

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ

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Third Sunday in Lent

Readings: Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

[For readings see: www.lectionarypage.net]

Worship Schedule

Sunday	Mon.	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
8:30 am Bible Study on Zoom 9:30 am Eucharist (in-person & livestreamed) Coffee hour (following the service) 10:45 am – noon – Sunday School on the 1 st & 3 rd Sundays of each month at Redeemer Lutheran Church		10:00 am Morning Prayer on Zoom 12:30 – 2 pm – Body & Soul: The Tuesday Book Group on Zoom		10:00 am Morning Prayer on Zoom		

Church YouTube Live Stream link for Sunday services:

<https://www.youtube.com/@standrewsepiscopalchurch-n6936>

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



A PRIEST'S PONDERINGS...

The Rev. Allison Moore

If God is all-powerful, why is the world such a mess? Why do bad things happen? Why won't God stop evil?

Short answer: I don't know.

Longer answer: What if our understanding of "power" is radically different than God's? I've really been wrestling with my dread and rage over the current state of our nation and the world because I often feel powerless. Whatever actions I do take seem ridiculously small and ineffective. I don't like that.

But I think I'm learning something about Jesus's, and God's, power. I equate power with the ability to *make* things happen. Love doesn't compel anything to happen. There are natural realities, like gravity and mortality, that shape our lives. In Sunday's lesson Jesus refutes the idea that people who are killed by Pilate, or by a falling tower, were any worse (or better) than anyone else. Natural realities have consequences. So do sinful decisions, greed, lust, hatred, fear, and so on—"innocent" people get hurt.

What if God really is only Love? Not power over, sometimes not even power-with, but a source of overflowing connection and life that simply affirms whatever is good and invites more love and life? That's what Jesus' ministry was about: seeing people, affirming their goodness in spite of their sin or brokenness, healing when possible but never healing everybody, inviting people to love neighbors, love self, love enemies, love God and to accept God's love for self, others, neighbors, planet. Love is the root of justice, right relationship, and peace. Jesus modeled for us how to trust love over domination, over fear of death, over anything else because God is love.

In last week's sermon I was lamenting the fact that often in the face of horrendous evil God seems only capable of grieving with, lamenting over the evil, sometimes raging over human hardness of heart. That isn't enough for me.

Enter the parable of the fig tree—the owner wanted fruit from it immediately, or that it be cut down, but the gardener asked for more time to, of all things, put manure around its base. I want to make the world more into my image of how the world should be—that is not the fruit of a loving relationship with a loving God. I need to be fed and nurtured. We need to feed and nurture others when we can. I need to trust that bare branches, and leaves, and some years of no fruit are enough. I need to learn more about Love, being invited into God's image of how the world really is at its core, despite the reality of sin and suffering. I need more time to learn to trust God's will, not mine, to live out of love and not fear, out of invitation rather than compulsion. Guess I need some more manure!!!

And from Allison...

If you would like a clean house and a way to help recent immigrants get their feet on the ground, check out [Blooming Queens of Clean](#). It's a women's cooperative based in Holy Cross/Santa Cruz. They are not the least expensive option in town, yet I can attest to their skill and professionalism (and their wages include taxes and social security which immigrants pay, despite myths to the contrary). It may be an empowering way to help neighbors (and, for me, see the floor beneath the dirt!!!)

There's a family living in New Paltz with a middle-schooler and a baby in need of support. The family is undocumented; our connection comes through a middle-school teacher. The stepfather's salary pays the rent, but doesn't cover much else: food, diapers, medicine, school supplies, etc. St. Andrew's can help some through the Vicar's Discretionary Fund, and we have, but I'd also like to collect money to help out on a more than crisis basis. I'm going to ask other churches as well.

MARCH 30th THERE WILL BE A VOTE TO ELECT A NEW VESTRY MEMBER AND SENIOR WARDEN

Vestry Slate

Senior Warden – 1 year term
Julie Mazur (Jan. 2026)

Vestry Member – 3 year term
Brenda Hush (Jan. 2028)

**Vote on slate and approval of the minutes of the annual
meeting...March 30th at the 9:30 worship service**

The minutes have been emailed to church members; there are a few printed copies at the back of the church.

SCHEDULE AT ST. ANDREW'S FOR SUNDAY (March 23)

Celebrant:Rev. Allison Moore
LEM:Rae Slingerland
Lector:MaryAnn Lis-Simmons
Usher:David Slingerland
Altar Guild:Jennifer McPherson
Organist:Janet Frommer
Coffee Hour:Vicky Bishop

BRUSH CLEAN UP & OUTDOOR SPRING CLEANING

(There is a meeting in the church Saturday mornings, so let's just work outdoors only!)

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 10-12
(rain date April 6)

Bring rakes, hedge trimmers, whatever you have or just yourself...



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WEEKLY BULLETIN INSERTS

The Episcopal Church has provided a link for weekly bulletin inserts that Allison feels may be of interest to you, especially during Lent. See for example “What is Lent” on March 2. The link is: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/weekly-bulletin-inserts/>

RETREAT AT HOLY CROSS MONASTERY

Forgiveness as Spiritual Practice, a retreat led by Elizabeth Broyles, CMA and The Reverend Alison Quin at Holy Cross Monastery on Thursday, **May 29 to Sunday, June 1, 2025**. For information see Retreat Programs on the Holy Cross website. To register email guesthouse@hcmnet.org or call 845-384-6660, ext.1 Tuesday – Saturday 10-12:30 or 1:30-6.

TOWN OF NEW PALTZ EASTER EGG HUNT

The 31st annual New Paltz Easter Egg Hunt will take place on **Saturday, April 12, 12-3pm** (rain date April 13) on Huguenot Street. All welcome!

Food Pantry at SUNY Ulster needs donations!

Personal Care Drive

**Please donate
small* packages of**

- ➔ maxi pads
- ➔ panty liners
- ➔ mini pads
- ➔ tampons
- ➔ trial size mouthwash
- ➔ dental floss
- ➔ toothbrushes

*We can't open and divide packs



**Email The Rev. Allison Moore,
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INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED THEOLOGY AT BARD COLLEGE

The Institute of Advanced Theology at Bard College announces their Spring 2025 lecture series, "The Bible's Social Gospel" with Bruce Chilton. The lectures will take place on the following **Mondays at 12:30 pm in Bard Hall.: March 31, April 7, 14, 21.** Light refreshments to be served.


"The Bible's Social Gospel" with Bruce Chilton

The Bible does not mean only what Christianity says it means, or only what Judaism says it means, or only what Islam says it means. Biblical meaning also cannot be reduced to the caricatures produced by a small but strident coterie of atheist Fundamentalists in recent years.

The Bible unfolded over the course of a millennium of development. During that process social forces in each phase shaped the texts as they stand today, and in my cases the texts can be seen to push back against their contexts.

The formation of the Bible resulted in the evolution of a social message — what the Aramaic, and Hebrew, and Greek languages of composition call a “gospel.” Our series is designed to uncover the grounding principles of this gospel as it unfolded over time and was articulated by the Bible in its own terms, before Judaism and Christianity and Islam emerged.

Call Melissa Germano to register 845-758-7667.



Presents:

SOCIAL JUSTICE MUSICAL SING-a-LONG

Musicals have always been agents of social change.
Sing the change you want to be.
Popcorn provided, voices needed.
Shows start at 6:30.

3/25 - Wicked
4/15 - Jesus Christ Superstar (the Easter Edition)
5/13 - Cabaret
6/3 - Rent (the Pride Edition)
7/8 - Hamilton (the Independence Edition)

New Paltz United Methodist
1 Grove Street

THANK YOU to all those who served at St. Andrew's this week, especially Brenda, Klaus, Jane, Susan, Janet, Luba, and Barbara. Thank you to those who continue to help with the food pantry and the free fresh food project, those who tend to the grounds of the church and vicarage, and those who are helping with the live streaming of the Sunday service.

SAVE THE DATE!
Spring Fling Clothing Sale!!!

May 3 Spring Fling Clothing Sale 10am – 2pm

Clothing drop off last week of April inside back door of the church
(to bring clothes earlier, please contact Susan Piowaty or Luba
Brown)

Church Office Hours
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
9:30 am – 2:30 pm

If you need to reach someone when the office is closed, contact The Rev. Allison Moore at 845-633-8272 or by email to standrewsrev@gmail.com; Kappa Waugh, Senior Warden at 845-419-2866; or Martin Bend, Junior Warden at 845-423-9666.



ON-GOING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

SUNY Ulster Food Pantry

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Thursdays, 12:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

SUNY New Paltz Food Pantry

Wednesday 1-3, SUB 413

“POP-UP” FREE FRESH FOOD!

Free Fresh Food 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. 1st Sundays: Reformed Church of New Paltz; 2nd Sundays: Redeemer Lutheran Church; **3rd Sundays: St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church**; 4th Sundays: Methodist Church; 5th Sundays: New Paltz Friends Meeting, 8 N. Manheim

Tops Supermarket Food Ministry

Sunday mornings: Pick up food; Speak with Kappa or Jane; Community Service hours available.

Ascension Holy Trinity Mission Center

Food & clothing always needed. **Clothes can be brought to Ascension of 9W after 9:30 on Sundays.**

Companions of Mary the Apostle

Bible Conversation and Prayers, **Fridays, 9:00 am on Zoom**

Andy’s Peeps

Online forum for St. Andrew’s community

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

St. Andrew’s Website (www.standrewnp.org)

Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/standrewsnp/>)



Our Parish Prayer List:

We continue to pray for **Charles, Helen, Sheila, Louise, DuSean, Mary, Edna, Oriana, Gabriel, Joan, Sara, Joe, Janet, Charles, Sandra, Vicky, Anita and Rich, Beverly, Nancy, Patricia, Diane, Martha, Bill, Sally, Kappa, Ola, James, Elizabeth, Judy, Michael.**