



# St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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## **St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Calls New Priest**

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Pasadena has called the Rev. Jason A. Poling to serve as Priest-in-Charge. He came to St. Andrew's at the beginning of the year after serving as a Mission Developer for the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland.

"I am deeply honored to be invited to serve as St. Andrew's," said Fr. Poling. "For 65 years this church has served its neighbors in Pasadena, and has occupied a unique position among other churches in the Diocese of Maryland. Most importantly it has been a community that seeks to know Jesus and make him known. I am grateful to have the privilege of serving an Episcopal congregation that holds fast to the orthodox character of historic Anglicanism."

Mr. Bill Forkgen, the Senior Warden of St. Andrew's, noted that Fr. Poling's call came after a long search process. "We were so happy for our last priest when he became a bishop." (The Rt. Rev. Carl Wright was consecrated Bishop Suffragan for Armed Forces and Federal Ministries in 2017.) "But it took a long time for us to find someone we thought could fill his shoes. When our board met with Fr. Poling he had answered 24 1/2 of the 25 questions we had for him within the first 15 minutes of our time together. We think he's exactly the priest God has in mind for us right now."

Fr. Poling served as a pastor in nondenominational churches for 15 years before being invited into the Episcopal Church. After earning his S.T.M. in Anglican Studies from the General Theological Seminary in New York, the oldest seminary in the Episcopal Church, Rev. Poling was ordained to the diaconate and priesthood in 2015 by the Rt. Rev. Eugene Taylor Sutton, XIVth Bishop of Maryland.

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Prior to studying at General, Fr. Poling earned an M.Div. from Seminary of the East (since merged with Bethel Seminary), an M.A. in Theology (Biblical Studies) from St. Mary's Seminary & University, and a D.Min. from Biblical Theological Seminary (now Missio Seminary). His undergraduate degree is from Williams College.

Fr. Poling has been active in ecumenical and interfaith venues both locally and nationally, serving as a Co-Convener of the National Evangelical-Jewish Conversation and as a past President of the Eastern Region of the Evangelical Theological Society. He served for 9 years on the Executive Board of the St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute, where he chaired the Advancement Committee. Fr. Poling is a Fellow of the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, where he participated in the Christian Leadership Initiative from 2016-17. He currently serves on the Program Committee of the Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies in Towson.

Fr. Poling's work has been published in the *Anglican Theological Review*, *Studies in Jewish-Christian Relations*, the *Baltimore Sun*, and the *Baltimore Jewish Times*. He has written for *First Things Online*, the *Washington Post's* "On Faith" religion blog, and the *Sun's* religion blog "In Good Faith." Fr. Poling is an Affiliate Professor of Theology at Loyola University Maryland, and has been an invited speaker and conference organizer at Georgetown University, the Johns Hopkins University, St. Mary's Seminary & University, and Williams College, among other institutions.

In addition to his work at St. Andrew's, Fr. Poling serves 1/4 time at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Reisterstown, and directs the Doctor of Ministry program at St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute in Baltimore. He and his wife Mary, a musician, have two daughters in high school.

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