



st. andrew's episcopal church

Shining the Light

Welcoming. Growing. Caring. All with Joyous Hearts.



October 20, 2021

Dear St. Andrew's,

I hope you are well. Lately I have been thinking a lot about the scriptures we have been engaging with in church, and I keep going back to the phrase "The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind." I think this has stuck with me all week for a couple of reasons, beginning with the fact that I was the one to read it to the congregation. The first ways I ever contributed to worship at St. A's were by reading scripture and/or praying the Prayers of the People. This was always in the 8:00am service in front of a smaller crowd, as introverts prefer to do, and it marked the first time in my life I felt like I wanted to participate in some active way in church. Over the years I have since come to realize that every individual contribution to Lay Ministry is an important part of our being together, and that serving has given me so much peace and joy in worship.

Many hands are needed to make everything come together on Sundays, from the Altar Guild, the servers and crucifers, the ushers, and the voices that share scripture and lift up people in prayer. It takes focus, dedication, and faith to schedule all of this, and it takes the gift of time to fill any of these roles. But St. Andrew's has taught me that from that gift comes abundant reciprocity in the form of a nourished soul and a connection to church and to each other.

This season of pandemic uncertainty has been a chaotic and stressful whirlwind, often marked by grief, loss, and a fatigue of the unknown. And yet what remains constant is an acute awareness that when you come together in a gathering of community like the one we share, there is a feeling of solid ground and real moments of clarity where God most definitely is present, speaking to us all. Take good care, St. Andrew's.

With gratitude,

Susan Thomas
Senior Warden

This Sunday at St. Andrew's

**Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday October 24, 2021**

8:00 a.m. Spoken Eucharist in the Sanctuary

- Crucifer: John Bartlett
- Prayer Leader: Bob McCabe
- Lector: Bob McCabe
- Altar server: Jean Lynn



10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist in the Sanctuary, plus Family Service

- Crucifer: Mary Lynn Rynkiewicz
- Prayer Leader: Mary Lynn Rynkiewicz
- Lector: Jen Madsen, John Seggerman
- Altar server: Dana Madsen
- Usher: *To be filled*

Counters for Sunday: John Bartlett, Joyce Fall

Readings: [Job 42: 1-6, 10-17](#), [Hebrews 7: 23-28](#) and [Mark 10: 46-52](#)

Brandon Nonnemaker's Sermon from October 17: "What Do You Wish That I May Do For You?"

In Sunday's Gospel reading, James and John ask Jesus for positions of power and privilege. Their request is selfish, but very human. They've made many sacrifices along the road to discipleship, and now seem to be asking, "What do I get in return?" In his response, Jesus reveals that power is not to be used for intimidation or oppression, but for service to others. Through his life, death and resurrection, he sets the example for how we should serve each other.



Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, October 27, at 10:30 am** in the Lounge — masked and socially-distanced.

Please read the introduction to the seven women and the chapter on Joan of Arc in our book, *7 Men and 7 Women* by George Metaxas.



Final Book Study with Rev. Rachel Tonight at 7:30pm

[Join us tonight on Zoom at 7:30pm](#) for our final book study on *Liturgy of the Ordinary* by the Rev. Tish Harrison Warren.

Tonight we will discuss chapters 10 and 11.

Welcome and Fellowship Committee Happenings on October 24

Mark your calendars to safely join in celebrating these occasions!

Sunday October 24th

Farewell and thank you to Rev. Rachel between 8am and 10am services to be held on the portico at the Sanctuary entrance. See below for more details!

Brandon and Josh wedding celebration to be held after the 10am service in the Undercroft and outside grass area. A save-the-date flyer with more details was mailed a few weeks ago, please contact the [parish administrator](#) if you haven't received one. You can also [contact Karen White](#) if you have any questions.



Saying Farewell to Rev. Rachel on Sunday

Join us this Sunday, October 24 at 9:15 am to celebrate Rev. Rachel on her last day at St. Andrew's! We will gather for a special coffee hour on the Portico and share our thanks and best wishes for Rev. Rachel and her future endeavors. Please feel free to bring a token of appreciation for her joyful service to our parish during Rev. Dorota's parental leave, if you are so moved. We look forward to celebrating with you on Sunday!

October 12 Vestry Meeting Summary

COVID Protocols. Arlington continues to be the Significant category, which gives more flexibility per Diocese guidelines on what parishes can do. We will resume congregational singing (with masks on indoors), and will plan for outdoor receptions for Rev. Rachel's departure with an indoor weather back-up if needed.

Church access and electronic calendar. It was noted that some came to the church recently only to find it locked up. The Lock-Up Team reminds everyone that they go by the electronic calendar to determine when to open and close the church. Therefore, make sure your need is in the calendar and the Team will adjust.

Stewardship campaign briefing. Jen Madsen, the committee chair, shared with us the campaign plan -- "We're All in This Together" -- to include the dates (Oct 31st through Nov 21st) and next steps, to include contacting the membership and asking for volunteers to provide written or oral testimonials.

Budget discussions. A number of decisions were made last night, and the wardens need time to finalize some details before putting out more information. One that we can share is approval of a new lawn care company -- Seven Brothers -- and the Vestry is very much indebted to Jim Williams for his diligence in finding a new company.

St. Andrew's Players

Many thanks to those who have come forward to serve on the St. Andrew's Players 50th Anniversary Committee. We will have our first zoom meeting in the next few weeks. There is still room for more people and ideas, of course. All are welcome, regardless of age or experience with the St. Andrew's Players. Remembering 50 years of productions and the hundreds of participants who made them possible sounds like an impossible goal. The Players have always loved a challenge and embrace this one with much enthusiasm. If you are interested in planning for this 2022 event, [please email Jane Massant](#) or call 703 975-6615.



Altar Flower Dedications

Would you like to recognize a significant person, event or date in your life with altar flowers? If so, we have a few Sundays left this year. You can sign up on the bulletin board outside of Rev. Dorota's office. Suggested minimum donation for altar flowers is \$50.

Just a few more weeks remain for the 2021 Garden of Hope

On Saturday, October 16, the garden hosted 15 volunteers (6 volunteers from the Junior League of Northern Virginia, 5 volunteers from Marymount University, and 1 volunteer from Yorktown High School). Keshia, Alexa, Kaitie, Elisheba, Felicia, Meredith, Sofia, Cameran, Caroline, Daniell, Natellie, Jen, Nate, Anne, and Ted, picked and packed 48.5lbs of peppers and tomatoes. The work was completed in about an hour in cool, sunny weather. The produce was delivered to Rock Spring Congregational Church on Monday (10/18) for distribution to local food banks.



The 2021 Garden of Hope has produced and donated 3,330.5 pounds to our local food banks. A new donation record. The garden will continue to produce for another 3-4 weeks. In November, we will need many volunteers to help strip the garden and put it to bed for the winter. If you have time on Saturday morning and a strong back, please plan to join us. Dates will be posted soon.

Because the daily sunlight is less and the temperatures are cooler, the garden is in decline, but there is still much to do. It is not too late to join us on our next work day, Saturday, October 23 starting at 9:00am (Sunday October 24 at 11:30am if it is too wet on Saturday). If you have an interest in volunteering in the St. Andrew's Garden for Hope, please sign-up through [Sign Up Genius](#). Volunteers are also needed on Tuesdays and Thursdays to water. If you have questions, please contact [Emily Blecksmith](#), our Parish Administrator.



Cherrydale Baptist Church Fall Festival October 30

Our neighbors across the street will be holding their annual fall festival on Saturday October 30, from 3:00pm- 5:00pm. Food, candy, games, costume parade and more!

[Click here for more information](#) and to register.

In Our Prayers

This week we pray for:

Trudy Koczyk
Laura Ingles
John Ingles
Chuck Shelton
Henry Schmidt
Curtis David Powers

Would you like to add a name to the prayer list? If so, please [email the church office](#) with your request. Names will be kept on the prayer list for about a month unless otherwise specified, and will be published weekly in *Shining the Light*.

Donation Opportunity

AFAC FOOD DRIVE

If you'd like to make an in-kind food donation, we invite you to drop off the following items inside the the main entrance to the church, during church office hours: Mon-Fri 9:00am - 2:00pm: canned tuna or chicken, canned tomatoes or vegetables, canned soup, and peanut butter in plastic jars. Low sodium items are preferred, and **NO GLASS CONTAINERS** will be accepted.

We are always looking for volunteers to drop off the in-kind donations. If you are able to drive the donations to AFAC for a contactless delivery, please contact the [Parish Administrator](#).

Thank you to the Ghosh for taking our most recent donation to AFAC!

Mask and Physical Distancing Guidelines

Masks and physical distancing are required for everyone over the age of 2, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, when gathering indoors.

These measures, however long they remain a requirement, are things we can do to show our love and care for one another. Thank you for your patience and grace as we navigate worshiping together safely during changing COVID circumstances.



Who to Contact at St. Andrew's While Rev. Dorota is on Leave

While Rev. Dorota is on parental leave, please reach out to the following individuals for support:

- The [Rev. Rachel Rickenbaker, Supply Priest](#), for concerns related to pastoral care or worship
 - [Susan Thomas, Senior Warden](#) and [Christine Ensley, Junior Warden](#) for all other matters
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Compline on Wednesday Evenings

Each Wednesday at 8:30pm members of St. Andrew's meet via this Zoom [Compline link](#) for a brief service of contemplative nighttime prayers. All are welcome to join. For those who do not have a copy of the *BCP* at home, you may download [this Compline booklet](#).

