



9:30 a.m. | February 15, 2026

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Iowa City

Today's Worship Participants

Matt Moore, *director of student ministries*

Paul Heidger, *worship leader*

Logos Choir | Austen Wilson, *leader*

Matins handbell ensemble | Laura Kastens, *leader*

Julia Van Den Top, *organist and accompanist*



Sunday School and Other After Worship Activities

- **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, "**One Land, Two Peoples,**" offering a faith-rooted framework for understanding Israel/Palestine through history, lived experience, and nonviolent witness. Drawing on Israeli and Palestinian human rights voices and Christian theological reflection, the class invites participants to move beyond slogans toward deeper listening, moral clarity, and thoughtful engagement. *Led by the Rev. Dr. Robert Traer | The Hub*
- The exploration of Israel/Palestine will continue at **2 p.m.** as St. Andrew's Act Justly hosts a screening of the documentary, *No Other Land*, a portrait of life under occupation, centering personal stories shaped by land, law, and power. The film bears witness rather than offering easy answers, creating space for reflection, lament, and conversation about what justice and peace might require—both there and here. A moderated discussion will follow the screening. | *The Sanctuary*



Flowers for the Chancel

Today's flowers are donated by the Mullins family in honor of Becky's mother, Helen Wang, who passed away recently.

Questions for Reflection

- Where are you tempted to cling to spiritual clarity instead of following Christ into complex faithfulness?
- What keeps you from truly listening when God says, "This is my beloved Son ... listen to him"?
- How might God be present in cloud and mystery rather than in certainty?
- Where in your everyday life is Christ asking to be seen (and followed) now?



STEWARDSHIP 2026



Transfiguration Sunday

9:30 a.m. | February 15, 2026

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church | Iowa City, Iowa

Welcome + Announcements

Prelude | *His Eye is on the Sparrow*, arr. by Paul Kinney

Call to Gather | *by Matt Moore*

Whether we gather individually or collectively

God is there.

God knows us.

God knows when we stand and when we sit.

God knows our innermost thoughts and innermost being.

God formed us from the start.

That is the God we worship.

That is the God who knows us.

That is the God who loves us.

We are precious to God, and God is precious to us.

Let us contemplate the mystery and wonder of God together.

✠ **Gathering Hymn** | “God Who Dwells in Light and Darkness,” pg. 6 | *to the tune of Beach Spring*

✠ **Prayer of Confession and Promise of Ever-Present Grace** | *by Matt Moore*

So often we think we can avoid God’s presence.

We seek to flee to the mountaintop, but God is there.

If we could go to the depths of the sea, God is there.

If we cross oceans, God is there.

If we surround ourselves in darkness, God is still there.

Yet so often we run from God and act like God is not present.

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.

**So often we choose to forget God and forget others.
We forget the needs of those around us and only focus on ourselves.
God is still present, calling to us from all the places that we have forgotten.**
Listen for God's call in your heart, hear God's voice in your mind,
and seek God's words in your soul.

Time for silent confession

Friends, our God is not one who can only be found high on the mountains.
God tells us, "Don't be afraid. I am here."
**God doesn't wait for us to come, God comes to us.
God knit us together, knows us inside and out.
God searches our hearts and leads us in ways everlasting.**

✕ **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!

Old Testament Reading | Exodus 24:12-18 (*The Voice*)

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

Time for Young Disciples †

Gospel Reading | Matthew 17:1-9 (*The Voice*)

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

† 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.

The Message | Matt Moore

✕ **Hymn of Reflection** | “I Sing the Mighty Power of God,” pg. 7

Offering Our Time, Treasure, and Talents

Offertory | *Christus Paradox*, arr. by Alfred Fedak

✕ **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** | “God, Give Us Eyes to See Your Reign,” pg. 8 | *to the tune of Kingsfold*

✕ **Benediction**

Postlude | *Gospel Preludes: Blessed Assurance*, by William Bolcom

God, Who Dwells in Light and Darkness

**1 God, who dwells in light and darkness,
God, who guides through fire and cloud,
God, who speaks through law and prophet,
God, whose voice is hushed and loud—
you have led us to the mountain,
there to see beyond our sight;
now you lead us to the valleys—
through the shadows with your light.**

**2 Christ, who shines in light that dazzles,
Christ, whose skin is dark and brown,
Christ, who guides us to the summit,
Christ, who leads us safely down—
you have known the heights of heaven,
yet you dwell among us here;
Christ of mountain and of manger,
set us free from pride and fear.**

**3 God of lofty and of lowly,
God of night and God of day,
God of doubter and disciple,
God who guides us all the way—
in this world of clouds and shadows,
grant us moments of clear sight;
in this world of lies and hatred,
let your truth and love shine bright.**

Text: Chris Shelton, b.1978 © 2021 GIA Publications, Inc.

Note from the Hymn Writer: *I have often been drawn to the Transfiguration stories, bizarre as they may be. It isn't the pyrotechnic display that draws me, however. I love the contradictions of the moment—radiance and cloud; divinity and humanity; the climb to the heights, followed by the descent to the depths; steady, stoic Jesus and bumbling Peter. Even Moses and Elijah are extraordinary for the contradictions they represent—yes, they surely evoke the Law and the Prophets. But Moses the liberator was also a murderer; Elijah, the fiery prophet was also a fearful runaway. This hymn tries to sing not just the pageantry of the Transfiguration, but the paradox, too – Chris Shelton*

32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
 And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy

skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

God, Give Us Eyes to See Your Reign

**1 God, give us eyes to see your reign,
a slowly growing light
transfiguring our common world,
restoring faith's dim sight.
Illumine eyes in shadow's gloom
where hate and greed hold sway,
for darkness is as light to you
and you make bright our way.**

**2 God, give us ears to hear your voice
amid the noise of life
that speaks a word of faith and hope
and calms our inner strife.
Lord, tune our ears to hear the pain
of every child that cries,
who mourns injustice, hate, and war:
your voice in human guise.**

**3 God, give us hands to do your work,
to shape with love and care
the facets of your peaceful reign
for all the world to share.
Restrain our hands from wasted work
that strives for private gain,
that build up monuments of wealth
and add to human pain.**

**4 God, give us tongues to praise your works,
and voices to proclaim
the story of redeeming love,
the glory of your Name.
Embolden us to join the sound
of tortured cries unheard,
to call on all to hear your voice,
the justice-speaking Word.**

**5 God, give us eyes to see your reign
and ears to hear your voice,
strong hands to do your kingdom's work
and voices to rejoice—
that all our senses be employed
in yet unfathomed ways
till work and worship are as one
in lives of endless praise.**

*Text: David Bjorlin, b.1984
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Note on the Hymn: I first came across David Bjorlin during the Worship and Music Conference at Montreat sponsored by the Presbyterian Association of Musicians in 2023. However, Paul Penn had the great fortune of taking a class with him. He mentioned that “David had immense joy in singing and music making”. He has written a number of collections hymn texts set to familiar tunes. I’m struck by the depth and poetic artistry in all of them. I thought that this text was particularly timely. If you want to know more about author, head to <https://davebjorlin.substack.com>. — Austen Wilson



Learn More about What's Happening @ St. Andrew ...



One Land, Two Peoples
 with Robert Traer
 a Learning Academy class
 Feb. 15, 2026 | The Hub

St. Andrew's **Act Justly** invites you to a ...
DOCUMENTARY SCREENING
'NO OTHER LAND'

The film will be followed by a facilitated conversation moderated by Rabbi Esther Hugenholz and Rima Affifi

2 p.m. | Sunday February 15, 2026
 St. Andrew Presbyterian Church
 140 Gathering Place Lane, Iowa City

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Pie for a Pint Blood Drive

Sunday, February 15th | 9 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Auxiliary Gym

'Not All Who Wander Are Lost'
WALKING THE LABYRINTH
 with Pastor Colette Soultz

Senior Moments
 10:30 a.m. | Tuesday Feb. 17, 2026

ASH WEDNESDAY
 5:30 p.m. | February 18, 2026

Spirituality
 a Learning Academy class
 Feb. 22, March 1, & March 8

with Colette Soultz
 and Bobby Outterson-Murphy

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 my name is

Ushers & Greeters Needed
tinyurl.com/sapc-ushers-greeters

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

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 Thomopulos and David Weitzel

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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, Marissa Moore, and Toni Van Voorhis

Finance Team (elected by Session)

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

Upcoming Events

- **Pie for a Pint Blood Drive** | Today
- **Screening: ‘No Other Land’** | Today
- **Senior Moments** | Feb. 17
- **Ash Wednesday** | Feb. 18
- **Presbytery Leadership Meeting** | Feb. 24
- **Food Market** | Feb. 25
- **BASIC Pancake Fundraiser** | March 1
- **Iowa City Free Lunch** | March 4
- **At the Table** | March 5
- **Night of 1,000 Dinners** | March 6
- **Men’s Retreat** | March 7
- **Congregational Meeting** | March 8
- **Strike Up Some Fun @ BowlDogs** | March 8
- **Senior Moments** | March 17
- **Food Market** | March 25
- **Palm Sunday** | March 29
- **Maundy Thursday** | April 2
- **Good Friday** | April 3
- **Easter Sunday** | April 5 | Worship Services, 7, 9, and 11 a.m. | Potluck Brunch, 8-11 a.m.

Bulletin Cover

- **Transfiguration** | by Lauren Wright Pittman | *Hand-carved block printed with oil-based ink on paper.*
- I’m not a good listener. In the midst of our national reckoning around structural racism and white supremacy in the US, I’ve found that I’ve done a terrible job listening to my Black and Brown siblings. I constantly have to resist the urge to explain myself, to be seen as good and antiracist. I try saying all the right things, I do performative acts of allyship, and quite honestly, I need to be quiet and listen. I need to be ready to accept criticism, and instead of trying to prove anything, I need to gain awareness of my internalized biases and learned racist tendencies and do the difficult work of unlearning them in every moment. “Get behind me, Satan” (Mark 8:33).
- Here we find Peter stepping in and saying all the right things, rejecting the notion that Christ must suffer and die; but in the end, he’s not listening to Jesus. It seems Peter’s rejection of this narrative reflects his fear of the suffering he also might face in following Christ. “Let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me” (Mark 8:34).
- Six days later, the disciples are called to listen once again. In this image, I zoomed out to focus on the moment of Transfiguration. Jesus shines like a beacon atop the high mountain while former prophets appear. The disciples are terrified, but also want to live this moment forever, making the glory-filled rock face their home. At once a cloud descends, obscuring things further, and God’s voice echoes down, “This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to him!” (Mark 9:7). It’s almost as though Jesus had exhausted all efforts to get the disciples to listen, and God had to spectacularly reiterate the importance of listening. I think it’s important to note that following God’s words, all the disciples to listen, and God had to spectacularly reiterate the importance of listening. I think it’s important to note that following God’s words, all the disciples could see was Jesus. – *Lauren Wright Pittman*

Questions about Worship?

- **Welcome!** Whether you are joining us in person or online, we are *delighted* to worship together.
- St. Andrew is an open, affirming, and inclusive congregation. That means we welcome saints and sinners, skeptics and believers, families of *all* shapes and sizes, and people from every point along life's journey. So, whoever you are this morning, whatever you believe—whether you believe anything at all: *You are welcome here!*
- If you are here for the first time, we encourage you to stop by our Welcome Table or Information Kiosk near the main entrance in the Atrium. There you will find some good people who would love to answer any questions you might have about our faith community.
- If you can't stop at the Info Kiosk today, you can learn more about St. Andrew by emailing office@saintandrew-ic.org or filling 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).

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