



# *setting a table* for all God's people

IN THE HEART OF SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

Our active, humble, and loving congregation **seeks a part-time Vicar to proclaim God's inclusive love for all humanity** through weekly worship, to walk alongside us through life's milestones, and to encourage us in our liturgical life as we – the people – live into our baptismal calling to become Christ's disciples and agents of God's love in the world.

*liturgy* – "the work of the people"



**St. Andrew's  
Spokane**

*Centered in Christ and the Eucharist  
Marked by inclusion, love and service*

St. Andrew's has served as a Community of Belonging in north-central Spokane for 95 years. **We welcome all to the table in God's church – regardless of sexuality, race, ethnicity, politics, or gender –**

because every person is made in the image of God and is worthy of Christ's love. **Worship is the heart of our congregational life** and is the force driving our commitment to seek Jesus Christ in all people.



# *setting a table on sunday morning*

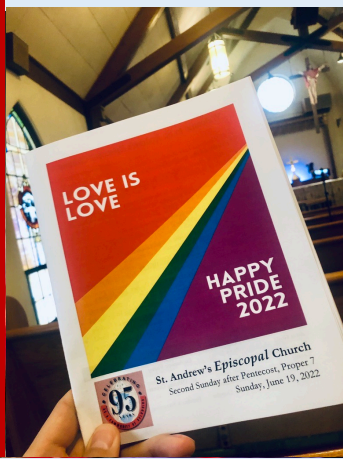


We celebrate the Eucharist “in the beauty of holiness,” and strive to remain accessible and welcoming. Our faith in Jesus Christ runs deep and spills out from worship to our care for each other, creation, and our neighbors through food ministries, fellowship, formation activities, and relationships. As we enter our 96<sup>th</sup> year, **our small yet mighty church is brimming with commitment, activity, and passion** for sharing Christ’s love and offering praise and thanksgiving to God.

***“Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome at this table.”***

The life of our faith community flows from Sunday morning worship, which one congregant described as **“the most beautiful way to spend time.”** With an average Sunday attendance of 23 (67 on Easter 2023), our 9:30 a.m. service features organ music offered by our volunteer organist, hymns, a land acknowledgment, and Prayers of the People, which we often change with the season. One example is the

**Season of Creation liturgy, where the service focuses on awe of God’s works in nature.** Our service is live streamed on Facebook weekly. Altar Guild and three licensed Eucharistic Ministers rotate assisting with Eucharist and preparing the altar. Morning Prayer with music is offered as needed, led by at least one of four licensed Worship Leaders.





# *setting a table into the future*



Our liturgical style is broad church – neither high, nor low – focused on meeting people where they are on their spiritual journey. We follow the general structure of Rite II, while using authorized resources to add variety and authenticity to worship. **We strive to keep our service accessible to visitors** through a “come as you are” attitude and an easy-to-follow printed bulletin, which includes the entire service. We primarily use the 1982 Hymnal and will access other sources for hymns and service music such as *Lift Every Voice And Sing*, and *With One Voice*.

**St. Andrew's is shifting from a clergy-led to a clergy-supported model of**

**being the church.** This means we stand ready partner alongside a new cleric in co-leading ministry. In 2023, our Bishop's Committee led a **five-week Lenten Series on the Theology of Liturgy**, with wide participation. The sessions led to rich discussions on the meaning of worship, and a deeper understanding of our active role as the baptized assembly of God's people. **We seek a part-time Vicar whose primary role is presiding at Eucharist on Sundays, preaching whenever possible, and partnering with us to ensure our worship and outreach remain vital and living expressions of our awe of God.** Our Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Visitors, volunteer administrator, and licensed lay Preacher are great resources for partnership with our new cleric.



**A joyful morning  
Easter Sunday (2023)**



# *setting a table with hospitality*



As part of our clergy search discernment process, our **Bishop's Committee** formed a **Hospitality Committee** to examine our building and practices through the eyes of visitors. We are asking how our physical space communicates our values and identity as a faith community. On Easter 2023, **we unveiled a new spiritual artwork**

**display** in the entryway of our church, featuring the colorful iconography of Episcopal artist Kelly Latimore. The new display reflects our identity as St. Andrew's, honors the diversity and universality of the church, and our devotion to Christ. The Hospitality Team is hard at work sprucing up our building to ensure it remains a place of peace and welcome for all.



St. Andrew's has welcomed community groups into our building for years – including the League of Women Voters and TOPS, a weight loss support group, the regional leadership team of Al-Anon, Kairos Outside, and area arts workshops. In the future, **the Bishop's Committee will continue to explore partnerships**

**to benefit the community** as we seek to deepen our relationships with our neighborhood. We have worked to establish a foundation of financial stability and stewardship upon which to build in the future. We view use of our building as an extension of hospitality and stewardship for our congregation's future.



# setting a table with our neighbors



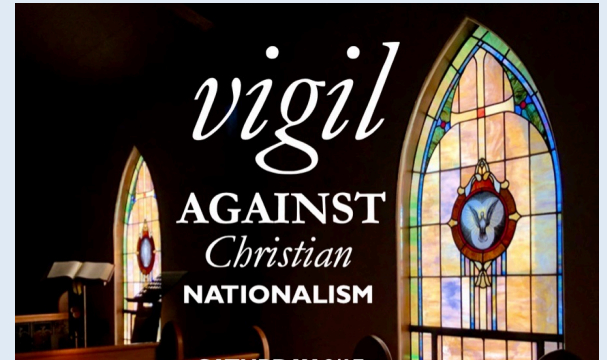
Sunday morning worship inspires us to serve our neighbors as we are sent out from Eucharist "to love and serve the Lord!" **Outreach is at the very heart of who we are.** One longtime congregant called St. Andrew's "a service church."



*Stocking our food pantry*



*Marching on MLK Day*



*Hosting a vigil*

During the COVID-19 pandemic, as congregations were shutting down, we were seeking new ways to thrive. This is where our **transformation from a clergy-led to clergy-supported community** began to take shape. Leaders emerged for new ministries and to expand existing outreach. This enabled us to sustain these programs through clergy transitions.

We show love to each other through daily Morning Prayer (via Zoom), as well as regular movable feasts, lunch gatherings, Bible study, and fellowship opportunities.

**We show love to our neighbors through our free mini food pantry, free mini library, our summer feeding program**

Stone Soup Cafe, by baking goods for homeless youth at Volunteers of America shelters, supporting the families of prisoners through Kairos Outside, and serving meals in West Central through the Dinner Table ministry – in addition to the many individual ministries of our members.

This year, we showed love to our community by joining the **Martin Luther King Jr. Day Rally & March**, and by hosting a **Vigil Against Christian Nationalism at our church.**

**We seek a Vicar who will encourage us to love, serve, and be in genuine relationship with our neighborhood, which is among the poorest in the region.**



# *setting a table in spokane*



## **Welcome to the Great Inland Northwest!**

St. Andrew's is located in the heart of Spokane, the second largest city in Washington State and the center of the Inland Northwest region. Spokane offers big-city amenities, including award winning hospitals, higher education (Gonzaga, Eastern Washington University, Washington State University, University of Washington School of Medicine), Spokane Symphony at the Fox Theatre, a buzzing brewery scene, the incredible Manito Gardens, Spokane Indians minor league baseball, and the gem of the city: Riverfront Park. **Spokane is known for its civic spirit, as shown by its annual Bloomsday Run and Hoopfest competition – among the largest of these events in the world.**

**Yet, Spokane is small enough to not feel like a big city.** Its housing stock is still relatively affordable. Spokane offers the best of both worlds – city living and small town charm. Commute times are fairly short. Wherever you live, you will often run into people you know on the street!

Best of all, Spokane is “near nature, near perfect” – with dozens of lakes nearby. **Outdoor enthusiasts have easy access to beautiful parks, nearby hiking trails, skiing (Mt. Spokane, Schweitzer, others), camping at dozens of nearby state parks, and historic places to explore.** The beauty of the Palouse, Idaho Panhandle, and Western Montana are within a few hours of Downtown Spokane!

## *setting a table together*

We invite you to contact the [Rev. Canon Susan Cleveley](#) to explore a call to serve alongside the people of St. Andrew's as we celebrate the Eucharist, seeking God and serving God's people in the heart of Spokane.