



9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:30 A.M. | AUGUST 10, 2025

ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Today's Worship Participants

The Rev. Dr. Carl Anderson, *transitional pastor*
Emily Neddermeyer, *worship leader*
All Ages Summer Choir | Austen Wilson, *director*
Abby Chen, *organist and accompanist*

Flowers on the Chancel

- Today's flowers were given by :
 - Mark and Mary Jo Abbot: "In celebration of our 56th wedding anniversary and the blessings of our family, faith, and friends."
 - Lynne Ginsberg: "In loving memory of my son Louis Ginsberg and my mom Margie Loomer."

Bulletin Cover

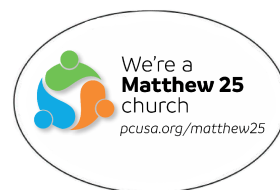
- Untitled painting by Iowa artist Marion J. Kitzman (1929-2020), on display at Artifacts vintage retail shop in Iowa City, December 2024. Photo by Jeff Charis-Carlson.

Questions for Reflection

- God's radiance, as described in Psalm 50, is not always comforting: "He will not enter on a whisper. A fire will devour the earth before Him; the wind will storm wildly about Him." How are these unsettling images reflected in today's bulletin cover? How do we hold them alongside our belief in a God of Ever-Present Grace?
- Psalm 50 challenges hollow rituals—sacrifices offered without gratitude or sincerity. In your own spiritual life, are there practices that have become more performative than prayerful? What might it mean for you to "offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving" this week?
- Jesus teaches that "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." What do your priorities—your calendar, your spending, your focus—reveal about the orientation of your heart? What would you hope they reveal instead?



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New Guest Connection

9th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. | August 10, 2025

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church | Iowa City, Iowa

Thought for Reflection

“How can I explain the wind to you?

It flutters, it flirts

with the water in the opening

lines of Genesis.

And then it comes back,

the way everything important

comes back, but as the wind of wisdom,

the wind of God, the wind of understanding” — Aviya Kushner

Welcome + Announcements

Service Day | Fields of Faith Service Day (Aug. 16)

Prelude | *Seek Ye First*, arr. by Abby Chen

✠ **Call to Gather** | adapted from a liturgy by Teri McDowell Ott

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the convictions of things not seen.

Like Abraham, let us follow God, even when we don't know where we are going.

By faith, let us look forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

Let us worship the God whose promises call and claim us.

✠ **Gathering Hymn** | “O God, Our Help in Ages Past,” pg. 6 (*hymnal*, #405)

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.

✠ Children in Kindergarten and younger are invited to move down to the Lower Level Children's Area following the Time for Young Disciples.

✕ Prayer of Confession and Promise of Ever-Present Grace |

Sin hinders us and prevents us from receiving God's Word.
Let us open our hearts to God's truth and liberate ourselves to walk Christ's path.


**God of Hope and Promise, we admit that our faith sometimes falters.
We acknowledge that our doubts and grievances often overwhelm.
We struggle to comprehend our own suffering and that of others.
Pardon us when we lose faith in you and in ourselves.
Guide us back to harmonious relationships.
Encourage us to stay engaged and committed to meaningful dialogues filled with grace.**

Time for Silent Confession

Friends, God's grace is given freely.
Receive the good news: You are forgiven.
We accept the steadfast love that God lavishes upon us.


✕ Musical Response | "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B \flat F B \flat F B \flat F Gm F




1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, ♪ with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B \flat E \flat B \flat Gm7 C7




and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, ♪ with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, ♪ with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm) (A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be. A - men.

✠ 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 | Luke 12:32-40 (*The Voice*)

Time for Young Disciples ✠

✠ Hymn | "The Mighty God with Power Speaks," pg. 7

Psalm Reading | Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 (*The Voice*)

The Message | Pastor Carl Anderson

Offering Our Time, Treasure, and Talents

Growing to Serve | Deacon's "Lost & Found" Clothing Project

Offertory | *Guide My Feet*, arr. by Avis D. Graves

✠ **Response to Our Offerings** | "All Together in God's Presence" (vs. 1), pg. 8

Prayers of the People | Lord's Prayer | adapted from Matthew 6:9-14 (*The Voice*)

Abba, our father in heaven, let your name remain holy.
Bring about your kingdom. Manifest your will here on earth, as it is manifest in heaven.
Give us each day that day's bread—no more, no less—and forgive us our debts
as we forgive those who owe us something.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
But let Your kingdom be, and let it be powerful and glorious forever. Amen.

✠ **Sending Hymn** | "How Firm a Foundation"

✠ **Benediction**

Postlude | *God of Grace and God of Glory*, arr. by Paul Manz



Give Online

PSALM 90

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 soon bears us all away;
 we fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 still be our guard while troubles last,
 and our eternal home!

Upcoming Events

- “Choral Singing in America” documentary screening and Q&A | Aug. 11
- Healthy Kids Iowa Food Distribution | Aug. 14
- Fields of Faith Harvest | Aug. 16
- School Year’s Eve | Aug. 24
- Pedals & Pipes | Aug. 24
- Food Market | Aug. 27
- Volunteer Celebration Potluck | Sept. 2
- Start of Choir & Bells | Sept. 3
- At the Table | Sept. 4
- Ministry Fair | Sept. 7
- All Abilities Art Exhibit | Sept. 7
- Sunday School & Learning Academy Classes Begin | Sept. 14
- Senior Moments | Sept. 16
- Next Steps | Sept. 21
- Volunteer Appreciation | Sept. 22
- Food Market | Sept. 24
- At the Table | Oct. 2
- Compeer Concert | Oct. 3

13 The Mighty God with Power Speaks

(Psalm 50)

1 The Might - y God with pow - er speaks, and all the world o - beys;
 2 God comes not with a si - lent form, but rid - ing on the winds;
 3 The heavens de - clare your jus - tice, Lord, as end - less as the sky;

from dawn un - til the set - ting sun, God's won - der earth dis - plays.
 be - fore God's face, the rag - ing storm its blast of thun - der sends.
 a - gainst the taunts of dis - be - lief, our God will tes - ti - fy.

The per - fect beau - ty all a - round from Zi - on's height shines forth;
 All hail the Judge, in bold ar - ray, whose prom - ise is to bless;
 Re - ceive my heart - felt gift of thanks, as hon - or to your might;

and stars a - cross the fir - ma - ment so bright - ly beam their worth.
 who sees our sins, yet al - so feels our thirst for righ - teous - ness.
 re - fresh my faith with each new day; pro - tect me through the night.

This paraphrase, set to a familiar English folk melody, focuses on the opening narrative section of Psalm 50 without attempting to summarize God's speeches in the latter portion of the psalm. Both parts bear witness to God's sovereignty, God's justice, and God's providence.

TEXT: Michael Morgan, 1999; rev. 2011
 MUSIC: *English County Songs*, 1893; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
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All Together in God's Presence

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♩ = 96

Unison

1 All to - geth - er in God's pres - ence we are gath - ered here to - day.
 2 Those who prom - ise faith - ful liv - ing and their mu - tual love pro - claim
 3 We em - brace this sa - cred jour - ney though the path may be un - clear.
 4 Let us walk the way to - geth - er wrapped in bless - ings from a - bove,

Now up - on his ho - ly u - nion for God's bless - ing let us pray.
 show the love of God, who made us and who loves us all the same.
 We in - tend to share the fu - ture know - ing well that God is here.
 wit - ness - ing that God's com - mand - ment tru - ly is the law of love.

Refrain

Thank you, God for all you give us, all that's faith - ful, good, and true.

Life and love are your cre - a - tion. We are here be - cause of you.

WORDS: Russell Schulz-Widmar
 MUSIC: Lim Swee Hong

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How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

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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, Emmit Schmidt-Rundell, Jamie Tanas, Mettie Thomopulos and David Weitzel (nominated)

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, Hillary Chappo, Paul Heidger, and Toni Van Voorhis

Electronic Funds Transfer Authorization Form

- ☐ Please use my existing EFT account information for my 2022-25 commitment.
- ☐ I would like to use EFT for my giving. Please use my new account information below.
- ☐ I will be pledging online : <https://tinyurl.com/owe-nothing-but-love>

Name(s) _____

I/we authorize St. Andrew Presbyterian Church to electronically transfer funds from the checking or savings account of the financial institution named below to the account of St. Andrew. This authority is to remain in effect until St. Andrew has received written notification of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford St. Andrew and the financial institution a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Amount per payment period: _____

Payment Period (select one)

- Financial Institution: _____
- Routing Number: _____
- Account Number: _____
- ☐ 1st of each month
 - ☐ 16th of each month
 - ☐ 1st and 16th of each month
 - ☐ Quarterly
 - ☐ Annually

(please include a voided check)

Signature: _____ Beginning Date for Withdrawals: _____

Dear St. Andrew Family,

We are entering the *home stretch* of a journey that began years ago with a bold vision: to build a welcoming space for worship, learning, outreach, and community. Thanks to your generosity and God's provision, St. Andrew has flourished—and now, our \$5.8 million mortgage has been reduced to \$1.8 million.

You're warmly invited to attend one of our upcoming **Home Stretch Check-In** gatherings. These relaxed, conversational events are a chance to:

- Celebrate what God has been doing,
- Ask questions about the future, and
- Be inspired by stories of faith, impact, and generosity.

Whether you've already pledged or are just exploring how to get involved, these gatherings are for you.

- **Sunday August 10 (Today) | 2-3 p.m.**
Home of Aaron & Lisa Shileny
3796 Oak Ln NE, North Liberty
- **Thursday August 14 | 4-5:30 p.m.**
Oaknoll Meeting Room B
Hosted by Gordon Hinz & Sally Mathis Hartwig
- **Sunday August 17 | 10:45-11:45 a.m.**
St. Andrew | Conference Room (#128)
- **Monday August 18 | 7-8:30 p.m.**
Home of Bruce & Dedi Walker
1370 Oxford Pl, Iowa City

Let's come together to reflect, rejoice, and recommit. Every gift moves us closer to freedom and possibility. Join us!



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This is my/our pledge to the Capital Campaign at St. Andrew for 2025-28: \$ _____.

Trusting in God's Abundance, I/we plan to give: ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Annually ☐ One-Time

Comments/Questions/Prayer Requests:

Name (please print)

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Address

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City, State, Zip

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has changed since last year

Questions about Worship?

•**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>.

•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).

