

## 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

**Sermon Series – Inspired** | This winter we're exploring a new sermon series examining 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.**

**Feb 8 – Souper Bowl of Caring** | Bring in your canned goods or cash donations to vote for your favorite team and support Loudon Hunger Relief

**Feb 18 – Pancake Supper & Ash Wednesday Service** | Join us Wednesday, February 18th for our annual pancake supper, followed by an Ash Wednesday service. The 45-min service will include music, the imposition of ashes, and hands-on prayer stations. Come celebrate and reflect as we enter Lent together. All are welcome! Supper at 5:45pm - Service at 6:30pm

## CALENDAR

February 8	9:00 a	Dads with Donuts (6th-12th Grade)
	10:00 a	<b>Worship</b>
	10:15 a	Children's Church (Prek-2nd) + Minis (3rd-5th)
	6:00 p	Youth Group – Super Bowl Party!
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	10:15 a	Children's Church (Prek-2nd)
February 18	5:45 p	Pancake Supper
	6:30 p	<b>Ash Wednesday Service</b>



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

ART | "SUNFLOWER QUILTING BEE AT ARLES", 1996 BY FAITH RINGGOLD

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## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. AMANDA KEMERY

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The empires of earth boast of their power.

All: **But we look to the Kingdom of God.**

One: Unveil our eyes to see the truth.

All: **Disclose the victory of the Lamb.**

One: The mighty write their history in gold.

All: **But the God of the oppressed has the final word.**

One: Come, let us worship Jesus, the Lamb of God.

All: **Let us worship God together!**

\*HYMN 211

Hear, O Lord, My Plea for Justice

CHARLESTOWN

### INVITATION TO THE CONFESSION

NATALIE MARTZ

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we confess that we are often seduced by the glitter of the empire. We have bowed down to the beasts of greed, nationalism, and apathy. We have allowed the stories of the marginalized to be erased, preferring a comfortable history to a truthful one. Forgive us, O God. Grant us the courage to "come out" of the systems that harm. Give us the wisdom to see the beast for what it is, the creativity to work for change, and the strength to follow the Lamb wherever he goes. Amen.**

### WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: You are forgiven, you are redeemed, and you are called into a new way of living.

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 LESSON

Revelation 13:1-10; 18:1-2, 4-5, 8

NATALIE MARTZ

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

Apocalypse Now

REV. AMANDA KEMERY

### BLACK HISTORY INSPIRATION

WORSHIPHOUSE MEDIA

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### \*HYMN 339

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

NATALIE MARTZ

We trust in Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, who is the true Lord of all. We believe that the powers and principalities of this world—though they roar like beasts—are not ultimate. We acknowledge that the Bible is a book of resistance, written to give hope to those who refuse to bow to the idols of empire. We reject any ideology that demands our primary loyalty over Christ. We commit ourselves to the work of holy subversion: speaking truth to power, loving our enemies, and seeking a justice that the world deems impossible. We belong to the Kingdom that has no end, and we follow the King who conquered through a cross. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: God of the Lamb...

All: Hear our prayer.

### OFFERING OURSELVES, OUR TIME, AND OUR TALENTS

#### ANTHEM

"Total Praise"

RICHARD SMALLWOOD

#### DOXOLOGY

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

NATALIE MARTZ

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### \*HYMN 623

I've Got Peace Like a River

### CHARGE AND BLESSING

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

### POSTLUDE

REV. AMANDA KEMERY



### SUNFLOWER QUILTING BEE AT ARLES (1996) BY FAITH RINGGOLD

KNOWN FOR HER VIBRANT QUILTS, WHICH OFTEN FEATURE POLITICAL AND SOCIAL COMMENTARY, RINGGOLD HAS USED HER ART TO SHED LIGHT ON THE EXPERIENCES OF AFRICAN AMERICANS AND TO INSPIRE A NEW GENERATION OF ARTISTS AND ACTIVISTS.

THE PIECE DEPICTS EIGHT ICONIC AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN—INCLUDING HARRIET TUBMAN, ROSA PARKS, AND IDA B. WELLS—QUILTING IN A FRENCH FIELD AND SYMBOLIZES BLACK WOMEN'S DEDICATION TO GLOBAL CHANGE AND COMMEMORATES THEIR OVERLOOKED, VITAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO ART AND HISTORY.