



12th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. | Aug. 31, 2025

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Today's Worship Participants

Matt Moore, *message*

Emily Vos, *worship leader*

Jon Swearingen and Angela Ibrahim-Olin, *musicians*

Abby Chen, *organist and accompanist*



Flowers on the Chancel

- Today's flowers are given by Mary Roffman: "In honor of Cecelia's 10th birthday on Aug. 30. Love, Mom."

Bulletin Cover

- "Banquet Scene," paint on plaster, circa 160-190 C.E., found in Syria. On display at the Yale University Art Gallery in New Haven, Connecticut. Source: Wiki Commons.



**Johnson County
Interfaith Coalition**

Questions for Reflection

- What barriers—spoken or unspoken— stand between you and those you are called to serve?
- What keeps you from sitting at certain tables with certain people?
- What is a place you find honor in serving others?
- Who do you invite to dinner?
- If your life were captured in a fresco for future generations, as in today's bulletin cover, what would your "banquet scene" reveal about the way you welcomed others (or didn't)?



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New Guest Connection

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St. Andrew Presbyterian Church | Iowa City, Iowa

Thought for Reflection

“We the best!” — DJ Khalid

Welcome + Announcements

Prelude | *Big House*, by Barry Blair, Bob Herdman, Will McGinniss, and Mark Stuart

✠ **Call to Gather** | *written by BASIC and Matt Moore*

Come one, come all.

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Worship is something we do together.

We gather to hear the good news, but also to share it.

The good news that everyone is allowed in the kin-dom.

God doesn't play favorites or close the door on outsiders.

Today you're invited to the party.

Let us celebrate God together.

✠ **Gathering Hymn** | “Heart of Worship,” pg. 8

✠ **Prayer of Confession and Promise of Ever-Present Grace** | *written by BASIC and Matt Moore*

God we start our weeks full of hope that we can do things without you.

In our arrogance, we strive to impress our friends and family,

attempting to show that we can do it all and don't need help.

Oftentimes, we fall short, placing ourselves above others and thinking, “We the best!”

Humble us God. Remind us that we are not called to celebrity, but to service.

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.

**Be patient with us and guide us as we learn to let go of our egos, our desire to impress,
and our tendency to think of ourselves before others.
Forgive us and teach us what it means to truly welcome our neighbors.**

Moment for silent confession

Friends, hear the good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
God does not hold onto our flaws and failings, instead God sees our potential.
God calls us to repentance, to give up our old ways and be made new.
Change us, God. Not just our hearts, but our minds as well to live with humility.

✠ **Musical Response** | “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

**1 Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**2 World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

✠ **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!

Psalm Reading | Psalm 81:1, 10-16 (*The Voice*)

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

Time for Young Disciples

✕ Hymn | “The Outlaw”

1 Some say he was an outlaw,
that he roamed across the land
With a band of unschooled ruffians,
and a few old fisherman.
No one knew just where he came from,
or exactly what he'd done.
But they said it must be something bad
that kept him on the run.

2 Some say he was a poet,
that he'd stand upon the hill.
His voice would calm an angry crowd
or make waves stand still.
That he spoke in many parables,
that few could understand,
but the people sat for hours
just to listen to this man.

3 Some say he was a sorcerer,
a man of mystery.
He could walk upon the water.
He could make a blind man see.
He conjured wine at weddings
and did tricks with fish and bread.
He talked of being born again
and raised people from the dead.

4 Some say a politician,
who spoke of being free.
He was followed by the masses

on the shores of Galilee.
He spoke out against corruption
and bowed to no decree.
They feared his strength and power,
so they nailed him to a tree.

Some say he was the Son of God,
a man above all men.
That he came to be a servant
and to set us free from sin.
And if that's who I receive him as
and that's what I believe,
the power to be a child of God,
he says I will receive.

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

Gospel Reading | Luke 14:1, 7-14 (*The Voice*)

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

The Message | Matt Moore, *director of student ministries*

Offering Our Time, Treasure, and Talents

“Finish the Race | Owe Nothing But Love” Capital Campaign Update

Offertory | *Dry Bones (Come Alive)*, by Lauren Daigle and Michael Farren



Give Online

✠ **Response to Our Offerings** | “We Fall Down”

**We fall down.
We lay our crowns
at the feet of Jesus.
The greatness of mercy and love,
at the feet of Jesus.**

**And we cry holy, holy, holy.
And we cry holy, holy, holy.
And we cry holy, holy, holy,
is the Lamb.**

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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 | "Sanctuary"

Lord, Prepare Me

Sanctuary

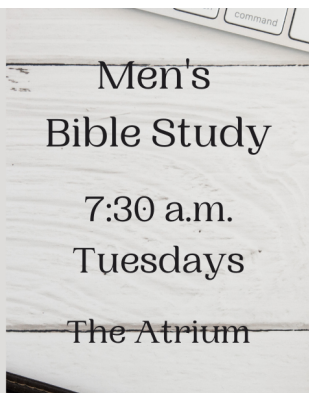
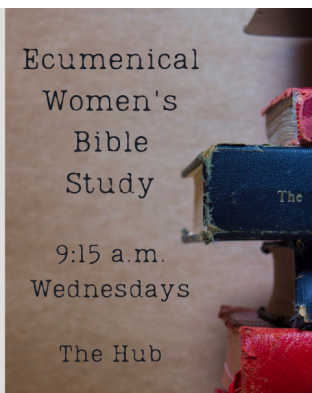
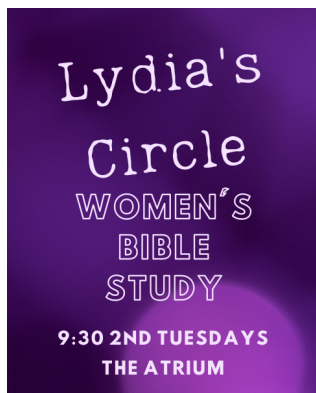
Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and
ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,
I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

2 Lord, please teach me to be your servant
kind and gentle, humble and true to you.
And with thanksgiving, I'll be a living
reflection of You

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✠ Benediction

Postlude | *Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord*



The Heart Of Worship

Words and Music by
Matt Redman

$\text{♩} = 70$ D^2 A^2 Em^7

1. When the mu-sic __ fades, __ all is stripped a-way, __ and I sim-ply __ come; .
2. King of end-less __ worth, __ no one could ex-press __ how much You de -serve. .

4 A^{7sus} D^2 A^2

Long - ing just to __ bring __ some-thing that's of worth .
Though I'm weak and __ poor, __ all I have is Yours, .

7 Em^7 A^{7sus} Em^7 $D/F\#$

that will bless Your __ heart. __ I'll bring You more than a song, __
ev - 'ry sin - gle __ breath. __

10 A^{7sus} Em^7 $D/F\#$ A^{7sus}

__ for a song in it - self is not what You have re-quired. __

13 Em^7 $D/F\#$ A^{7sus}

You search much deep - er with - in __ through the way things ap - pear;

15 Em^7 $D/F\#$ A^{7sus} D^2

You're look-ing in - to my heart. __ I'm com-ing back to the heart __

18 $A^2/C\#$ Em^7 $D/F\#$ G A^{7sus}

__ of __ wor - ship, and it's all a - bout You, __ all a - bout You, __ Je - sus.

21 D^2 $A^2/C\#$

I'm sor - ry, Lord, for the thing __ I've __ made __ it, when it's

23 Em^7 $D/F\#$ G A^{7sus} D

all a - bout You, __ all a - bout You, __ Je - sus. __

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Come Celebrate Ministry, Creativity & Community

September 7 is no ordinary Sunday—it's a full celebration of all God is doing at St. Andrew! After worship, join us for a three-in-one event: the Sunday School Kickoff, our annual Ministry Fair, and the *Celebrating All Abilities Art Exhibit*.

Outside in the upper parking lot, kids can meet their Sunday School teachers, play games, and enjoy treats as we launch another year of learning and growing in faith.

Inside, the atrium will be buzzing with the Ministry Fair—your chance to explore the many ways you can connect, serve, and grow.

- Step right up and see what's happening with **Music** and **Youth Ministry/Flipping Tables** ...
- Meet the caring hearts of **Deacons, Caring Friends, and Prayer Shawl** ...
- Explore service with **Mission, Outreach, and Service, Guatemala/Impacto, MHI, and Food Security/Free Lunch/Lettuce Feed Others** ...
- Discover fellowship with **Children and Family Ministry, Hospitality and Welcome, Small Groups, Men's Group, Senior Moments, Lydia Circle, and the Ecumenical Bible Study** ...
- And don't forget the behind-the-scenes magic of **Elders/Session, Pastor Nominating Committee, Finance Team & Capital Campaign, Building & Grounds, Library, Flowers, Interiors, Sunshine Greeters, and more.**

Truly, there's a place for everyone—find yours!

And woven through it all, enjoy the *Celebrating All Abilities Art Exhibit*, a vibrant display of artwork created by members of our community around this year's theme, "Unique Creation" (Psalm 139:14). Come marvel at the creativity and beauty God has planted in each of us.

September 7 is a day to celebrate, connect, and be inspired—don't miss it!



Upcoming Events

- **“Harvest of Gratitude”: A Volunteer Celebration Potluck** | Sept. 2
- **Instrument Ensembles Resume** | Sept. 2
- **Choir & Bells Resume** | Sept. 3
- **At the Table** | Sept. 4
- **Ministry Fair** | Sept. 7
- **All Abilities Art Exhibit** | Sept. 7
- **Sunday School Resumes** | Sept. 14
- **Senior Moments** | Sept. 16
- **Next Steps Class** | Sept. 21
- **Food Market** | Sept. 24
- **At the Table** | Oct. 2
- **Impacto Reunion** | Oct. 3
- **“Sound of Friendship” Concert** | Oct. 3
- **World Communion Sunday** | Oct. 5
- **BASIC Pancake Breakfast** | Oct. 5
- **Pilot Club Breakfast** | Oct. 11
- **Hayrides @ Dane Farm** | Oct. 11
- **Senior Moments** | Oct. 21
- **Trunk or Treat** | Oct. 26
- **Organ Recital for Abby Chen** | Oct. 27
- **Food Market** | Oct. 29
- **Minds Matter Resource Fair** | Nov. 1
- **Homemade from Heart Sale** | Nov. 1
- **Caregiver Wellness Day** | Nov. 6
- **At the Table** | Nov. 6
- **AGO Organ Recital** | Nov. 8
- **Gifts of the Heart Packing** | Nov. 15
- **‘No Grinch Here’ Food Drive** | Nov. 16 to Dec. 7
- **Next Steps** | Nov. 16
- **Food Market** | Nov. 19
- **Alternative Gift Market** | Nov. 23
- **Hanging of the Greens** | Nov. 23
- **ETC/BASIC Thanksgiving** | Nov. 23
- **Celebration of Life: Mary Mixdorf** | Nov. 30
- **Hills Bank’s Lights of Remembrance** | Dec. 1
- **At the Table** | Dec. 4
- **Lessons and Carols** | Dec. 7



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: _____

Financial Institution: _____

Routing Number: _____

Account Number: _____

Signature: _____

Payment Period (select one)

- ☐ 1st of each month
- ☐ 16th of each month
- ☐ 1st and 16th of each month
- ☐ Quarterly
- ☐ Annually

(please include a voided check)

Beginning Date for Withdrawals: _____



Finish the Race | Owe Nothing But Love

Let's be honest: pledge cards can look a little...intense. The one tucked into today's bulletin is designed to capture the maximum amount of information—especially if you'd like us to set up automatic giving from your bank account.

But here's the good news: you don't have to fill out every line. You don't even have to pay anything right now.

Prefer the digital route? The QR code or quick link on the card will take you straight to online pledging. There, you can simply record your pledge—or you can set up automatic payments by credit card.

Either way, letting us know your intentions is a gift in itself, because it helps us plan faithfully. And if you aren't in a position to give financially at this time, we'd still love to hear from you. A returned card—whether it carries a pledge, a prayer, or simply a “not this season”—lets us walk together with clarity and care.

We are deeply grateful for Don Heineking's \$1 million bequest—a transformative gift propelled us two-thirds of the way toward retiring our remaining debt. But we also celebrate gift toward this campaign. As Jesus said of the women who gave her two coins: “This poor widow has given more than all the rest” (Luke 21).

Together, we're not just paying off debt. We're unleashing resources for ministry, mission, and the future God is calling us toward. Let's finish this race—joyfully, generously, and with gratitude for all God has done through St. Andrew.

— St. Andrew Stewardship Team

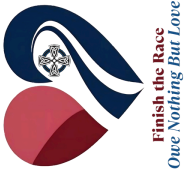
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This is my/our pledge to the Capital Campaign at St. Andrew for 2025-28: \$ _____.

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

Comments/Questions/Prayer Requests:



Name (please print)

Email

Address

Phone

City, State, Zip

☐ check here if your information 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).