



**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**

**9:30 A.M. | FEB. 11, 2024**

**ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

# Questions about Worship @ St. Andrew?

- **Welcome!** We are happy to have you join us today. If you would like more information about St. Andrew, please email [office@saintandrew-ic.org](mailto:office@saintandrew-ic.org).
- Our worship services begin **in-person and online at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings**, followed by Sunday School and Adult Christian Education offerings from September to April and a variety of After Worship activities from May to August. *The service usually begins with Welcome & Announcements a few minutes before 9:30 a.m.*
- All ages are welcome in our worship services. Worship materials for all ages are available in **The Maker's Toolbox** outside the north entrance to the Sanctuary.
- **Nursery care** (up to age 2) is provided in the Lower Level throughout the morning. Programming for children (through Kindergarten age) begins in the Lower Level after the **Time for Young Disciples** on most Sundays and after the **Sharing of Christ's Peace and Compassion** on Communion Sundays.
- Large print hymnals, bibles, and bulletins also are available outside the Sanctuary doors. A T-Coil hearing assist loop is also available for those with this feature on their hearing aids.
- Unless otherwise designated, gifts given to the weekly **offering**—either in the offering plates or online—support the church budget, including staff salaries, utilities, mission outreach, and all aspects of ministry at St. Andrew.
- To log into the **St. Andrew Connect** system, either download the **St. Andrew App** through the **App Store/Google Play** or visit [saintandrew.ccbchurch.com](http://saintandrew.ccbchurch.com).
- Permission to livestream the music in this service is from CCLI (#617801) and One License (A-711114).

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**Hymns + Songs** | Pages are listed for the printed bulletin

Numbers (#) are listed for music in the *Lift Up Your Hearts* (red) hymnal

**Bold Print** | Speak or sing together in unison.

✠ Please rise in body or in spirit.



New Guest Connection

# Transfiguration & Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday

9:30 a.m. | February 11, 2024

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church | Iowa City, Iowa

## Thought for Reflection

“*We’ve always done it this way*’ is invalid when that way hasn’t led to more life, greater growth, or maximum efficiency. Take that how you will ... business, personally, church, or family. Complacency is too easy to breed, and already has one foot in the grave.”

— Aaron W. Matthews

## Welcome + Announcements

**Prelude** | *Adagio in E Major*, by Frank Bridge

## ✠ Call to Gather

Beyond our busyness,  
above the cold winter floor,  
there is a glory rising, born of heaven,  
and reaching out to each of us—

**a light that shines through the clouds,  
an invitation that seeks all of who we are,  
that transfigures the world,**

that transforms darkness into hope,  
that brings life from a cross,  
where old life ends and new life is born.

**In glory Jesus meets us here,  
raising us from depths of valley to the height of the mountain,  
carrying the weight of our humanity  
to the heights of heaven's glory.**

Let us worship from the mountain and hear again:  
“**This is my Beloved, my Chosen; listen to him!**”

✠ **Gathering Hymn** | “God Is Here,” pg. 8

## ✕ Prayer of Confession and Promise of Ever-Present Grace

We can become so burned out by our hectic days  
that we lose sight of the One who gives us life.  
We can become so impatient waiting for God to astound us with wonders,  
when we have the simple pleasure of each day.  
In these quiet moments, away from all those things which distract us,  
let us bring our brokenness to the One who listens to our hearts, and heals our souls.  
Join me, as we pray, saying,

**Shaper of Mountaintops, the radiance of your grace is poured out in every moment,  
but we dull its luster by living in the shadows.**

**We indulge in fantasy games and watch shows which claim to be *real*,  
but we have trouble simply sitting in your presence, in your healing silence.**

**We can become so infatuated with your love for us,  
we overlook those who hunger for acceptance and hope.**

**Revealer of Mystery, forgive us.**

**In silence, may we hear your whispers of grace.**

**In mercy, may we feel your forgiveness lifting the burden of guilt from us.**

**In trust, may we go forth to serve your world,  
filling it with the light and love of the One who is the Light of the world, Jesus Christ.**

### *Time for Silent Confession*

The promise is true: God's Light has come into the world, and into our lives.

**We are graced with glimpses of God's glory,  
even as we are filled with mercy and forgiveness.**

Here we find the peace and quiet we need.

**Here we are set free from all that keeps us from serving.**

Here we are given mercy and hope.

**Here we give thanks to our God.**

## ✕ Musical Response | "Amen, We Praise Your Name"

***Amen, we praise your name, O God!***

***Amen, we praise your name, O God!***

***Amen, amen. Amen, amen.***

***Amen, we praise your name, O God!***



## ✠ **Sharing of Christ's Peace & Compassion**

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!**

## **Old Testament Reading** | Psalm 50:1-6

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Time for Young Disciples** †

## **Gospel Reading** | Mark 9:2-9

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Prompting** | *The State of Our Union* | Rev. W. Robert Martin III

## ✠ **Hymn** | "Beautiful Savior," pg. 9 (*hymnal*, #17)

## **Offering Our Time, Talent, and Treasure**

**Growing to Serve** | Compeer

**Offertory** | *True Light*, by Keith Hampton

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† Following the *Sharing of Christ's Peace and Compassion*, Kindergartners and younger children are welcome to join activities in the Lower Level Children's Area.

✠ **Response to Our Offerings** | “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God, all creatures high and low.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise God, in Jesus fully known:**

**Creator, Word, and Spirit one.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts,

as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom

and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

✠ **Sending Hymn** | “O God, We Raise our Voices”

Text: W. Robert Martin III | Music: *Aurelia*

**1 O God, we raise our voices remembering our past,**

**Brave times of valiant choices on which our hopes were cast.**

**But now we seek perspective for all the future holds,**

**Grant us a clear directive to fashion Christ-like goals.**

**2 We live with vast divisions of race and creed and stand--**

**A time of dire revisions to all that You would plan.**

**So let us seek a pathway that leads us from such night,**

**And puts us on a highway that guides us toward your light.**

3 When worldly ways entice us, and policies deceive,  
When leaders by-pass justice, the poor are left to grieve,  
Guide well our hands and voices that none should suffer pain.  
Help us to make bold choices that usher in your reign.

4 O God, we raise our voices in praise of where you lead,  
New days of valiant choices where Christ's way can succeed.  
Amidst those now derided, help this, your church, to be,  
A body undivided, a place of unity!

✠ **Benediction**

**Postlude** | *Improvisation on The Church's One Foundation*, by Abby Chen

**Today's Worship Participants**

Rev. W. Robert Martin III, *pastor*

Patti Benson, *worship leader*

Austen Wilson, *director of music ministries*

Logos Choir | Abby Chen, *organist and accompanist*

Thomas Hartley, *director of children's and family ministries*

Amy Schmidt-Rundell, *mission and outreach coordinator*

Sarah Ross, *Compeer*

**The Flowers on the Chancel** are donated by Joe and Susan Cook in honor of Susan's father, David Paul, and in celebration of Susan's birthday.



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# God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

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# Beautiful Savior



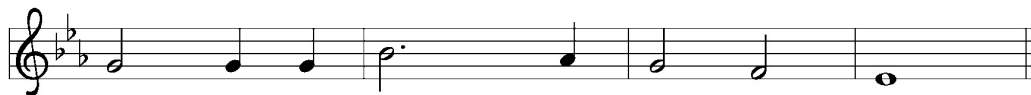
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904  
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

# Reminder of Upcoming Events

- **Congregational Meeting | Souper Bowl & Chili Cookout** | Today
- **Ash Wednesday** | Feb. 1
  - *Distribution of Ashes*, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Sound of Friendship Concert, with Compeer** | Feb. 17
- **Guest Preacher: Rev. Seth Normington of the PEIA** | Feb. 18
- **Pie for a Pint Blood Drive** | Feb. 18
- **Come to the Table Retreat** | Feb. 24
- **Melodious Harmony: “City Called Heaven: The Search for Rest,”**  
with Logos Choir | March 2
- **Photo Studio in the MPR** | March 3
- **Sunday Solace** (*a new monthly worship experience*) | March 3
- **At the Table** | March 7
- **Holy Week**
  - **Palm Sunday** | March 24
  - **Maundy Thursday** | March 28
  - **Good Friday** | March 29
  - **Easter** | March 31
    - *Fireside Service*: 6:30 a.m.
    - *Sunrise Service*: 7 a.m.
    - *Worship*: 9 & 11 a.m.
- **At the Table** | April 4
- **Sunday Solace** | April 7
- **ETC Trivia Night** | April 26
- **At the Table** | May 2
- **Melodious Harmony: Arsenal Duo** | May 4
- **Sunday Solace** | May 5
- **Final Week of Sunday School Classes** | May 12
- **Sunday Sensory Fair** | May 19
- **Sunday Solace** | June 2
- **Flamy Grant Concert** | June 4

## COME TO THE TABLE RETREAT WORSHIPS

### **Abortion & the Church**

with Dr. Mary Hausler

### **DESTRUCTION OR DECONSTRUCTION**

with Matt Moore

### **Church Tinder**

with Lauren Dengler

### **Hospitality and Welcome through Cooking** with Marissa Moore

Science/God.

Oh No ...

They Do

Go Together!

with Caleb Dewitt



# Sunday School & Upcoming Sunday Learning Academy Classes

- **2 & 3 Year Olds to 6th Grade** | Meet in Children's Area
- **Jr. High** | Room 19
- **Upcoming Learning Academy Classes**
  - **Feb. 18 - March 3** | **"Lessons from Lasso"** | Join father-son pair Paul & Jeremy Penn for a humor-filled discussion of the lessons to be learned from the hit television show, "Ted Lasso." | *The Hub*
  - **Feb. 25 - March 3** | **"The Art of Empathy"** | Join St. Andrew's Stephen Ministers for a discussion of empathy. | Conference Room (#128)
  - **March 10** | **"Adventures in Cooking: Guatemala Style"** | Come experience cooking homemade corn tortillas and black beans as we discuss **Impacto Ministry** and Food Security issues. Note: This class is limited to 10 people. To RSVP, use this QR code—<http://tinyurl.com/cooking-rsvp>—and log into your St. Andrew Connect account.



## Sound of Friendship

Concert and  
Dessert Reception

### Saturday, February 17

Doors Open 6:30p / Concert Begins 7:00p

**St Andrew Presbyterian Church**  
140 Gathering Place Ln  
Iowa City, 52246

**Tickets: \$25**

Available at the door or online:  
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#### FEATURING:

**Al Zimmerman**

**Kol Shira**

**Two-Bit Maniac**

**Old Capitol Chorus**

**The Tanya English Band**



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From <https://kellylatimoreicons.com/about-2>: "I started painting icons in 2011 while I was a member of the Common Friars from 2009-2013. Our collective work was about being more connected: to ourselves, each other, our surrounding community and the land. This manifested itself as a place called 'The Good Earth Farm' where we held weekly services and meals, and grew produce for our community and local food pantries.

"Iconography has since become a practice of more considerations: of color and light, of brush stroke and form, symbol and meaning...However, I do not wish to approach Iconography as an art form that simply follows an inherited tradition, knowledge and practice. I want it to be a creative process, meditation, and practice that brings about new self knowledge for the viewer and myself. Who are the saints that are among us here and now?

"I was not taught by a traditional Iconographer, and so to some, I am breaking many rules. There are icons here that people may find theologically unsound and wrong, or for others, helpful and inspiring. "I think both reactions are important. My hope is that these icons do what all art can potentially do, which is, to create more dialogue.

"The other may have something to teach us about what we know, about who God is, the world we live in and who are our neighbors. This is the real work of being human and of art. Being more present."

