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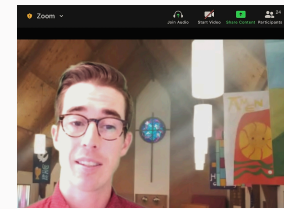
(www.andrewpquick.com)

Andrew hails from the raisin capital of the world in California's Central Valley where he attended church every Sunday. Now, and as a kid, he asks lots of church and faith-based questions (the history and role of the church, faith, the nature of God...). Andrew became a pastor to find answers, and yet, the more he studies and draws closer to God, the more questions arise. His faith journey is not about answers, rather Andrew lives the questions.

Andrew graduated from the University of California at Santa Cruz with a BA in Theatre. Upon graduation he attended Clown College at the Circus Center of San Francisco. After running away with the circus for eight years, Andrew began studying at San Francisco Theological Seminary and graduated with a Master's of Divinity in 2019.

PASTOR

In January 2020, Andrew was approved by the Committee on Ministry of the San Francisco Presbytery to serve as the pastor at Broadmoor Presbyterian Church while completing his ordination requirements. He soon found himself pastoring in a pandemic. Through incredible creativity with the Broadmoor Session and the community, they continued bringing the Word every Sunday. Additionally, Andrew began Zoom meditation groups, fellowship nights and youth game nights to continue building connection while everyone remained physically distant.



*Andrew Zooming from
Broadmoor*



*Andrew and his wife, Ashley
Pogue, at graduation*

PERFORMER

When not working as a pastor, Andrew can be found juggling at community centers, libraries and hospitals around the Bay Area. As part of Circus of Smiles, Mr. Quick and Mr. Mustache offer affordable and empowering circus experiences for children and their families. They create a space for families to gather together in laughter helping them release tensions and imagine a world of possibilities. Additionally, Andrew works as a medical clown providing therapeutic clowning as an integrated component of care for adult and pediatric patients and their families.



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FAMILY

Throughout Andrew's journey he has had the support of his wife Ashley Pogue. Ashley and Andrew met creating art, and later studied together at San Francisco Theological Seminary and currently live in Marin County. They enjoy gardening, hiking, cooking, and snuggling with their dog, Topa. They married in the summer of 2019 and most recently, on November 22, 2021, they welcomed their first child, Maisy Lane Pogue, into the world.



Andrew & Ashley



*Maisy Lane Pogue,
born November 22, 2021*



It is with great joy that the Pastoral Nominating Committee recommends Andrew P Quick as candidate for Pastor & Head of Staff at St. Luke Presbyterian Church

The PNC unanimously supports Andrew Quick as the pastoral candidate for St. Luke.

Andrew has a diverse and creative background and can bring these gifts to his ministry.

He is also curious to dig deeper into his faith, and will challenge us in considering those tough questions we may have about our own faith.

Andrew's references confirmed our belief that he is a pastor at heart, exhibiting love for all of God's people, young and old, and helps to create community and connection.

ANDREW'S STATEMENT OF FAITH

God is a triune God: Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer who freely give and receive love and grace. God's Spirit sustains, supports, and nurtures us in our daily life. The Spirit comforts us in times of heartache and celebrates with us in times of joy. God became fully human while remaining fully divine, in the life of Jesus. Jesus' birth, life, and resurrection reveal God's endless love for humanity. God is the creator. A master artist who allows her art to transform, evolve and redefine itself. Humanity is the self-portrait painted by the Triune God and given freedom to transform and evolve. Each creation a divine reflection of the Triune God: Creator Artist. Sustainer Spirit. Redeemer Christ.

Humanity is called to portray the divine nature in the world. Sin is the act of failing to reflect the divine nature in our lives. We sin when we reflect our own desires or portray systems of oppression. Evil and suffering are realities in our lived experience. God suffers with humanity and in the face of unimaginable evil the question by the Psalmist is worth asking, "How long, O God?"

Scripture is a collection of powerful and haunting narratives written by people, at a certain time and place, as they try to comprehend God and humanity. Scripture offers glimpses of how people understand God's work in the world. The nature of the church is a community of people building relationships while freely giving and accepting love and grace. The Church welcomes and cares for all people. The Mission of the Church invites people to participate in this community while summoning them to move into the world as God's hands and feet. The nature and mission of the church are active and participatory.

The two sacraments are baptism and the Lord's Supper. Baptism is a sign of God's freely given grace that is offered long before one can respond. It is an outward expression of unification with Christ and partnership with the Christian community. The Lord's Supper is an all-inclusive sign of God's gift of grace given through the life and resurrection of Jesus Christ. By participating in the meal, we remember God's grace, we connect with our siblings in Christ throughout time and place, and we have a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. Both sacraments sustain and invite us to work for peace and justice in our world.

The Nature of Christian Ministry is to partner with the Church and its members. To serve the community with generosity. To mourn with people in their suffering and celebrate with people in their joy.

We are a community of hope. We hope in God's promise to renew all creation to its divine purpose and for a time when the mystery of God will be revealed to us. This hope empowers us to participate in our world. While we hope we uncover heaven on earth, we "prepare the way," and we seek justice and peace for all of God's creation. These things I believe.

Andrew is looking forward to what God has for him and his family in this next chapter of their life. He will continue blending joy and imagination in ministry and art while deepening his relationship with God and his communities.