St. Aidan’s Anglican Church seeks to make manifest the presence of the Triune God in the people and place of Jessamine County. We as individual parishioners know that the world goes not well. We are aware of the wilderness that lurks just outside our doors and the wasteland that exists in our own hearts. As a parish, however, we believe that the Kingdom comes despite these bitter truths. It is our collected purpose to shine light on the bricks and mortar of Christ’s Kingdom by making ourselves available and vulnerable, first to God, and second to each other and our community.

St. Aidan’s Anglican Church understands the principles of availability and vulnerability as central to our vision. Availability empties us of selfish striving in order that we might be free to respond to the Spirit’s promptings. Vulnerability exposes our weaknesses so that we might be wounded by Love, for Love’s sake. We give our whole selves to these tasks, not hiding our talents or our shortcomings, our victories or our failings, our growth or our brokenness.

St. Aidan’s Anglican Church enacts the practices of availability and vulnerability by committing to a life of common prayer and worship. When the Church gathers to worship, we gather. When the Church prays, we pray. When the Church fasts, we fast. When the Church feasts, we feast. By this commitment, with the aid of the following six postures, God illustrates, through us, what the Kingdom looks like.

*Listening*

Through common prayer and worship, the St. Aidan’s Anglican Church community centers life in feast and fast around the Table. We listen for God’s voice in the liturgical rhythms of the Church year and open ourselves to be spiritually formed by what we hear. In response, we attend to the unique sounds of our parish and, our greater context, Jessamine County.

*Submerging*

Through incarnational engagement and intentional embedding, the St. Aidan’s Anglican Church community seeks to find the places in our neighborhoods where our passions might allow for friendship and fellowship with our neighbors.

*Inviting*

Through generous hospitality and caring interaction, the St. Aidan’s Anglican Church community invites each other, and our neighbors, into our everyday lives, to serve and to be served, to give and to take, to love and to be loved. We welcome others into our stories to welcome them into God’s story.

*Contending*

Through confrontation of natural and spiritual forces of evil, the St. Aidan’s Anglican Church community opposes the darkness both inside and outside the walls of our parish. We recognize ourselves as participants in God’s mission of restoration and as such, we intercede in prayer, advocate for the poor and downtrodden in our midst, work to eradicate injustice, and hold each other accountable for our own brokenness.

*Imagining*

Through divine imagination, the St. Aidan’s Anglican Church community holds in tension the reality of what is and the hope of what could be. We do not linger on idealistic dreams, but put hands and feet to the vision God grants us.

*Entrusting*

Through trust in the formational processes of God, the St. Aidan’s Anglican Church community answers the call to make disciples of all nations. Beginning at our own doorstep, we are sent, in faith, to make known the Kingdom of God in our homes, in our parish, in Jessamine County, in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, in the United States, and even unto the ends of the earth.

This is the Charter of Faith of St. Aidan’s Anglican Church.