



9:30 A.M. | MARCH 29, 2026
ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, IOWA CITY

Today's Worship Participants

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

Gregs Thomopulos, *worship leader*

Alpha Ringers, Brass Ensemble, and Logos Choir | Austen Wilson, *director*

Julia Van Den Top, *organist and accompanist*

Thomas Hartley, *time of young disciples*



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 third of a three-week class, *Passion Plays: Music and the Mystery of Faith*, taught by David Timmer. | *The Hub*



Bulletin Cover

- *Palm Sunday Was a Protest*, by Nicolette Faison
- 12"x24" Acrylic, marker, paper collage on canvas



“(In this piece), each segment is meant to capture the eye but the central subjects are in black and white, contrasting the brilliant color palette. The order of colors is intentionally a rainbow as a nod to the Queer community. The piece contains a sunrise behind the iconic Palm Sunday donkey, which is an ode to the Sunrise Movement.”

“Accompanying the donkey are crowds of people with fists raised in the air, a common sight at any protest. The phrase, “No Justice, No Peace” sits around a “power to the people fist” symbolizing resistance. This symbol was first utilized by labor and liberation movements in the early 1900s. I personally associate the fist with the Black Power movement of the 1960s.”

“Along the bottom of the piece, the grassroots of the image, are palms, a nod to the biblical story. Palm Sunday Was a Protest is an ode to modern movements. This piece visually aligns how Palm Sunday is talked about with the active work happening today. Resist fascism. Resist occupation. Do justice.” — The Rev. Nicolette Faison



Finish the Race
Owe Nothing But Love



STEWARDSHIP 2026



Palm Sunday

9:30 a.m. | March 29, 2026

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church | Iowa City, Iowa

Welcome + Announcements

Prelude | *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*, arr. by Dwight Gustafson

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

Will you follow?

Will you lay down your coat? Will you lay down something important?

Will you shout “Hosanna”? Will you join the parade?

Will you sing, even if your throat is hoarse? Will you cut down a palm branch?

Will you wave it in the air? Will you follow the one riding on a donkey?

Will you let this good news inspire you to act?

We will. We will sing. We will pay close attention.

We will worship. We will follow.

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest.

✠ **Gathering Hymn** | “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna,” pg. 6 (*hymnal*, #145)

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

The very first Palm Sunday was a day of action.

It was a day of movement, of crowded city streets, and cries of “Hosanna!”

It was a day of peaceful protest and dreams for a better world.

The first Palm Sunday was a day of peaceful, hopeful action.

So friends, on this Palm Sunday, let us join the saints before us in an act of faith.

Let us begin with an act of prayer, an act of honesty, an act of transformation.

Let us begin by drawing close to God and sharing the truth of our lives.

Let us begin with confession. Join me in prayer:

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.

Jesus of Nazareth, we know that you spent your days teaching and healing.
You marched through the streets and walked on water.
You laid hands on the sick and broke bread at crowded dinner tables.
Your good news was not confined to conversation.
It was not confined to the Temple.
Your good news was an act of love, alive in the world.
Holy God, we long for a faith like that.
Forgive us for the times when we confine our faith
to something we think about, as opposed to something we act upon.
Inspire us to love as you loved.
Inspire us to act.
Root us in mercy, justice, and love.

Time for Silent Confession

Church family, whether or not you wave your palm branch,
whether or not you live out your faith,
whether or not you allow this good news to inspire your actions,
God will never stop loving you.
Jesus will never stop marching for you.
The Spirit will never stop listening to you.
We are claimed, loved, and held in grace.
What good, good news. Amen!

✕ **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 | Matthew 21:1-11 (*The Voice*)

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

Time for Young Disciples

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

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The Message | Pastor Carl Anderson

✕ **Hymn of Reflection** | “All Glory, Laud, and Honor,” vs. 1-4, pg. 7 (*hymnal*, #146)!

Offering Our Time, Treasure, and Talents

Offertory | *Hosanna! Ride On!*, by Carolyn Jennings



Give Online

✕ **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** | “Lift Up the Gates Eternal,” vs. 1, 3, 4, and 5; pg. 8 (*hymnal*, #144)

✕ **Benediction**

Postlude | *Improvisation on "Procession for a King,"* by Lani Smith

✠ 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.

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

A^b Fm E^b D^b E^b A^b

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

Fm E^b D^b E^b_{sus} E^b A^b

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang.
 the vic - tory palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heaven, our King.

E^b A^b E^b

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
 The Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

A^b Fm E^b D^b E^b_{sus} E^b A^b
descant st.3

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

For an alternate arrangement see 679. For music in a higher key see 726

Words: Jennette Threlfall, 1873, P.D.

Music (ELLACOMBE 7.6.7.6 D): *Gesangbuch der Herzogl.*, Hofkapelle, Württemberg, 1784, P.D.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain B \flat E \flat B \flat ^{sus} B \flat Cm F B \flat

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, Re - deem - er, King,

E \flat B \flat ^{sus} B \flat Cm F B \flat *Fine*

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

C7 F Dm Gm7 C7 F

1 You are the King of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing you on high,
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore you went;

To Refrain
 B \flat E \flat F7 B \flat E \flat F^{sus} F7 B \flat

now in the Lord's name com - ing, the King and Bless - ed One.
 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.

4 To you before your passion
 they sang their hymns of praise;
 to you, now high exalted,
 our melody we raise. *Refrain*

5 As you received their praises,
 accept the prayers we bring,
 for you delight in goodness,
 O good and gracious King! *Refrain*

Words: Theodulph of Orelans, ca. 820; tr. John M. Neale, 1851, alt., P.D.

Music (ST. THEODULPH 7.6.7.6 D): Melchoir Teschner, 1615; harm. William H. Monk, 1861, P.D.

Lift Up the Gates Eternal

PSALM 24

Refrain Em B7 Em B7 Em

Lift up the gates e - ter - nal, lift up your voic - es;

B Em B7 Em Fine

the King of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es.

G C D7 G

1 See, all the earth is God's, its peo - ple and na - tions;
2 Who can go up this moun - tain, who stand in prais - ing?
3 They shall re - ceive for - give - ness, and have God's bless - ing

Em Cmaj7 G Cmaj7 D7 G

God built it on the deeps and laid its foun - da - tions. *To st. 2*
Those who are pure, who come with clean hands up - rais - ing. *To st. 3*
if they will search for God, their Sav - ior con - fess - ing. *To Refrain*

4 Come, lift your voices high,
be lifted to glory;
the Lord our God approaches,
come, shout the story. *To st. 5*

5 Who is this glorious one,
for whom we are waiting?
We wait the mighty Lord,
our God celebrating. *To Refrain*

6 Come, lift your heads with joy;
come, lift up your tower;
the King of glory comes in
full might and power. *To st. 7*

7 Who is this King of glory
of whom we're singing?
Our God, the Lord of Hosts,
the victory is bringing. *To Refrain*

For another setting of Ps. 24 see 499

Words: sts. Arlo Duba © 1986 Arlo D. Duba; ref. Willard F. Jabusch © 1967 Willard F. Jabusch, admin. OCP Publications

Music (PROMISED ONE 12.12.12.12): Israeli folk melody; arr. John Ferguson © 1974 United Church Press, admin. The Pilgrim Press

Passion Plays

Music and the Mystery of Faith



a Learning Academy class
with David Timmer

March 15, 22, & 29 | The Hub



Mission

April 12 & 19 | The Stories Behind Our Mission



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



Next Steps Class

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

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

HOLY SATURDAY PRAYER VIGIL

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



HOLY WEEK

- Maundy 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

- **Lenten Film Discussion** | Tonight
- **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
- **Celebrating Pastor Rob Martin's Ministry** | May 3
- **Welcome of Pastor Jordan Warntjes** | May 3
- **Celebration of Life: Lee Witwer** | June 6
- **Installation of Pastor Jordan Warntjes** | July 12

Pastoral, Ministry, & Administrative Staff and Elected Church Officers

Pastors

Rev. Dr. Carl Anderson, *transitional pastor* | pastorcarl@saintandrew-ic.org (Last Day: April 26)
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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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