



220TH STATED MEETING | THE PRESBYTERY OF EAST IOWA
10 A.M. | APRIL 18, 2026 | ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, IOWA CITY

Bulletin Cover

- *Grace and Hope Mission* (2025), photograph by Jon Mallard. Founded in 1913, the Grace and Hope Mission offers spiritual care, practical assistance, and a place of refuge for those in need in downtown Baltimore, Maryland. The façade and sign point to a deeper ministry of grace and hope lived out through daily acts of compassion and service.
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Today's Lunch

- St. Andrew's outreach ministries include partnering with local agencies that serve the community. One way we do this is by sharing our building and resources. Today's lunch was prepared by **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Johnson County**, a non-profit organization that matches youth with adult mentors. The group meets quarterly for cooking lessons in our church kitchen. Today, the participants are from the **BBBS Girl Connection group**, which offers opportunities for girls and women to get together on a regular basis for leadership, laughter, and positivity. As part of today's activities, the girls learned about meal preparation, Safe Serve guidelines, plating food, and serving.



Finish the Race
Owe Nothing But Love

Today's Offering

- St. Andrew's **Food Market** began in March 2022 as a way to address local food security needs and to care for our neighbors. Held inside St. Andrew's **Pop-Up Ministry Room** on the fourth Wednesday of each month (except November and December), the Market offers pantry staples and fresh items in a welcoming, dignity-centered setting where guests can select what they need, with no residency requirements or paperwork. Supported by volunteers and community donations, the ministry now serves about 500 families each month, reflecting St. Andrew's commitment to compassion and practical service.



STEWARDSHIP 2026



220th Stated Meeting | The Presbytery of East Iowa

10 a.m. | Saturday April 18, 2026

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church
140 Gathering Place Lane, Iowa City

Prelude | *Olivet*, by Lowell Mason, arr. by Dale Grotenhuis

Julia Van Den Top, *organ*

✠ **Call to Worship**

The Rev. Lori Wunder

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

Women: to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

Men: to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

Leader: and your faithfulness by night,

Over 55: to the music of the lute and the harp,

Under 55: to the melody of the lyre.

Leader: For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;

Teaching Elders: at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Non Teaching Elders: How great are your works, O LORD!

All: Your thoughts are very deep!

✠ **Opening Hymn** | “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” vs. 1, 2, 4; pg. 6

✠ **Opening Prayer**

Larry Petrick

Holy Spirit, we ask that you would awaken us to your presence among us.

Allow us to breathe deep and know we are loved, both as individuals and as a community.

Stir in us an awe and wonder to experience you more deeply.

Guide our hearts and minds as we offer ourselves in worship.

In the hope of Christ, we pray. Amen

✠ **Prayer of Confession**

Rosemary Schwartz

Holy God, we are so excited about *our* plans.

We love *our* way.

Hymns + Songs | Pages are listed for the printed bulletin

Bold Print | Speak or sing together in unison.

✠ | Please rise in body or in spirit.

**We hold tightly what we know.
We have forgotten to remember *your* plans.
We ignore *your* way.
We close our hearts and minds to what you are offering.**

**We confess our selfishness, knowing it has hurt you, ourselves, and others.
Forgive us and give us the courage to live in the full freedom of life with you.**

Hear us now, as we connect with you in the silence.

✘ **Time for Silent Confession**

✘ **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Paul Heidger

Friends, the beauty and truth of the Gospel
is that Christ restores our relationship with the Divine.
Know that in Jesus, you are forgiven.

✘ **Sung Response** | “We’ve Come This Far By Faith,” pg. 7

Sharing Christ’s Peace and Compassion

Twila Finkelstein

And now, as a visible sign of what it means to live together
in the care and context of Christ’s community,
let us extend Christ’s peace and compassion to those around us!
The peace of Christ be with you all!
And also with you!

Scripture Reading | Romans 5:1-5

The Rev. Dr. Carl Anderson

Since we have been *acquitted and* made right through faith, we are able to experience *true and lasting* peace with God through our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One, *the Liberating King*. Jesus leads us into a place of *radical* grace where we are able to celebrate the hope of experiencing God’s glory. And that’s not all. We also celebrate in seasons of suffering because we know that when we suffer we develop endurance, which shapes our characters. When our characters are refined, we learn what it means to hope *and anticipate* God’s goodness. And hope will never fail to satisfy our deepest need because the Holy Spirit that was given to us has flooded our hearts with God’s love.

The Word of the Prophets for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

The Message

The Rev. Dr. Carl Anderson

✠ **Hymn of Response** | “Hymn Lift Every Voice and Sing,” vs.1, 3; pg. 8-9

Presentation of Special Offering | St. Andrew Food Market

Helen Bryce



Offertory | *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*, by John Helgen

Austen Wilson, *baritone*, and Julia Van Den Top, *piano*

Prayer of Dedication

The Rev. Erin Kaye

Commissioning of General Assembly Delegates

The Rev. Erin Kaye

✠ **Closing Hymn** | “When Peace Like A River,” vs. 1, 3, 4; pg. 10

✠ **Benediction**

The Rev. Dr. Carl Anderson

Postlude | *God Himself is Present*, arr. by Barbara Harbach

Julia Van Den Top, *organ*

My Faith Looks Up to Thee 829

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran-sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray; take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor-row's
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love, fear and dis -

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way; nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 trust re-move; O bear me safe a - bove, a ran-somed soul!

TEXT: Ray Palmer, 1830
 MUSIC: Lowell Mason, 1831, alt.

OLIVET
 6.6.4.6.6.6.4

We've Come This Far by Faith / Estoy aquí solo por fe

Refrain / Estribillo

We've come this far by faith, lean - ing on the
Es - toy a - quí so - lo por fe; me a - yu - dó el Se -

Lord; trust - ing in his ho - ly Word—
ñor; me qui - ó con tier - na voz

he's nev - er failed me yet. Oh,
y nun - ca me fa - lló. Oh,

can't turn a - round, we've come this far by faith.
¡no vuel - vo a - trás! Es - toy a - quí so - lo por fe.

339 Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had
 tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening
 died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry
 way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln's birthday in 1900, this text and tune have gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
 tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at
 thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
 last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

840 When Peace like a River

It Is Well with My Soul

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives: O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought. My
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul;
 It is well with my soul;

it is well; it is well with my soul.

VILLE DU HAVRE
 11.8.11.9 with refrain

TEXT: Horatio G. Spafford, 1876, alt.
 MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss, 1876

Melodious Harmony Presents St. Andrew Handbells Unplugged

A concert featuring St. Andrew's four bell choirs
with music from Abba, Coldplay, James Bond,
and much, much more!



3 p.m. | April 18

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140 Gathering Place Lane, Iowa City

Free Admission

www.saintandrew-ic.org

A Brief History of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the **Presbyterian Church (USA)** committed to living out the principles outlined in Matthew 25:40: *“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.”* Like our namesake disciple, we strive to introduce others to the living Christ and to help them find opportunities to use their own gifts (musical, organizational, verbal, financial, constructional) for the nourishment of others.

For more than a century, Iowa City’s **First Presbyterian Church** worshiped in a downtown building now known as “Old Brick.” Because of overcrowding in the mid-20th century, a second church was authorized and approved by the **Presbytery of East Iowa**. Land was purchased in September 1957 on Melrose Avenue, near Iowa City’s western edge. An old white farmhouse on the property hosted two informational meetings in early 1958, with the name selected after the apostle who was a “Fisher of Men.” Three months later, 142 people were received as members, with groundbreaking on the church building being held later that year.

For the next half-century, St. Andrew’s building at **1300 Melrose Ave.** was nicknamed “Handy Andy” by the surrounding **University Heights** community. During the week, it served as the polling place for elections, the meeting place for the city council, the monitoring site for the city’s lone police officer, as well as the home of an active daycare center and a thriving English as a Second Language Program. A new Sanctuary was added in the 1980s, converting the old Sanctuary into a large Fellowship Hall, and the faith community developed a thriving youth ministry, small group ministry, active music program, and growing mission outreach.

Shortly after St. Andrew’s 50th anniversary, the congregation purchased 40 acres of land on Camp Cardinal Boulevard and began a years-long discernment process on whether to relocate or expand on their current site. In 2016, the congregation vacated the Melrose building, and after 18 months in a transitional location, moved into **140 Gathering Place Lane** shortly before Christmas 2017. The new building—complete with a refurbished Casavant organ salvaged from the University of Iowa’s flood-damaged music building—was dedicated in Fall 2018, along with a celebration of the congregation’s 60th anniversary.

Since the pandemic of the early 2020s, St. Andrew’s building has again become a community hub. Alongside the congregation’s recent mission focus on Food Security and Mental Health, St. Andrew has developed a monthly **Food Market** that regularly provides needed monthly support for more than 500 families from throughout the area, and our **Lettuce Feed Others** garden provides thousands of pounds of produce each year for families in need. Over the past decade, St. Andrew has sent more than 100 friends and members on short-term mission trips with **Impacto Ministries** in Guatemala.

After more than 18 months of transitional pastoral ministry, St. Andrew is entering the next chapter of its history. Its members and friends stand ready to live into the congregation’s purpose statement: *“To be the body of Christ, living in Christ’s love, and serving as Christ served.”*

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