



9:30 A.M. | MARCH 1, 2026
ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, IOWA CITY

Today's Worship Participants

The Rev. Dr. Carl Anderson, *transitional pastor*

Ted Potter, *worship leader*

Agape Ringers and Logos Choir | Austen Wilson, *director*

Brass Ensemble | Dick Crusinberry, *director*

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, "Contemplative Practices and Indigenous Spirituality,"** with the Revs. **Colette Soult**s and **Bobby Outterson-Murphy**. | *The Hub*



Flowers on the Chancel

Today's chancel flowers are given by John and Patricia Benson in celebration of daughter Allison's 30th birthday today and their 30 years of membership at St Andrew.



Questions for Reflection

- Where are you telling God something good while still carrying questions you're not sure how to voice?
- As the Spirit moves like the wind among us, where do you sense God inviting you to begin again rather than stay in what feels familiar?
- When we confess the ways fear and bias get in the way of love, what is one place this week where you're being invited to try again?
- As Christ chooses humility over power, whose interests might you be called to place ahead of your own right now?
- As we sing of choosing love in the midst of pain, what faithful choice is God placing before you today?



STEWARDSHIP 2026



Second Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. | March 1, 2026

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church | Iowa City, Iowa

Welcome + Announcements

Prelude | *What Wondrous Love Is This*, arr. by Susan Geschke

✠ **Call to Gather** | *adapted from a liturgy by Sarah Speed*

Tell me something good!

God loves you more than you could imagine.

Tell me something good!

God loves all of creation more than you could imagine.

Tell me something good!

God's love meets us in this service of worship. We are not alone.

This is good news indeed!

Let us worship our compassionate God.

✠ **Gathering Hymn** | "In Christ There Is No East or West" (*hymnal*, #268)

✠ **Prayer of Confession and Promise of Ever-Present Grace** | *adapted from a liturgy by Sarah Speed*

Family of faith,

we long to love others as God loves us,

but that work is easier said than done.

We lose our way.

We become distracted.

We grow fearful.

We need God's grace.

Fortunately for us, God's grace is freely and abundantly given.

So join me in the Prayer of Confession.

Join me in being transformed.

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.

**Merciful God,
did we see you hungry and give you something to eat?
Did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink?
Did we see you alone and offer you compassion?
Or did we cross the street?
Did we avert our eyes?
Did we come up with every excuse in the book?
God, we long to be people who love our neighbors
with the same overwhelming love that you have for them.
But we must admit, we have a long way to go.
Forgive us for the times when we let bias, scarcity, or fear
get in the way of love. Wash us clean and give us the courage to try again.
With hope for a better tomorrow we pray.**

Time for Silent Confession

Faith family, even when we act with judgment,
even when we are guided by fear,
even when we turn our back on a neighbor in need,
God does not turn God's back on us.
So join me in this good-news declaration:
**We are seen.
We are forgiven.
We are invited to try again.
Thanks be to God for this unending love.**

✠ **Musical Response** | "Kyrie" (*hymnal*, #637)

✠ **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!** †

† 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.

Gospel Reading | John 3:1-17 (*The Voice*)

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

✕ **Hymn of Reflection** | “Make Us One and Make Us Holy”

Epistle Reading | Philippians 2:1-11 (*The Voice*)

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

The Message | Pastor Carl Anderson

Offering Our Time, Treasure, and Talents

Offertory | *I Choose Love*, by Mark Miller

✕ **Response to Our Offerings** | “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” (*hymnal*, #876)

1 God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Celebration of Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to our God.

Let us give thanks to the God who created us all.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Music During Communion | *Be Thou My Vision*, arr. by Kay Lovingood



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** | "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (*hymnal*, #257)

✕ **Benediction** | *adapted from a liturgy by Sarah Speed*

We worship a Good News God,

who speaks louder than the news updates,

who speaks louder than our mental distractions.

God, speak louder than our anger and louder than our fear.

God is speaking to us today, letting us hear the good news once more.

With hope we pray, Amen.

Postlude | *Organ Sonata No. 4 in E minor BWV 528, I. Adagio-Vivace*, by J.S. Bach



Contemplative Practices and
Indigenous Spirituality

a Learning Academy class

Feb. 22 & March 1

with the Rev. Colette Soultz
and the Rev. Bobby Outterson-Murphy

In Christ There Is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no pride of birth,
 2 For God in Christ has made us one from ev-ery land and race;
 3 It is by grace we are as-sured that we be-long to him;
 4 So, bro - thers, sis - ters, praise his name who died to set us free
 5 In Christ there is no east or west; he breaks all bar - riers down;

the cho - sen fam - ily God has blessed now spans the whole wide earth.
 he re - con-ciled us through his Son and met us with his grace.
 >the love we share in Christ our Lord, the Spir - it works with - in.
 from sin, di - vi - sion, hate, and shame, from spite and en - mi - ty.
 by Christ re-deemed, by Christ pos-sessed, in Christ we live as one.

German

1 In Christus ist nicht Ost noch West,
 nicht Süden oder Nord,
 nur eine groß' Geschwisterschaft
 die ganze Erde fort.

French

1 Gens de tous pays, du sud au nord,
 vous êtes invités:
 De l'ouest à l'est, du sud au nord,
 accourez du monde entier.

Dutch

1 In Christus is noch west noch oost,
 in Hem noch zuid noch noord,
 één broederschap rust in zijn troost,
 één wereld in zijn woord.

Spanish

1 Orient ni occidente hay,
 en Cristo y su bondad,
 incluida en su amor está
 la entera humanidad.

Korean

1 예수 안에는 동과 서 없네
 주 안에 귀천 없네
 주가 축복하신 백성들
 온 세계에 퍼지네

Arabic

1 في المسيح لا شرق و
 لا غرب، فيه لافتخر بجنسنا
 العائلة المختارة التي بار
 كهذا الله الآن تملأ كل الرض

Alternate tune: ST. PETER see 266

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18 Make Us One and Make Us Holy

Gentle resolute ♩ = 96

Dm Gm6/D A7/C# Dm

1 Make us one and make us ho - ly,
 2 Through your grace all gifts are giv - en:
 3 Spir - it, teach us ten - der lov - ing,

Dm/F Gm6/Bb Gm6/E A Dm Gm6/D

Ho - ly God of ev - ery bless - ing. Through your Spir - it
 teach - ing, preach - ing, guid - ing, help - ing, speak - ing truth, and
 love with - out pre - tense or priv - ilege, show - ing hon - or

A7/C# Dm Gm Dm/F A7/E D

you have made us all one bod - y, man - y mem - bers.
 show - ing mer - cy, each ac - cord - ing to your mea - sure.
 and af - fec - tion, wel - com - ing each friend and strang - er.

G D/F# A7/E D Em/G Em7 F#sus4 F#

Spir - it, come; Spir - it, come, come with gifts of grace.

Em/G B/F# Em Em/D A/C# F#/A# Bm Gm7/Bb A D

Make us one, make us one, liv - ing in your peace.

DATANGLAH ROHKUDUS
8.8.8.8.Ref.

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Blest Be the Tie That Binds

F C7 F B^b

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us

F C C7 F

Chris - tian love; the fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear, and of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be

C7 F B^b F C7 F

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

5 This glorious hope revives
 our courage by the way;
 while each in expectation lives
 and waits to see the day.

6 From sorrow, toil, and pain,
 and sin, we shall be free;
 and perfect love and friendship reign
 through all eternity.

Words: John Farrell, 1782, P.D.

Music (DENNIS 6.6.8.6): attr. Johann C. Nägeli, 1828, P.D.



LL Cool J

by Nicolette Faison

Inspired by Luke 7:36-50

12"x24" Acrylic, marker, paper collage on canvas

Ladies love Cool Jesus. For real. Women absolutely loved Jesus, and the woman with the alabaster jar is a great example of that. Who else shows up to an event unannounced with expensive oils to not only anoint someone's feet but to then offer their tears and use their hair to wipe the feet clean? I don't think people comprehend the drama within that part of the story. This was an act of love, admiration, and prophecy. To me, this interpretation of the story gives the woman the attention she deserves.

When I thought about the theme, *Tell Me Something Good*, I realized I had spent much of my year guest preaching at classic church buildings with stained glass windows which told the parishioners the good news of Jesus. It felt most appropriate to bring the concept of stained glass into my art. Instead of the maximalist collage approach that I often use, I chose to let the paint tell the story. The color choice is both bright and vibrant yet softer than other pieces. I selected the yellow purposely to contrast the purple hair. In an attempt to clearly separate the blue sky glass from the rest of the piece, I layered patterns with a red/pink color scale to make the art pop, emphasizing the distinct glass shapes one could find on a church window.

Several aspects of the piece are deconstructed, such as the woman's head and the foot of Jesus, both detached from bodies. I intentionally emphasize these elements to not distract us from the core of the story. The woman was intimately entwined with the feet of Jesus, her hair entangled with his leg. She released tears that would nourish his toes as the rich oil replenished his skin. To be cared for, to be seen, to be loved, that is something good. —Rev. Nicolette Faison

Look

In the artwork, notice how deconstructed details are entwined together. What parts of the image draw your attention the most?

Upcoming Events

- **BASIC Pancake Fundraiser** | Today
- **Iowa City Free Lunch** | March 4
- **Lenten Potluck** | March 5
- **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
- **Iowa City Free Lunch** | April 1
- **Maundy Thursday** | April 2 | Potluck, 6 p.m.;
Worship Service, 7 p.m.
- **Good Friday** | April 3
- **Easter Sunday** | April 5 | Worship Services, 7,
9, and 11 a.m. | Potluck Brunch, 8-11 a.m.
- **Presbytery Meeting** | April 18
- **Handbell Concert** | April 18
- **Senior Moments** | April 19
- **Food Market** | April 22
- **Pastor Carl's Final Sunday** | April 26
- **Guatemala Lunch Fundraiser** | April 26

Congregational Meeting

After Worship

March 8, 2026

ST. ANDREW
MEN'S RETREAT
SATURDAY MARCH 7, 2026

THE VOYAGE WITHIN

SAILING THE WORLD WHILE LISTENING FOR GOD'S CALL



EASTER FLOWERS
2026 ORDER FORM

Please Order by March 1
tinyurl.com/easter-flowers-2026



HELLO
my name is



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



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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