

Reign of Christ Sunday | 9:30 a.m. | Nov. 26, 2023

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Iowa City



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Thought for Reflection

*“Children move stones with their feet.
Men move rocks with their hands.
Women move mountains with their hearts.”*
— **Matshona Dhliwayo**

Welcome + Announcements

Prelude | *Crown Him with Many Crowns: A Fanfare Prelude*, by James Swearingen

✠ Call to Gather

We gather in this place, in this space, to worship God.

We gather to build community.

We gather to know God better.

We ask that our minds and hearts be open to God’s work in the world

We ask that we see how we are a part of that work.

We ask that God gives us the Wisdom and Will to serve.

We celebrate that we are all one Body.

We celebrate the unique gifts that God created us with.

Let us celebrate these gifts together.

Let us worship God.

✠ **Gathering Hymn** | “Christ Is Alive!”, pg. 6 (*hymnal*, #206)

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

✠ Prayer of Confession and Promise of Ever-Present Grace

Let us pray together:

Heavenly Creator, Our Giver of Joy,
we confess that we fall short.

We are quick to forget your wisdom.

We have lofty ideals about how to practice our faith,
and we seek to be a holy people that remember all you've done for us.

But we have short memories, and we fail to worship in gladness.

We forget to put our faith into action.

The hustle and bustle of life proves too distracting,
and we waste our time — time that could be better spent.

**We seek to have servant hearts, to follow your wisdom,
but that is a lifelong pursuit, and we are still just children.**

**We know we fall short, and we ask that you would enlighten us —
help our faith to endure, to grow, and to be shared in all we say and do.**

A time for silent confession

Be assured that God shares her wisdom with us.

Be assured that God calls us into God's glorious inheritance.

Be assured that God is our shepherd and we are never lost to him.

Thanks be to God for God's faithfulness to us.

✠ Musical Response | "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;

in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God; do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

✠ 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!

First Reading | Psalm 100:1-5

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

Time for Young Disciples | Thomas Hartley, *director of children's and family ministry* †

✠ **Hymn** | "When the Poor Ones," pg. 7

Second Reading | Ephesians 1:15-23

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The Prompting | *Siblings and Niblings* | Anna Sheetz

Worship in Tithes and Offerings

Offertory | *It Is Well With My Soul*, arr. Paul McKlveen

✠ **Response to Our Offerings** | "Now Thank We All Our God," vs. 1

***Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.***

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

Welcoming New Members

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** | “For the Fruit of All Creation,” pg. 8 (*hymnal*, #396)

✠ **Benediction**

Postlude | *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*, arr. by Jess Langston Turner



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Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

C F G/D C

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift and war, where col - or,

F C G/D C G D G

em - pty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet

C D G G7 C Dm C/G G7 C

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.

4 Women and men, in age and youth,
 can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
 and find the way, the life, the truth,
 revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring
 good news to this and every age,
 till earth and sky and ocean ring
 with joy, with justice, love and praise.

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When the Poor Ones

Cuando el pobre



- 1 Cuan-do el po - bre na - da tie - ne y aún re - par - te,
 1 When the poor ones, who have noth-ing, still are giv - ing;
 2 When com - pas - sion gives the suf - f'ring con - so - la - tion;
 3 When our spir - its, like a chal - ice, brim with glad - ness;
 4 When the good - ness poured from heav - en fills our dwell - ings;



cuan - do al - guien pa - sa sed y a - gua nos da,
 when the thirst - y pass the cup, wa - ter to share;
 when ex - pect - ing brings to birth hope that was lost;
 when our voic - es, full and clear, sing out the truth;
 when the na - tions work to change war in - to peace;



cuan-do el dé - bil a su her-ma - no for - ta - le - ce:
 when the wound-ed of - fer oth - ers strength and heal - ing;
 when we choose love, not the ha - tred all a - round us:
 when our long - ings, free from en - vy, seek the hum - ble:
 when the strang-er is ac - cept-ed as our neigh - bor:

Refrain / Estribillo



Va Dios mis - mo en nues-tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar;
 We see God, here by our side, walk - ing our way;



va Dios mis - mo en nues-tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar.
 we see God, here by our side, walk - ing our way.

- 2 *Cuando alguno sufre y logra su consuelo,* 3 *Cuando crece la alegría y nos inunda,*
cuando espera y no se cansa de esperar, *cuando dicen nuestros labios la verdad,*
cuando amamos, aunque el odio nos rodee: *cuando amamos el sentir de los sencillos:*
 Estribillo Estribillo

- 4 *Cuando abunda el bien y llena los hogares,*
cuando alguien donde hay guerra pone paz,
cuando "hermano" le llamamos al extraño:
 Estribillo

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For the Fruit of All Creation

F B^b Gm C B^b2 C7 F

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

B^b Gm C B^b2 C7 F

For his gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

B^b Gm7

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and des - pair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

F B^b Gm C B^b2 C7 F

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Permission to livestream the music in this service is from CCLI (#617801) and One License (A-711114).

Upcoming Adult Education Classes

- **Pastor Rob Martin** and **Matt Moore** continue team-teaching a weekly class on a range of topics from Spiritual Gifts to the theologians who have inspired them. | *Conference Room (#128)*
- **"Art in Worship, the Montreat Experience"** | *Dec. 3 & 10* | Inspired by this year's Worship Conference in Montreat, **Paul Penn** will facilitate a discussion on the role of visual arts in worship. The class will focus on the work of a key artist, **Steve Prince**. | *The Hub*
- **"Surviving the Holidays"** | *Dec. 3 & 10* | Not everyone "celebrates" the holidays. For many people going through grief, the Thanksgiving and Christmas season can sometimes feel bleak. This two-week class led by St. Andrew's **Stephen Ministers** offers coping tools and support. Video and guides from the organization GriefShare will be used as the basis of brief small group discussions. | *Lower Level Middle Classroom*

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. W. Robert Martin III and Rev. Kyle Otterbein, *pastors*

Anna Sheetz, *prompting*

Matt Moore, *worship leader*

Austen Wilson, *director of music ministries*

Wind Ensemble | Lee Rabe, *director of instrumental ministries*

Matins Bells | Laura Kastens, *director of handbell ministries*

Logos Choir | Abby Chen, *organist & accompanist*

The Flowers in the Sanctuary and the Atrium are given by Paul and Peggy Meyer in celebration of their 61st anniversary as well as in memory of their son Mark and daughter-in-law Melinda.

Today's Speaker



Anna Sheetz is the *Director of Christian Education* at First Presbyterian Church in Iowa City. Over the past 7 years, she's written and led "Grow Groups", a 12-month journal through the Bible; created the Dodekah program, which culminated in 12 church members in Scotland for 12 days; and lead programs for all ages throughout her time. She graduated from Eastern University, with a major in Youth Ministry, and Fuller Theological Seminary, with her Master of Divinity. She is married to Layne Sheetz, an English teacher at Washington High in Cedar Rapids, and has Oliver, a 5-year-old, and Emily, a 2-year-old.



Today's Bulletin Cover

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Nominating Team (at large)

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

Reminder of Upcoming Events

- Hanging of the Greens | Nov. 26
- Celebrating the Life of John Farraj | @ the Marriott Courtyard in University Heights | Nov. 26
- St. Andrew Food Market | Nov. 29
- Student Ministry Cookie Decorating Fundraiser | Dec. 3
- Meetup @ Holiday Lights @ The Lake | Dec. 6 (rain date: Dec. 13)
- “Lessons & Carols” and last day of Sunday School and Adult Ed for 2023 | Dec. 10
- Children’s Christmas Pageant | Dec. 17
- “Cocoa & Carols” | After Worship | Dec. 17
- Services on Christmas Eve Day | Dec. 24
 - 9:30 a.m. | 4th Week of Advent, with sermon by the Pastor Kyle Otterbein
 - 5 p.m. | A Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, led by the Children’s & Family Ministry Team
 - 7 p.m. | A Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with Choir & Organ, with prompting by Pastor Rob Martin
 - 11 p.m | A Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, led by the ETC Band, with prompting by Matt Moore
- New Year’s Eve Game Night | Dec. 31
- St. Andrew Hosts the Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby | Jan. 20, 2024
- St. Andy’s Talent Show | Jan. 27, 2024
- Women’s Retreat | Feb. 2-3, 2024
- Luther College Nordic Choir | Melodious Harmony | Feb. 4
- Flipping Tables Retreat | Feb. 24, 2024

Sharing Our Story: St. Andrew’s Stewardship Campaign for 2024

St. Andrew’s Stewardship Team is inviting you to look through the **Narrative Budget** prepared for 2024 (bit.ly/sapc-narrative-budget-2024). After looking through the budget, please prayerfully consider how much you may be willing to donate toward supporting St. Andrew’s envisioned ministries next year.

There are several options available for when you are ready to make pledge:

- You can pledge online through **St. Andrew Connect**, using your credit card or bank account (bit.ly/sapc-stewardship-2024).
- If you would like St. Andrew to avoid the small processing fees associated with using your credit card, you can contact Finance Administrator John Benson directly (finance@saintandrew-ic.org).
- Or you can take and fill out a printed pledge card at the **Welcome Table** in the Atrium or on the **Receptionist Desk** in the Church Office.

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