



9:30 a.m. | March 22, 2026

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Iowa City

Today's Worship Participants

The Rev. Colette Soultz, *pastoral care associate*
Kathi Anderson, *worship leader*
Flute Ensemble | Pat Penn, *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.
- **Learning Academy:** High schoolers and adults are invited to join us for the second of a three-week class, *Passion Plays: Music and the Mystery of Faith*, taught by David Timmer. | *The Hub*



Flowers on the Chancel

- Today's flowers are given by Allison, Kyle, Eleanor, and Emma Bernard in celebration of Deb Fick's ("Grams") birthday!



Bulletin Cover

- Oil painting effect on an untitled photo (2012) by Christopher Mardof of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (public domain). The Joplin "Spirit Tree," one of many trees destroyed by the tornado that struck Joplin, Missouri on May 22, 2011. The storm killed 161 residents, destroyed 25 percent of the town, and caused \$2.2 billion in damage. This 40-foot tree on 20th Street near the Kansas City Southern Railway tracks was later painted with vibrant colors inspired by Native American spirit stick art. After the tornado, the tree was painted by Dolores and Darrel Bilke and members of The Tank, a public art group known for community murals. The "Spirit Tree" has become a symbol of unity and resilience as Joplin continues the work of recovery and rebuilding.



Questions for Reflection

- The Joplin Spirit Tree was painted with bright, defiant colors after the tornado. Ezekiel imagines breath returning to bones in a silent valley. Where have you seen signs of life, beauty, or stubborn hope appearing?
- The bones in Ezekiel's vision don't come back exactly as they were; they are gathered, reassembled, and given new breath. When communities rebuild after disaster, or when lives are restored after grief, how is the beginning of something different rather than a return to the past?



STEWARDSHIP 2026



Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. | March 22, 2026

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church | Iowa City, Iowa

Welcome + Announcements

Prelude | *Gospel Preludes: Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult*, by William Bolcom

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

Welcome to the weary and the worn.

Welcome to the wiggly and the eager.

Welcome to the skeptical and the seeking.

Welcome to the early risers and those still trying to wake up.

Welcome to the rule followers and the rule breakers.

Welcome to those hungry for justice and those desperate for mercy.

Welcome to the sinners and the saints.

This is God's house.

You can make yourself at home here.

Let us worship our just, merciful, and faithful God!

✠ **Gathering Hymn** | "In Christ Called to Baptize," pg. 6

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

Jesus once said to a crowd,

"Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone."

Friends, none of us are without sin.

None of us get it right all the time.

None of us can get by without God's grace.

In the Prayer of Confession, we acknowledge this truth.

We put down our stones and we turn to God for forgiveness.

Join me in this act of transformation. Let us pray:

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.

**Holy God, we love to live our lives by the rules.
We love clear answers.
We love right and wrong.
We love swift justice.
We love to pick up stones,
but you show us another way.
You welcome shades of gray and nuanced conversation.
You prioritize mercy over legality.
You prioritize people over tradition.
You prioritize love over everything.
Forgive us for losing sight of what truly matters.
Forgive us for clinging tighter to laws than to each other or to you.
Forgive us. Soften our hearts.
Root us in mercy, justice, and love.
With hope for a better tomorrow, we pray.**

Time for Silent Confession

Church family, Jesus saw a crowd ready to throw stones and invited them to choose another way. Jesus offered them grace, mercy, and compassion, and the same can be said for us. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

Our God is a God of mercy.

Our God is a God of compassion.

Our God is a God of grace.

We are forgiven, loved, and invited to choose another way.

Thanks be to God for yet another second chance.

✕ **Musical Response** | “Kyrie”

✕ **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!**

Gospel Reading | John 11:35-45 (*The Voice*)

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

Time for Young Disciples †

Old Testament Reading | Ezekiel 37:1-14 (*The Voice*)

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

The Message | Pastor Colette Soultz

✕ **Hymn of Reflection** | “Breathe on Me Breadth of God,” pg. 7

Offering Our Time, Treasure, and Talents

Offertory |

✕ **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.



Give Online

Prayers of the People | The 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** | “My Life Flows On”

✕ **Benediction**

Postlude | *Organ Sonata No. 4 in E minor BWV 528, III.* by J.S. Bach

† 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.

In Christ Called to Baptize 297

1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach,
 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,

and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.

In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.

then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Written for use at the 1997 meeting of the Lutheran World Federation, this text about Christian vocation and ministry organizes the first three stanzas around verbs: baptize, banquet, witness. The final stanza is a prayer for the Spirit's gifts to empower all these callings.

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for “spirit” can equally well be translated as “breath” or “wind,” so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the “Breath of God.” This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

TEXT: Edwin Hatch, 1878
MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

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My Life Flows On

How Can I Keep from Singing?

1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!

I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain

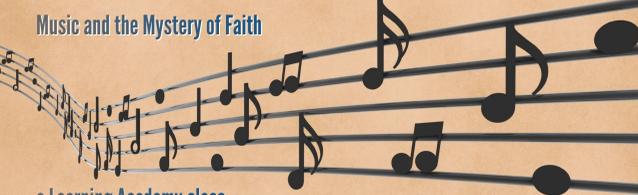
No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

In the *New York Observer* of August 7, 1868, this text was titled "Always Rejoicing," and was attributed to "Pauline T." This may well be where the Baptist pastor and musician to whom it is usually credited encountered the words that he later published with his tune.

Passion Plays

Music and the Mystery of Faith



a Learning Academy class
with David Timmer

March 15, 22, & 29 | The Hub

Lenten Film Discussion *

Wake Up, Dead Man

A Knives Out Mystery

7 p.m. | Thursday March 26

with Pastor Carl Anderson & Jeff Charis-Carlson

(*Note: Watch film in advance. Discussion will be spoiler-filled.)



A Farewell, a Celebration, and a Welcome

Pastors Carl Anderson (4/26), Rob Martin (5/3) & Jordan Warnitjes (5/10)

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY'S

PILLOW DRIVE

We are collecting
**BRAND NEW
FULL/QUEEN-SIZED
PILLOWS*** for
**Houses into
Homes**



*Please leave new,
wrapped pillows in Atrium.
Follow instructions for
"Pillow Tree" outside Room
103, March 1-31



HOLY SATURDAY PRAYER VIGIL

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
April 4, 2026
tinyurl.com/saturday-vigil

NEXT STEPS

Next Steps Class
11:45 a.m. | April 19, 2026
Conference Room

**A Chance to Learn More about
Joining the St. Andrew Community**



HOLY WEEK

Maunder Thursday

6 p.m., Meal
7 p.m., Worship Service

Good Friday

7 p.m., Worship Service

Holy Saturday

9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Prayer Vigil

Easter Sunday

7, 9, & 11 a.m., Worship Services
8-11 a.m. Potluck Brunch



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*

Upcoming Events

- **Food Market** | Wednesday
- **Lenten Film Discussion** | Thursday
- **Iowa City Handbell Festival** | This Weekend
- **Palm Sunday** | Next Sunday
- **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, 7, 9, and 11
a.m.; Potluck Brunch, 8-11 a.m.
- **Session** | April 16
- **Presbytery Meeting** | April 18
- **Handbell Concert** | April 18
- **Senior Moments** | April 21
- **Food Market** | April 22
- **Child-Led Service** | April 26
- **Pastor Carl Anderson's Final Sunday** | April
26
- **Guatemala Lunch Fundraiser** | April 26
- **Celebration of Former Pastor Rob Martin's
Ministry** | May 3

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Elders

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, Emmitt Schmidt-Rundell, Jamie Tanas, Mettie Thomopulos 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, Marissa Moore, and Toni Van Voorhis

Finance Team (elected by Session)

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

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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