

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ

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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 16

Readings: Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

[For readings see: www.lectionarypage.net]

VIRTUAL CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE & ZOOM INFORMATION

The ZOOM link is: <https://zoom.us/j/570270415>

For those just calling in, dial: 1-646-876-9923 (enter meeting number 570270415#)

NOTE: The ZOOM link can also be found on the website. Click on the word "join" in the text on the home page to link to ZOOM.

PLEASE NOTE

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WHEN (or if) PROMPTED, OUR PASSWORD IS:

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Zoom & In-Person Worship Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30 Morning Prayer 10:15 “coffee hour” 10:45-11:45 Bible Study		10:00 am Morning Prayer		10:00 am Morning Prayer		
			6:30pm Evening Prayer		6:30 Evening Prayer	

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Next week at St. Andrew’s

Due to a family emergency, Allison will be away during the week of August 24th. The Rev. Canon K. Jeanne Person will lead the August 23rd Zoom service and there will be a Morning Prayer service on August 30th, both on our usual Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/570270415>

Weekday prayers (and the Tuesday and Friday book groups) will be led by Jane Conger on her Zoom link:

Join Zoom Meeting (weekdays only until Allison’s return):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89629417005>

Meeting ID: 896 2941 7005

Prayers for Healing at 5:00 on Sundays is cancelled for the time being.

Allison will return for the September 6th Zoom service.

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A PRIEST'S PONDERINGS...

The Rev. Allison Moore

This Sunday's gospel offers a "faith check up" that I have found useful at various points over the years. Find a quiet place, with a journal if you like, and breathe for a few moments.

1. "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" This can be "people," sermons or books or conversations about who Jesus is—wonderworker, moral exemplar, savior, hippie, etc.—or it can be different ways you have experienced or named Jesus in your own life. Who was Jesus for you as a child? As someone choosing a career, or raising young children, or in hard or amazingly joyful times?

2. "Who do you say that I am?" Jesus asks the disciples, and I can imagine a long silence. Which Peter, as usual, feels compelled to break. Or maybe after walking with Jesus on water and knowing the healings and sermons and conversations, Peter catches a glimpse of Jesus as God and can't be still. Imagine Jesus asking you that question, for ten seconds or 10 hours or somewhere in between. Who is Jesus for you at this time in your life? In the midst of the circumstances of your life and COVID and an election and protests around police brutality and systemic racism? Listen for an answer that comes from your heart now, from God rather than or in addition to "flesh and blood" or intellect.

3. Imagine Jesus saying to you, "Blessed are you, _____", for you are _____ and on this rock, or _____, I will build my church." Who does Jesus say you are? Who do you know you are in God's eyes or heart? Simon/Peter/rock can be heard as Jesus naming the core of Peter, the unique gifts God gave Peter to build the church. Who are you beneath the labels of profession or relationship or social standing, you and Jesus gazing at each other? What gift, or fault, because Peter and all of us offer strengths and failings and often they are intimately connected, has Jesus seen and named in you at this point in your development?

4. And when we are authentically ourselves, disciples building a community around Jesus of love and justice and healing, the gates of hell will not destroy it. When we align ourselves with God, and offer all of who we are, we participate in a community that stretches through time and bridges heaven and earth. Here is the source of strength and courage and

guidance that we need in perilous times. Each of us has keys which can unlock division or unity, peace or war, love or fear—pray for a while about what keys you have and how you can use them.

Isaiah summarizes it well: “Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.” Have a conversation with Jesus, name each other, and discover more of how you are called to work towards the Commonwealth of God on earth.

PLEDGES & REGULAR SUPPORT

Thank you to those of you who are keeping your pledges up to date. St. Andrew’s depends on your regular financial support as well as your prayers.

VESTRY CORNER - ST. ANDREW’S REOPENING PLAN UPDATE

The vestry discussed our reopening at their meeting on Thursday. The consensus of the vestry was that outside Zoom Eucharist was too fraught with difficult details for us to try at this point. Instead, we are going to try a simpler option sometime in late September – an 8:00 a.m. in-person Eucharist in the church, without Zoom and without music, followed by a 9:30 a.m. Zoom- only Morning Prayer service, with music. Details to follow.

FORWARD DAY BY DAY

If you would like a *Forward Day by Day: Daily Devotions for Disciples* for August/ September/ October, contact the church office. We can send one to you or you can stop by to pick it up (we can leave it in the mailbox for you or on the garden wall at the back of the church).



ULSTER CLERICUS ZOOM BOOK DISCUSSION

New Ulster Clericus Zoom book discussion: Ibram X. Kendi, *How to be an Anti-Racist* (Random House, 2019), available on Kindle, as an audiobook read by the author, and hardcover. Join the “Episcopal New Yorkers read one book” discussion of a challenging and hopeful look at vital contemporary questions. Seven Wednesday evenings from 7:15-9:00 pm **Sept. 16, 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28**. Please commit to all 7 sessions. On Thursday, October 22 Ibram Kendi will address the diocese virtually— more info available soon. Register for the book discussion with Allison Moore (standrewsrev@gmail.com) or Michelle Meech (michelle.stjohnskingston@gmail.com) as soon as possible; limit of 12 people.

FRIDAY BOOK GROUP

This week, August 13, the 10:30 a.m. Friday book group will be reading *Preparing for the Glory* by John and Carol Arnott, about getting in touch with the Holy Spirit in our own lives and in our congregation.

FOOD FOR BODY & SOUL

... A VIRTUAL Brown Bag Lunch with Conversation and Spiritual Reflection, **Tuesdays, 12:30 – 2:00 pm**. All welcome. The group is reading *Holy the Firm* by Annie Dillard. It's a short work, so upon completion they will then begin *Have You Seen Luis Velez?* by Catherine Ryan Hyde. Meeting is via Zoom. [See ZOOM connecting information above].

ONLINE ANTI-RACISM WORKSHOP

A multi-part online workshop open only to clergy and laypeople of the Diocese of New York. September 14, 17, 21 & 24; 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Participants will be required to complete individual viewing and corresponding assignments before online Zoom meetings. Completion of all assignments and attendance at all meetings is required for diocesan certification.

The purpose of the diocesan Anti-Racism Workshop is to help us become aware of how the sin of racism impacts all of our lives, and how we all unconsciously and consciously participate in racist systems. **It is required for clergy in our diocese and highly recommended for lay leadership.**

[Click here to register for the multi-part online workshop in September](#)

VOTER INFORMATION

Last day to register to vote in the November presidential election	Postmark by October 9
Last day to change your address	Postmark by October 14
Last day to request an absentee ballot is	Postmark by October 27
Last day to request an absentee ballot IN PERSON at Board of Elections (BOE)	November 2
Last day absentee ballot can be postmarked or delivered by hand to BOE	November 3
<i>(must be received by Board of Elections on November 10)</i>	

Early voting October 24 – November 1

New Paltz Community Center (3 Veteran Drive), Highland American Legion, or Woodstock, Kingston or Ellenville (see Ulster County Board of Elections website:

<https://elections.ulstercountyny.gov/early-voting/>

There are lots of changes going on regarding voting by mail and early voting, and times have not yet been announced, so please keep checking the websites. We will include up to date information here as well. The New York State link to voting information is:

<https://www.elections.ny.gov/votingdeadlines.html>

THANK YOU to all those who served at St. Andrew's this week, especially Rae, Jen, Kappa, MaryAnn, Charlene, Barbara, Bruce, and Luba. Thank you to those who continue to help with the food pantry. And thank you to all of you who are on the front lines of the Coronavirus Pandemic.

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY (August 23, 2019)

Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM 1): MaryAnn Lis-Simmons
Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM 2): Brenda Hush
Lector 1: Valerie McAllister
Lector 2: TBD
Zoom Host:..... Ed Puffer

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR/OFFICE HOURS

Office Hours: **Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

If you need to reach someone when the office is closed, contact The Rev. Allison Moore at 845-633-8272; MaryAnn Lis-Simmons, Senior Warden at 845-616-7029; or David Slingerland, Junior Warden at 702-2552.



ON-GOING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

Visit websites or call the church office to check what is happening and what is not

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| SUNY Ulster Food Pantry | Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. |
| SUNY New Paltz Pantry | Dates soon to be set |
| Tops Supermarket Food Ministry | Sunday mornings: Pick up food; Speak with Kappa or Jane; Community Service hours available. |
| Courageous Lions | Donate yarn to help crochet courageous lions to comfort children and families faced with illness. Contact Cathy Kelly if you know someone who might benefit by having one! |
| “Clothe the Cold” | Please place clean clothes in good condition in the bins provided at the front of the church. |
| Ascension Holy Trinity Mission Center | Food & clothing always needed. Wed. 10:00 a.m. - noon & 6-8 pm; Saturdays 10:00-noon. |
| Beginner’s AA Meeting | St. Andrew’s Parish Hall, Tuesdays & Fridays, 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. & 5:30-6:30 p.m. |
| <i>The 5:30 p.m. AA meetings are now on Zoom. If you would like more information, please contact Jen B at 716-523-5554 or Ed P. at 914-474-6322.</i> | |
| Monthly Taize Worship | New Paltz United Methodist Church, third Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. |

Companions of Mary the Apostle

Coffee Table Communion, **Fridays, 9:00 a.m.**,
9 Huntington Lane, West Park, NY 12493

Join the Companions for Friday morning Coffee Table Communion and Tuesday Evening Bible Study (7:00 pm). Contact the Companions for the virtual link:

www.companionsofmarytheapostle.org or email companionsma@gmail.com

Andy's Peeps

Online forum for St. Andrew's community to share scripture, music, readings, etc.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/andyspeeps/>

See St. Andrew's Website (www.standrewnp.org) & Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/standrewsnp/>) for continuously updated information.

Helpful links besides the St. Andrew's website and Facebook page are:

CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index.html>

Village of New Paltz <http://www.villageofnewpaltz.org/>

Presiding Bishop Curry's Statement and Episcopal Church website link on the coronavirus:
<https://episcopalchurch.org/concerning-covid19>

New Paltz Community Foundation Project Help Your Neighbors 2020
www.newpaltzfoundation.org (Contact Eileen Gulbrandsen Glenn if you need a meal voucher: sande2930@aol.com or 256-1945)

Episcopal Diocese of New York <https://2020.dioceseny.org/>



Our Parish Prayer List:

We continue to pray for E.J., George, Charles, Rose, Erin, Larry, Maggie, Barbara, Kathleen, Neil, Helen, Robert, Sheila, Richard & Ann, DuSean, Myrt, Madeline, Linda, Hannah, Joe, Kathryn, Mark, John.