

Rev. Floyd Thompkins To Lead St. Andrew Presbyterian Church of Marin City, CA

Nationally Acclaimed Pastor Brings Social Justice Background To Historically Multi-Cultural Congregation with Goal of Modeling Unity and Togetherness in Turbulent Times



California, Sausalito, Feb 8, 2021 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - St. Andrew Presbyterian Church (SAPC) is pleased to announce the arrival of a new senior pastor, Reverend Floyd Thompkins. Rev. Thompkins began pastoral leadership on Monday after delivering a sermon as the guest pastor on Sunday, Jan 25, 2021 via Zoom to hundreds of [participants](#).

Reverend Floyd Thompkins, M.Div., is a gifted leader, preacher, and teacher devoted to Christ, and to creating a strong community. Concurrent to his new role at St. Andrew, Rev. Thompkins serves as the CEO of the [Justice and Peace Foundation](#), an organization continuing the tradition of building the beloved MLK community. He previously served as Vice President and Director of the Center for Innovation in the Ministry of the San Francisco Theological Seminary. He was also the Associate Dean of Religious Life at two world-class institutions, Stanford and Princeton Universities. Rev. Thompkins has published three books and many academic papers and is frequently called upon to give his perspectives and opinions on race, health care and spirituality.

About joining SAPC, Rev. Thompkins commented, “I am honored and blessed to be able to serve this amazing body of believers who have a tradition of being fierce warriors of love and unflinching practitioners of empathy. I am joyfully looking forward to working with the citizens of Marin City who are about the business of creating and maintaining a just and fair community for all people.”

Andrea Norwood, St. Andrew Presbyterian Elder and Chair of the Nominating Committee added, “After a nationwide search for a new Pastor, following the departure of Pastor Veronica Goines in December 2018, we are thrilled to welcome Pastor Floyd. He brings a deep love of God and scripture along with a commitment to social justice, in keeping with St Andrew’s long history of activism. We are also so grateful for the leadership of the Rev. Dr. Laurie Garrett-Cobbina, who served as our Interim Pastor these past two years—she kept us uplifted and inspired. We are especially thankful for her loving ministry and pastoral care during Covid, as we transitioned to online services.

The previous pastor, **Rev. Dr. Garrett-Cobbina** will continue her work as a professor at the University of the Redlands School of Theology in San Anselmo, CA, but will remain an active participant in the congregation of St. Andrew. “It’s been an honor to lead the congregation of St. Andrew, and I know God will continue to bless the church and its people,” said Rev. Garrett-Cobbina.

As the news about the new Pastor became official, renowned local author **Anne Lamott**, a longtime member and leader of St. Andrew’s Christian Education program exclaimed, “Over the years, I have always been so excited when Rev. Floyd was scheduled to preach, because of his words, and his joyful, friendly presence. He exudes love—and what a smile! I think he’ll be just right for our little BLM church and the kids in our children’s church will love him.”

ABOUT

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, located at 101 Donahue St, in Marin City, CA, was founded in 1956 as an inter-racial congregation, uniting a diverse group of Christians in worship and prayer. St. Andrew remains committed to the belief that the Holy Spirit brings men, women, and children of all races together as brothers and sisters united in the family of Jesus Christ. As a multi-cultural congregation, our purpose is to model unity in diversity as we worship God, serve one another, and share with others the transforming love of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. <http://saintandrewpc.org/about/>

Link to January Sermon: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SWe2BC64AYk&t=2059s>

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