

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



9:30 a.m. | October 15, 2023

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Iowa City



New Guest Connection

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.

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Thought for Reflection

"Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you would have rather talked."
— Mark Twain

Welcome + Announcements

Prelude

✠ Call to Gather

In the midst of all you are facing:
Your labor,
Your responsibilities,
Your hustle.
Hear the invitation: **"Come to the Feast!"**

In the midst of all you are facing:
Your burdens,
Your shadows,
Your shame.
Hear the invitation: **"Come to the Feast!"**

In the midst of all you are facing:
Your longing,
Your suffering,
Your distractions.
Hear the invitation: **"Come to the Feast!"**

Come: **Eat and drink.**
Come: **Dress up and dance.**
Come: **Rejoice in the King's delight.**

Bring your presence,
Your "Yes!" to Sacred, Lifelong, Union

Listen ...
Listen ...
Grace is calling.
Come: the feast awaits.

✠ **Gathering Hymn | “Come as You Are”**

**1 Come out of sadness from wherever you’ve been
Come broken hearted, let rescue begin
Come find your mercy, oh sinner, come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can’t heal
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can’t heal**

***So lay down your burdens,
lay down your shame
All who are broken, lift up your face
Oh wandering, come home
You’re not too far
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart
Come as you are***

**2 There’s hope for the hopeless and all those who’ve strayed
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace
There’s rest for the weary, rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can’t cure**

***Bridge:
Come as you are
Come as you are
Fall in his arms
Come as you are***

**4 There’s joy for the morning, oh sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can’t heal
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can’t heal**

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✠ **Prayer of Confession and Promise of Ever-Present Grace**

Let us pray together:
God of celebration,
 you have invited all people to rejoice in the goodness of your love.
Help us to be hospitable to all people at your banquet,
 so that all might receive your blessing.
Help us turn from judgement and rejection of those we see as different.
Show us our conflicts are only temporary hurdles
 if we only would have eyes to see and ears to hear.
Forgive us when we forget to celebrate our differences.

A time for silent confession...

Be assured that God celebration is waiting for us and that we are always invited.
Know that there is a place at the table and that it is extended to all.

Thanks be to God.

✠ **Musical Response** | “40 (How Long)”

**1 I waited patiently for the Lord
He inclined and heard my cry
He lifted me up out of the pit
Out of the miry clay**

*I will sing (echo)
sing a new song (echo)
I will sing (echo)
sing a new song (echo)
How long (echo)
To sing this song (echo)
How long (echo)
To sing this song (echo)
How long, how long, how long (all together)
How long, to sing this song (all together)*

**2 He set my feet upon the rock
He made my footsteps firm
Many will see
Many will see and fear**

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✠ **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 | Exodus 32:1-14 (*Bible*, pg. 69)

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

Time for Young Disciples | Twila Finkelstein, *Act Justly* †

Gospel Reading | Matthew 22:1-14 (*Bible*, pg. 803)

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The Prompting | *Are You Chosen?* | Matt Moore

✠ **Hymn** | “My Eyes are Dry”

**My eyes are dry, my faith is old
My heart is hard, my prayers are cold
And I know how I ought to be
Alive to you, and dead to me.**

***And what can be done with an old heart like mine?
Soften it up with oil and wine
The oil is you, your spirit of love.
So wash me anew with the wine of your blood.***

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Worship in Tithes and Offerings

Offertory | “I Will Not Forget You,” by Robin and Ben Pasley

✠ **Response to Our Offerings** | “Doxology”

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

Celebration of Baptism

Berkleigh Rose Van Tasell, *daughter of Trae and Katie Van Tasell*

Apostles Creed (*hymnal*, #783A)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,**

† Following the *Time for Young Disciples*, Kindergartners and younger children are welcome to join activities in the Lower Level Children’s Area.

his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People & 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 | "Time to Take a Stand," by Phil Butin

1 I'm reaching out to you I guess I want to take your hand
I don't know where I want to go, but I think it's time to take a stand
Cause I feel as if my life has been chasing after dreams
And before the time is gone I want to find out what it means

2 I know I could be happy if I gave myself to you
I also know with or without you that I'll somehow make it through
But I know from what I've seen and the love I've left behind
If there is a way to love you then that's what I've got to find

*Speak to me let me hear you
Look into my eyes, see the whole way through
Too long I've lived a stranger far away
Believing that a change will come some day*

3 But now I know I must decide the time is passing by
I guess I'm worried that tomorrow I might lose my desire to try
Then I stand alone again a broken promise by my side
Find by only hope and comfort in the single fact that I tried

4 Even still I'm reaching out I guess I want to take your hand
Don't know where I want to go, but I think it's time to take a stand
Don't know where I want to go, but I think it's time to take a stand

✠ Benediction

Postlude

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Kyle Otterbein, *pastor*

Matt Moore, *director of student ministries*

Gretchen Van Iddekinge, *worship leader*

ETC Band | Abby Chen, *organist & accompanist*

The Flowers on the Chancel were given by the Otterbein family in thanksgiving to God and celebration of Micah and JD's 3rd wedding anniversary and the 35th anniversary of Kyle's ordination as a minister in the Presbyterian Church USA.

Sunday School & Adult Education Today

- **2 & 3 Year Olds** | Children's Area
- **4, 5 & Kindergarten** | Children's Area
- **1st & 2nd Grade** | Children's Area
- **3rd & 4th Grade** | Children's Area
- **5th & 6th Grade** | Room 19 (meet in the Children's Area first)
- **Jr. High** | Room 18
- **Coffee with Leaders** | One of the pastors and a few elders will chat with anyone interested in learning more about joining the St. Andrew community | *Library*
- **High School & Adult: Moore & Martin: Spiritual Inventories and Spiritual Influencers** | *Pastor Rob Martin and Matt Moore* will be team teaching a weekly class on a range of topics from Spiritual Gifts to the theologians who have inspired them. The class will be open to all ages from high school to retirement. | *Conference Room (#128)*
- **Bonhoeffer for Armchair Theologians | Oct. 8 - Nov. 12** | David Timmer, a professor emeritus of Central College (and father to Becky Benson), will offer a six-week course on the theology and the enduring legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945), whose ideas about Christian community, cheap and costly grace, moral responsibility, and the “non-religious” future of Christianity continue to challenge us in the present. (Books already are available in the church library.) | *The Hub*

Reminder of Upcoming Events

- Food Market Distribution | Oct. 25, and Nov. 30
- St. Andrew hosts the Pilot Club Breakfast | Oct. 28
- Congregational Meeting for Filling Session Vacancies | Oct. 29
- Trunk or Treat | Oct. 29
- Homemade with Heart: Holiday Craft Fair | Nov. 4
- Alternative Gift Market | Nov. 19
- ETC/BASIC Thanksgiving Dinner | Nov. 19
- Student Ministry Cookie Decorating Fundraiser | Dec. 3
- “Lessons & Carols” and last day of Sunday School and Adult Ed for 2023 | Dec. 10
- Kids Christmas Pageant and “Cocoa & Carols” | Dec. 17
- Services on Christmas Eve Day | Dec. 24 | 9:30 a.m. (4th Week of Advent) | 5, 7, & 11 p.m. (Christmas Eve)
- St. Andrew Hosts the Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby | Jan. 20, 2024
- St. Andrew Talent Show | Jan. 27, 2024
- Women's Retreat | Feb. 2-3, 2024

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 or visit <https://bit.ly/sapc-connection>.
- 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.
- **Prayer Requests** may be written on a blue **Prayer Request Card** and placed in the offering plates as they are passed.
- Unless otherwise designated, gifts given to the weekly **offering**—either in the offering plates or through our website—support the annual church budget, including staff salaries, utilities, mission outreach, and all aspects of ministry at St. Andrew.
- You can find a copy of this bulletin on our church website and app: <https://bit.ly/sapc-bulletins>
- 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.



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Class of 2024: Cade Benson, Thomas Hartley, Sara Penn, Rebecca Schuchert, and 2 VACANCIES*

Class of 2025: Helen Bryce, Eric Goers, Jon Swearingen, Bruce Walker, and VACANCY*

Class of 2026: Aaron Gibson, Mary Hausler, Virginia Ibrahim-Olin, Josh Schilling, Gregs Thomopoulos

Deacons

Class of 2024: Kathi Anderson, Katherine Habley, Cody Neddermeyer, Pam & Phil Karp, Jenny Wilcox, and Elizabeth Young

Class of 2025: Erika Law Tuttle, Pat Penn, Amy & Jason Schmidt-Rundell, Kathy & Dave Duys, & Dedi Walker

Class of 2026: Daniel Chappo, Jim Halverson, Scott Hoffman, Jamie Tanas, and Mettie Thomopoulos

Finance Team

Class of 2024: Jason Schuchert, *treasurer* | Michelle DeGroot, *assistant treasurer*

Personnel Team (at large)

Class of 2024: Kent Short | **Class of 2025:** Lisa Shileny and Wes Habley | **Class of 2026:** Twila Finkelstein

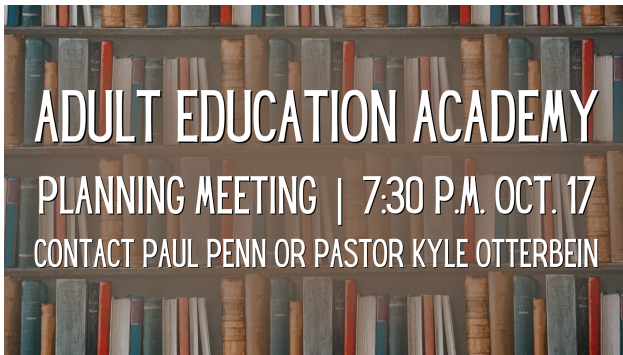
Nominating Team (at large)

Class of 2024: Kyle Bernard, Nichole Hoffman, Lori Hudson, Emily Neddermeyer

* A Congregational Meeting has been called for Oct. 29 to fill three vacancies on Session.



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Upcoming in Worship @ St. Andrew

October 22:

- **Message:** Pastor Kyle Otterbein
- **Music:** Agape Ringers & Percussion
- **After Worship:** Sunday School & Adult Education

October 29:

- **Prompting:** Pastor Rob Martin
- **Music:** Brass & Philia Singers
- **After Worship:** Sunday School & Adult Education

November 5:

- **Prompting:** Pastor Rob Martin
- **Music:** Grade 3 - 6 Ringers, Logos
- **After Worship:** Sunday School & Adult Education

November 12:

- **Prompting:** Pastor Rob Martin
- **Music:** Resound! Handbells & Percussion
- **After Worship:** Sunday School & Adult Education