



**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER**

**9:30 A.M. | APRIL 12, 2026**

**ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, IOWA CITY**

# Today's Worship Participants

Matt Moore, *director of student ministries*  
Ted Potter, *worship leader*  
Logos Choir | Austen Wilson, *leader*  
Middle School Bells | Pat Penn, *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.
- **Learning Academy | The Stories Behind Our Mission:** After worship, St. Andrew's Learning Academy begins a two-week series exploring the stories behind St. Andrew's mission partnerships. Join us in The Hub for conversation and a deeper look at how our congregation lives out its call to serve. Everyone is welcome.
  - **April 12: Food Ministry:** Leaders share how St. Andrew's food ministries embody compassion, justice, and care for neighbors near and far.
  - **April 19: Guatemala & Impacto Ministries:** Participants reflect on partnership, mutuality, and faith through our ongoing relationship with communities in Guatemala.



**Finish the Race**  
*Owe Nothing But Love*

# Bulletin Cover

- Artemis II Lunar Flyby (NASA, 2026), photograph by the Artemis II astronaut crew. Taken during NASA's first crewed mission to fly around the Moon in more than 50 years, the image offers a modern reminder of humanity's continuing exploration of creation—our curiosity, courage, and wonder reaching beyond Earth toward the vastness of space. Courtesy of NASA. <https://www.nasa.gov/artemis-ii-multimedia>.
- "There are so many other things that Jesus said and did; and if these accounts were also written down, the books could not be contained in the entire cosmos." — John 21:25 (*The Voice*)



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**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.



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St. Andrew Presbyterian Church | Iowa City, Iowa

## Welcome + Announcements

**Prelude** | *With a Voice of Singing*, by Martin Shaw

✠ **Call to Gather** | *a liturgy by Matt Moore*

Across space and time, the Eternal calls to us.  
Love and wisdom on display, waiting for us to answer.  
The Eternal offers beauty and meaning to our days.  
**Time passes, days go by, and we drift.**  
**We forget the Spirit's call. We forget God's promises.**  
**This is why we meet together, week after week.**  
**Month after month, we need to remind ourselves,**  
**That God is by our side. That we can trust in each other.**  
**When we grow weary, lift us up, Eternal One.**  
**Restore our souls, fill our hearts, and inspire our minds.**  
**Let us celebrate out of our deep need together.**

✠ **Gathering Hymn** | "Christ Is Alive!", pg. 6

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

Sometimes things look bleak. Life doesn't always go our way.  
Friends and family let us down and it hurts.  
Peace and comfort feel uncertain.  
**So, we seek certainty in our lives. We seek control.**  
**We want to know what tomorrow will bring.**  
**When the unexpected comes, we doubt you are present God.**  
**Instead of trusting in your promises, we act alone.**  
**Instead of turning to you, we trust in ourselves.**  
**Remind us, Eternal One, that you are faithful.**  
**Shift our perspective from ourselves to the wonderful reality of your presence.**

*Time for Silent Confession*

Friends, be assured that God does not abandon us.  
God is always working for good, guiding us toward restoration.  
**God who enters the rooms that we think are locked.**  
**God who accepts our fears and doubts,**  
**and God who breathes new life into us.**

✕ **Musical Response** | “Halle, Halle,” pg. 7 (*hymnal*, #768)

Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

✕ **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** | Psalm 16:1-11 (*The Voice*)

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

**Time for Young Disciples** †

**Second Reading** | John 20:19-31 (*The Voice*)

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

**The Message** | Matt Moore

✕ **Hymn of Response** | “O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing,” pg. 8

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† 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.

## Offering Our Time, Treasure, and Talents

### Connecting Hearts | Renewing Lives

#### Offertory |

#### ✕ **Response to Our Offerings** | “Doxology”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



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** | “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright,” pg. 9

#### ✕ **Benediction**

#### Postlude |

## Christ Is Alive!

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

## Halle, Halle, Halle

G D Em

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le

C Am D

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah!

G D Em

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le

Am G/D D G

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Words: Caribbean traditional

Music (HALLE): Caribbean; arr. John Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (b. 1958) © 1990 Wild Goose Resource Group, Iona Community, Scotland, GIA Publications, Inc., exclusive North American agent

# O Sons and Daughters of the King



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King,  
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,  
 3 An an - gel clad in white they see,  
 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;



whom heav'n - ly hosts in glo - ry sing, to - day the  
 the faith - ful wom - en went their way to seek the  
 who sits and speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will  
 a - mong them came their mas - ter dear, and said, "My



grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 go to Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia!  
 peace be with you here." Al - le - lu - ia!

*After stanza 9:*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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| <p>5 When Thomas first the tidings heard,<br/>             that they had seen the risen Lord,<br/>             he doubted the disciples' word.<br/>             Alleluia!</p> | <p>7 No longer Thomas then denied;<br/>             he saw the feet, the hands, the side;<br/>             "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.<br/>             Alleluia!</p>      |
| <p>6 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see,<br/>             and look upon my hands, my feet;<br/>             not faithless, but believing be."<br/>             Alleluia!</p>     | <p>8 How blest are they who have not seen,<br/>             and yet whose faith has constant been,<br/>             for they eternal life shall win.<br/>             Alleluia!</p> |
| <p>9 On this most holy day of days,<br/>             be laud and jubilee and praise:<br/>             to God your hearts and voices raise.<br/>             Alleluia!</p>     |   |

# 254 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the sun shone  
 2 He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the  
 3 From ev - ery weap - on death can wield, your own re -

out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
 glo - rious wounds a - bide, the to - kens true which  
 deemed for - ev - er shield; O Lord of all, with

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.  
 made it plain their Lord in - deed was risen a - gain.  
 us a - bide in this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide.

TEXT: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; trans. John Mason Neale, 1852, alt.  
 MUSIC: Trier ms., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609

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 (alternate harmonization, 67)

# 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

- **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
- **Free Lunch** | May 6
- **Welcome of Pastor Jordan Warntjes** | May 10
- **Senior Moments** | May 19
- **Food Market** | May 27
- **Free Lunch** | June 3
- **Celebration of Life: Lee Witwer** | June 6
- **Stronghold** | June 7-12
- **Congregational Meeting** | June 14
- **Vacation Bible School** | June 15-19
- **Senior Moments** | June 16
- **Food Market** | June 24

# Pastoral, Ministry, & Administrative Staff and Elected Church Officers

## Pastors

Rev. Dr. Carl Anderson, *transitional pastor* | [pastorcarl@saintandrew-ic.org](mailto:pastorcarl@saintandrew-ic.org) (Final Sunday: 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](mailto: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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