



Today's Worship Participants

The Rev. Dr. Carl Anderson, *transitional pastor*
Helen Bryce, *worship leader*
Logos Choir | Austen Wilson, *director*
Julia Van Den Top, *organist & accompanist*



Sunday School, Learning Academy & Next Steps

- **PreK-Middle School Sunday School:** Children are invited to their classrooms for a time of learning, storytelling, and growing together in faith.
- High school students and adults are invited to today's **Learning Academy** class, "**Prepping for Our New Pastor**" led by our transitional pastor, Carl Anderson. *The Hub*

Bulletin Cover

- These four late Roman/early Christian marble reliefs—from the collection of the Cleveland Museum of Art—trace the full spiritual arc of Jonah's story.
- The sequence opens with *Jonah Swallowed*, where Jonah's flight from God reaches its lowest point. Thrown into the sea, he disappears headfirst into the mouth of the great fish—an image of consequence, surrender, and descent. Mercy soon interrupts judgment in *Jonah Cast Up*: after three days of prayer, Jonah is returned to dry land, rescued not by merit, but by God's persistence.
- The story then turns from survival to resistance. In *Jonah Under the Gourd Vine*, Jonah waits outside Nineveh, angry that God has spared the city. When the vine withers, Jonah is exposed—physically and spiritually—to the cost of a mercy broader than his sense of justice. The final image, *Jonah Praying*, gathers the narrative into a single posture. Whether from the depths, the city's edge, or the scorching sun, Jonah's prayer reveals a life in continual, uneasy conversation with God.
- Carved in Anatolia between 280 BCE and 90 CE and discovered together in a single large storage jar, these reliefs remind us that the story of Jonah is a theological journey—downward and upward, inward and outward—inviting us to wrestle with obedience, repentance, and the unsettling reach of God's compassion.



**Finish the Race
Owe Nothing But Love**



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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. | January 25, 2026
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church | Iowa City, Iowa

Welcome + Announcements

Prelude |

⌘ Call to Gather | *adapted from Psalm 27*

God lifts me high above those with thoughts
of death and deceit that call for my life.
I will enter the Divine presence, offering sacrifices and praise.
In God's house, I am overcome with joy
As I sing, yes, and play music for the Eternal alone.
I cannot shout any louder. Eternal One—hear my cry
and respond with Your grace.
The prodding of my heart leads me to chase after You.
I am seeking You, Eternal One—don't retreat from me.
You have always answered my call.
Don't hide from me now.

⌘ Gathering Hymn | "Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice"

⌘ Prayer of Confession and Promise of Ever-Present Grace | *adapted from a liturgy by B.J. Beau*

Let us bravely stand before the Divine, open and honest, as we bring our confession.

Holy God, we would rather proclaim death to our enemies,
than see them forgiven and redeemed.
Forgive our hardness of heart, O God,
and our reluctance to see your divine image
in those who hate and despise us.

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.

Teach us to love our enemies,
that our lives may proclaim your truth—
that love is stronger than hate,
and mercy is greater than vengeance.

We ask this in the name of the Prince of Peace.

Let us now open ourselves to the Spirit's movement
as we privately confess in the silence of these moments.

Time for Silent Confession

The beauty and truth of the Gospel is how Jesus' love restores our relationship with the Divine.
Know that in Jesus, the Christ, you are forgiven. **Amen.**

✠ **Musical Response | "Celtic Alleluia"**

✠ **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 | Matthew 4:12-23 (*The Voice*)

The word of the prophets for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Time for Young Disciples †

† After the Time for Young Disciples, children in Kindergarten and younger are invited to head to the Lower Level Children's Area for children's programming.

Second Reading | Jonah 3:1-10 (*The Voice*)

The word of the prophets for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

The Message | Pastor Carl Anderson

✠ Hymn of Reflection | “For Everyone Born,” vs. 1-3

Offering Our Time, Treasure, and Talents

Offertory | *I Sought the Lord*, by Karen Marrolli

✠ **Response to Our Offerings** | “For the Fruit of All Creation,” vs. 2

2 In the just reward of labor,
God's will be done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will be done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will be done.



Give Online

Prayers of the People | Lord's Prayer | *adapted from Luke 11:2-4 & Matthew 6:13 (The Voice)*

Father in heaven, may your name be revered.

May your kingdom come.

May your will be accomplished on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us the food we need for tomorrow.

Forgive us for our wrongs, as we forgive those who wrong us.

Lead us away from temptation, and save us from the evil one.

But let Your kingdom be ... and let it be powerful and glorious forever. Amen.

✠ Sending Hymn | “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

✠ Benediction

Postlude | *Fantasy for Organ*, based on *Walet Will Ich Der Geben & Hyfrodol*, by Emma Lou Diemer

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1 Wild and lone the proph-et's voice ech - oes through the des - er t still,
 2 "Bear the fruit re - pen-tance sows: lives of jus - tice, truth, and love.
 3 With such preach-ing, stark and bold, John pro-claimed sal - va - tion near,

call - ing us to make a choice, bid - ding us to do God's will:
 Trust no oth - er claim than those; set your heart on things a - bove.
 and his time-less warn-ings hold words of hope to all who hear.

"Turn from sin and be bap-tized; cleanse your heart and mind and soul.
 Soon the Lord will come in power, burn-ing clean the thresh-ing floor:
 So we dare to jour - ney on, led by faith through ways un - trod,

Quit-ting all the sins you prized, yield your life to God's con - trol.
 then will flames the chaff de - vor; wheat a - lone shall fill God's store."
 till we come at last like John to be - hold the Lamb of God.

While all four gospels identify John the Baptist with the prophecy of Isaiah 40:3, this text (well set to a vigorous Welsh tune) draws on the report of his preaching in Matthew 3:1-12. The final lines recall that he was the first to name Jesus "the Lamb of God" (John 1:29, 36).

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For Everyone Born

E Leader or All

A2

1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,

E A2 Bsus B

F#m7 E/G# A2 Bsus

E Bsus E Bsus

Refrain B All E E/G# A2 Bsus B

E E/G# A2 Bsus B

C#m C#m/B A2

Bsus B E (E) A2 E Bsus B

FOR EVERYONE BORN
11.10.11.10 with refrain

TEXT Shirley Erena Murray, 1998
MUSIC Brian Mann, 2006
Text © 1998 Hope Publishing Company
Music © 2006 Brian Mann (admin. General Board of Global Ministries/ta CBGCMusik)

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1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell-ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.



 ST. OLAF BAND

7:30 p.m.
Friday Feb. 6, 2026

- \$10 Adults/Seniors
- *FREE* for Students and Educators
- stolaf.edu/tickets

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Elders

2026: Chloe Goers, Aaron Gibson, Mary Hausler, Virginia Ibrahim-Olin, Josh Schilling, and Gregs Thomopoulos

2027: Becky Benson, Scott Fisher, Austin Kannegieter, Emily Neddermeyer, and Munir Tanas

2028: Helen Bryce, Don Burch, Paula McCue, Judy Swafford, and Jon Swearingen

Deacons

2026: Jim Halverson, Scott Hoffman, Emmit Schmidt-Rundell, Jamie Tanas, Mettie Thomopoulos and David Weitzel

2027: Jordan Barrett, Kathy & Dave Duys, Lynne Ginsberg, Cody Neddermeyer, and Jenni Stacy-Adams

2028: Laurel Crusinberry, Vern Dengler, Rick Graf, Cindy Seyfer, and Allison Van Iddekinge

Personnel Team (at large)

2026: Twila Finkelstein | **2027:** Kent Short | **2028:** Ernie Found and Mindy Egeland

Nominating Team (at large)

2026: Kyle Bernard, Paul Heidger, Toni Van Voorhis, and **VACANCY**

Finance Team (elected by Session)

Treasurer: Emily Neddermeyer (**2026**); **Assistant Treasurer:** Michelle DeGroot (**2026**)

Ushers & Greeters Needed

St. Andrew's Hospitality and Connections

Team is excited to revive a tradition of increased participation in our worship services. Each week, members of the congregation are invited to serve as greeters and ushers, including helping with the offering. Individuals, families, and children are all welcome to take part.

This is a great way to share your gifts, meet new people, and help create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for everyone who worships with us.

Sign up at the Information Kiosk in the atrium after the service, or speak with any member of the Hospitality and Connections Team (*including Kathi & Mike Anderson, Paula McCue, and Helen Bryce*). Written instructions are available.

We invite you to make checking the sign-up list part of your weekly rhythm as you head out the door.

HELLO

my name is

Ushers & Greeters Needed

tinyurl.com/sapc-ushers-greeters



CALLING ALL KNITTERS

[Learn about St. Andrew's Prayer Shawl Ministry](#)

9-9:30 A.M. FEB. 1 | THE LIBRARY
CONTACT DIANE NORRIS



Chili Cookoff & DVIP/RVAP Bowl Painting Party

Sunday, February 8, 2026
in the MPR after worship



Women's Retreat | "Gifted to Serve"

with the Rev. Sarah Goetttsch

Serve one another humbly in love." (Galatians 5:13)



6-9 p.m. | Friday January 30, 2026
8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. | Saturday January 31, 2026
Contact Nichole Hoffman or Amy Schmidt-Rundall with questions

ST. ANDREW

MEN'S RETREAT

SATURDAY MARCH 7, 2026



THE VOYAGE WITHIN

SAILING THE WORLD WHILE LISTENING FOR GOD'S CALL



Questions about Worship?

- **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 fill out this short form: <https://tinyurl.com/sapc-guest>.
- Our worship services begin **in-person and online shortly before 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.
- **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**.
- Unless otherwise designated, gifts given to the **weekly offering** support the church budget, including staff salaries, utilities, mission outreach, and all aspects of ministry.
- To log into the **St. Andrew Connect** system, either download the **St. Andrew App** through the **App Store/Google Play** or visit <https://saintandrew.ccbchurch.com>.
- There are wheelchairs available for use as needed in the lower level entrance foyer and by the coat racks near the upper level entrance.
- There is an AED near the Coffee Kitchen should a medical emergency arise.
- Permission to livestream the music in this service is from CCLI (#617801) and One License (A-711114).

Upcoming Events

- **Food Market** | Wednesday
- **Women's Retreat** | Friday & Saturday
- **Iowa City Free Lunch** | Feb. 4
- **At the Table** | Feb. 5
- **St. Olaf Band Concert** | Feb. 6
- **Congregational Meeting** | Feb. 8
- **Chili Cookoff & Souper Bowl Lunch** | Feb. 8
- **Pie for a Pint Blood Drive** | Feb. 15
- **Screening: 'No Other Land'** | Feb. 15
- **Ash Wednesday** | Feb. 18
- **Presbytery Leadership Meeting** | Feb. 24
- **Food Market** | Feb. 25
- **Iowa City Free Lunch** | March 4
- **At the Table** | March 5
- **Night of 1,000 Dinners** | March 6
- **Men's Retreat** | March 7
- **Food Market** | March 25
- **Palm Sunday** | March 29
- **Maundy Thursday** | April 2
- **Good Friday** | April 3