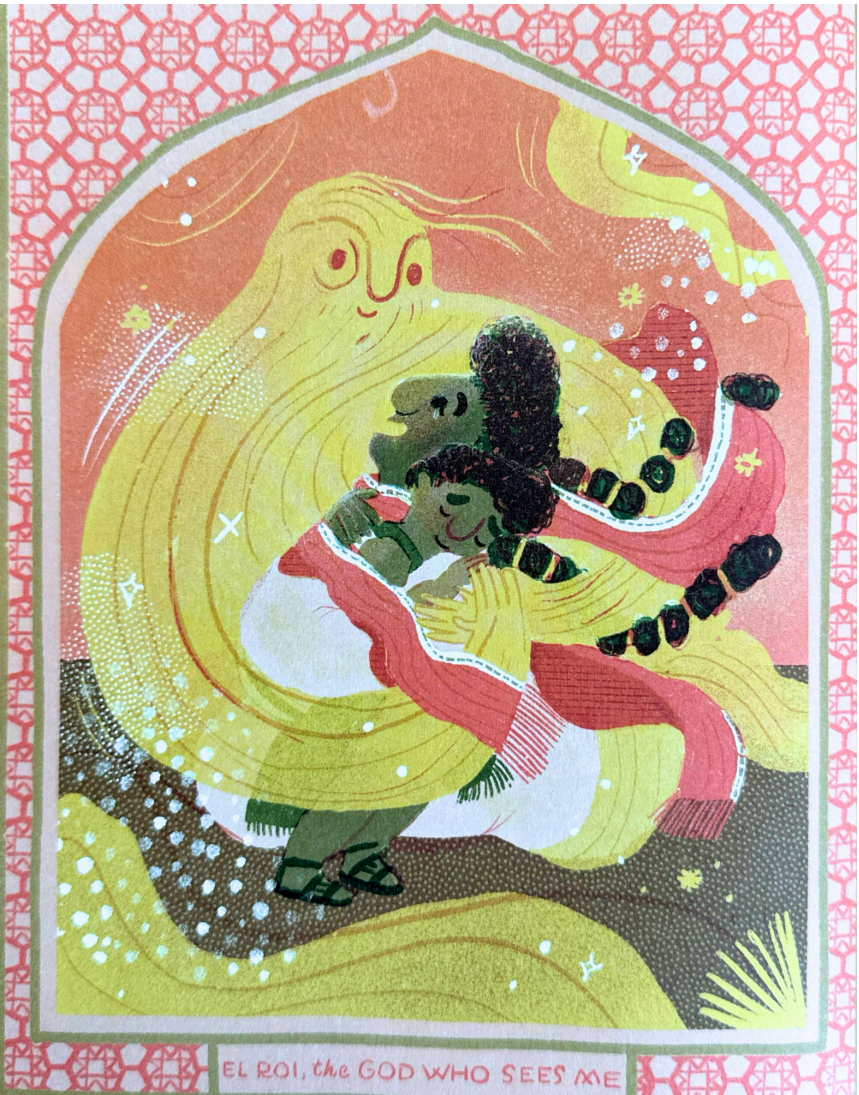
CATHERINE GENDALL

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 372    O For A World    AZMON

CHARGE AND BLESSING    REV. AMANDA KEMERY

POSTLUDE



“HAGAR”  
FROM “THE BOOK OF BELONGING” BY MARIKO CLARK  
AND ILLUSTRATED BY RACHEL ELEANOR.