



9:30 A.M. | MARCH 8, 2026

ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, IOWA CITY

Today's Worship Participants

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

The Rev. Jordan Wartjes, *guest speaker*

Rebecca Schuchert, Taylor Dengler, Leo Kasper, Lydia Outtersen-Murphy,
and Eleanor Penn, *worship leaders*

Patti Benson, *clerk of Session*

Combined Children's Choirs and Logos Choir | Austen Wilson, *director*

Resound! Handbell Choir | Laura Kastens, *director*

Julia Van Den Top, *organist and accompanist*



Sunday School and Other After Worship Activities

- **PreK-5th Sunday School:** Children are invited to their classrooms for a time of growing together in faith. **Middle Schoolers** are invited to join with the younger children or to attend today's **Congregational Meeting**.
- Because of the Congregational Meeting, there will be no **Learning Academy**. High schoolers and adults are invited to join us next week (March 8) for the first of a three-week class, *Passion Plays: Music and the Mystery of Faith*, taught by David Timmer
- "The Passion narratives of the Gospels have inspired some of the great masterpieces of religious art and music. Artists and musicians can do more than set theology to music—they can express their own theological insights, using their unique materials and sensitivities. In these sessions we will hear how some composers, poets, and singers of our own time have been inspired by the Gospel narrative (and its background in the Hebrew Bible) to challenge and deepen our understanding of this central mystery of our faith." — *David Timmer*



Finish the Race
Owe Nothing But Love

Flowers on the Chancel

- Today's flowers on the chancel are given by Kathi and Mike Anderson, in memory of their nephew, Christian Anderson, and Kathi's mother, Marjorie Klink.
- Today's flowers in the Atrium are giving anonymously to welcome The Rev. Jordan and Michelle Wartjes.



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Third Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. | March 8, 2026

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church | Iowa City, Iowa

Welcome + Announcements

Prelude | *A Love Round*, by Nancy Gifford

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

If you need good news,

settle into this space.

We have good news to share.

If you need a word of hope,

then trust us when we say, “There is hope enough to go around.”

If you need a glimmer of joy,

then you’re in luck!

We have resilient joy abounding.s

If you need to feel God’s presence in your midst,

then know that this is God’s house.

This is the good news of the gospel.

God is here. Love is real. Joy is on the move.

Let us worship our with-us God!

✠ **Gathering Hymn** | *Will You Come and Follow Me*, vs. 1, 3-5, pg. 7 (*hymnal*, #742)

Confession & Promise of Ever-Present Grace | *adapted from liturgies by Sarah Speed and Austen Wilson*

Gracious God, we could press our ear to the page, hoping to hear you more clearly.

We could silence all the alarms and notifications, hoping to catch a murmur of your voice.

We could still our beating hearts, and still we might miss your voice.

So today, as the voices of the Logos Choir help lead us through our Confession,

open up space in our hearts, in our spirits, in our minds, to feel your presence among 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.

Gracious God,
we come before you with cares and concerns.
Allow us to quiet our minds to hear your voice and love our neighbor better.
Sometimes we don't answer your call.
Help us to follow you, embrace humility, and set aside prideful agendas.
Choir: Kyrie (Lord have mercy)

Gracious God,
we mourn for the injustices of the world,
both local and global.
Forgive us when we have kept our anger behind screens and failed to act.
Choir: Kyrie (Christ have mercy)

Gracious God,
help us to be fed until we're content,
rather than stuff ourselves with self-satisfaction.
Out of our abundance, remind us to show love beyond the walls of this Sanctuary.
Choir: Kyrie (Lord have mercy)

Let us confess silently what is on our hearts.

Time for Silent Confession

Family of faith, no matter how many mistakes Jesus' own disciples made,
he still washed their feet. He still fed them. He still called them beloved.
The same is true for you and me, so hear and believe this good news:
today is a new day, and once again, we belong to God.
We are forgiven. We are called. We are not alone.
What good, good news.

✘ **Musical Response** | "Kyrie" (*hymnal*, #637) | *sing when directed*

✘ **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 | John 4:5-42 (*The Voice*)

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

Time for Young Disciples †

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

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

The Message

✕ **Hymn of Reflection** | “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah,” pg. 8

Welcoming New Members

**John and Sarah Linder
Duane and Alisa Staskal
Cindy King
Joe, Carrie, Ian, and Behla Schmidt**

✕ ... Please stand and join together in these words of scripture:

Ephesians 4:4–6

There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called
to the one hope of your calling,
**one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.**

2 Galatians 3:27–28

As many of you as were baptized into Christ
have clothed yourselves with Christ.
**There is no longer Jew or Greek,
there is no longer slave or free,
there is no longer male or female;
for we are one in Christ Jesus.**

Offering Our Time, Treasure, and Talents

Offertory | *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*, arr. by Kevin McChesney



Give Online

† 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.

✘ **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.

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** | “The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound,” pg. 9

✘ **Benediction**

Upcoming Events

- **Congregational Meeting** | After Worship Today
- **Strike Up Some Fun @ BowlDogs** | Today
- **Session** | March 12
- **Senior Moments** | March 17
- **Food Market** | March 25
- **Lenten Film Discussion** | March 26
- **Iowa City Handbell Festival** | March 28
- **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
- **Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil** | April 4
- **Easter Sunday** | April 5 | Worship Services, 7,
9, and 11 a.m. | Potluck Brunch, 8-11 a.m.
- **Session** | April 16
- **Presbytery Meeting** | April 18

Will You Come and Follow Me

F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 Will you come and fol - low me, if I but call your name?
 2 Will you leave your-self be - hind, if I but call your name?
 3 Will you let the blind - ed see, if I but call your name?
 4 Will you love the 'you' you hide, if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b/C F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 > Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

Gm7 B^b Gm7 Am7 B^b6 Csus C

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 > Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b/C F

will you let my life be grown in you, and you in me?
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you, and you in me?
 > and ad - mit to what I mean in you, and you in me?
 through my sight and touch and sound in you, and you in me?
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you, and you in me.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

766 The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

1 The church of Christ can - not be bound by
 2 True faith will o - pen up the door and
 3 True love will not sit i - dly by when
 4 If what we have we free - ly share to
 5 The church of Christ can - not be bound by

walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and
 step in - to the street. True ser - vice will seek
 jus - tice is de - nied. True mer - cy hears the
 meet our neigh - bor's need, then we ex - tend the
 walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and

love are found, there can the church be known.
 out the poor and ask to wash their feet.
 home - less cry and wel - comes them in - side.
 Spir - it's care through ev - ery self - less deed.
 love are found, there can the church be known.

This text was the winning entry in a hymnwriting competition seeking new texts dealing with poverty and homelessness, but as the stanza sung at the beginning and end of the hymn makes clear, such specific ministries grow out of an understanding of the church as love in action.



Far More Abundantly

by Lauren Wright Pittman

Inspired by Ephesians 3:20-21

11"x14" Hand-carved block printed with oil-based ink on paper, with gold leaf detail

I read this Ephesians text alongside the feeding of the five thousand. I placed Jesus at the center of the image,¹² but he did not feed the crowds alone. He asked his disciples to offer what they had. They responded with meager resources, yet those small gifts were enough.

Through the lens of Ephesians, if Jesus were to ask us today what we have to give, our answer would be:

We have the power you have given us to do the impossible. The same power that turned five loaves and two fish into a feast for thousands—with leftovers—empowers us “to accomplish far more abundantly than all we can ask or imagine.”

Do we allow this truth to settle into our bones and animate our actions?

I’ll admit, I tried to avoid this passage because it felt overly optimistic in light of today’s world. People still go hungry. Wars rage. The earth groans under our misuse. Yet if we reimagine the systems we created, studies show it is possible for every human being to have what they need.¹³ That would require massive restructuring, international cooperation, and the reallocation of resources—but not more than we already possess. We don’t need a miracle of multiplication. We simply need to use what we’ve been given.

In a world convinced of scarcity, this is astonishingly good news. We already have enough. And as my mentor used to say, “*Enough is abundance.*” What will we do with this abundance? Is it too lofty to dream of a world that sustains all of life? Perhaps. Yet I believe it is God’s own desire that all may have life, and have it abundantly.¹⁴ This is the work before us, accomplished through the power at work within us, through Jesus Christ. Amen. —Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman

Look

Consider the archway and what it could symbolize. Do you see a table, a tablet, a boat, a door, a tomb—or all of these things or something else?

¹² In the center of the image, Jesus raises his arms and breaks bread. Above Jesus’ hands is a mustard seed. Surrounding the baskets are thin line carvings of mustard flowers. Like the seed, we may be small, but we hold so much potential inside of us. Surrounding the archway are twelve baskets of seven loaves or fish which take on the shape of flowers. The number twelve represents community, and seven represents wholeness. When everyone has what they need, the community is whole.

¹³ globalcommonsalliance.org/news/new-research-reveals-path-to-prosperity-for-planet-and-people-if-earths-critical-resources-are-better-shared/

¹⁴ John 10:9-11

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 fill out this short form: <https://tinyurl.com/sapc-guest>.
- If you are visiting with us for the first time, please stop by our **Information Kiosk** in the Atrium. We have a small gift for you, and we'd love to answer any questions you may have!
- 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 May.
- **Nursery care** (up to age 2) is provided in the Lower Level throughout the service.
- Unless otherwise designated, gifts given in the **offering** support the 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 <https://saintandrew.cbcchurch.com>.
- Permission to livestream the music in this service is from CCLI (#617801) and One License (A-711114).

St. Andrew's Statement of Inclusion

"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." - Romans 15:7

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church affirms the worth and dignity of all people. We are all created by God in God's image, and God found all of creation to be good. Just as Jesus welcomed everyone into fellowship, especially those marginalized by society, we welcome all people to our congregation regardless of race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, socioeconomic status, marital status, family structure, country of origin, or immigration status. All are welcome to participate fully in the life of St. Andrew: worship, service, baptism, communion, membership, ministry, and leadership. To this end, we affirm that the covenant of marriage should be extended to any two consenting adults who seek to enter a marriage based upon love, responsibility, mutual respect, and trust in God's grace. We acknowledge that the Presbyterian Book of Order allows for each pastor to follow their own conscience as to whether they will perform a particular marriage service.

We recognize that the Christian church has historically condemned and excluded LGBTQ+ persons from the community of faith, and we assert that such actions are incompatible with the gospel of Jesus. We also acknowledge, and deeply regret, that St. Andrew Presbyterian's actions have at times caused harm to our relationships with members of the LGBTQ+ community, including members of our own congregation. As we continue to grow as a congregation and discern our path forward in God's love and grace, we seek to rectify these past wrongs and pursue justice for those who have been and continue to be oppressed. We commit to continue to learn and work toward ensuring that St. Andrew is a safe place where all people are welcomed and loved.

Approved by the St. Andrew Session, June 2023

Congregational Meeting Agenda

After Worship | March 8, 2026

Moderator: The Rev. Dr. Carl Anderson

Zoom Link: <https://tinyurl.com/march-8-meeting>

Call to Order & Opening Prayer

Reading of the Call of the Meeting

“A Congregational Meeting of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Iowa City, has been duly called and announced by the Session, to be held after worship on March 8, 2026, for the purpose of hearing and acting upon the final report of the Pastor Nominating Committee and to elect the Rev. Jordan Warntjes as Pastor and Head of Staff.”

Confirmation of of Quorum

Report of the Pastor Nominating Committee

Introduction of the Pastoral Candidate

Motion to Elect the Pastor

- **“The Pastor Nominating Committee moves that St. Andrew Presbyterian Church elect the Rev. Jordan Warntjes as Pastor and extend to him the call as presented, including the Terms of Call.”**

Discussion

- The Moderator invites questions from members of the congregation regarding the nomination, the call, or the process.

Vote on the Call

- Voting members are **active members of the congregation in good standing**.
- Members attending in-person will be given paper ballots.
- Members attending via Zoom will be given a link to a Google Form.

Announcement of the Result

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Prayers for Guidance

Adjournment