

"And Lead Us ..."

9:30 a.m. | Sept. 27, 2026

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Iowa City



Today's Worship Participants

The Rev. Jordan Warntjes, *pastor*

Scott Fisher, *worship leader*

Logos Choir | Austen Wilson, *director*

Woodwind Ensemble | Julia Van Den Top, *director and organist*

LuAnn Robinson, *piano*

Wes Habley, *clarinet*

Wendy Lindberg, *time for young disciples*



Bulletin Cover

- Today's cover features *Christ in the Wilderness* (2021) by contemporary iconographer Kelly Latimore. On her website, Latimore pairs this icon with a passage from poet Wendell Berry's *Jayber Crow*:
 - "As I have read the Gospels over the years, the belief has grown in me that Christ did not come to found an organized religion but came instead to found an unorganized one. He seems to have come to carry religion out of the temples into the fields and sheep pastures, onto the roadsides and the banks of the rivers, into the houses of sinners and publicans, into the town and the wilderness, toward the membership of all that is here. Well, you can read and see what you think."
- As we continue with our *Words We Know By Heart* series on the Lord's Prayer, Latimore's icon gives us another way to hear the familiar words, "And Lead Us."



Flowers on the Chancel

- Today's flowers are given by Elizabeth Rowland: "In thanks for the loving outreach of the St. Andrew church family." If you would like to donate chancel flowers, sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/sapc-flowers> or email office@saintandrew-ic.org.



Sunday School & Learning Academy

- **PreK–5th Grade:** Kids gather in the Gathering Area after worship for stories, activities, questions, and more.
- **Middle School:** Mike Anderson and Michael Tilley are turning Middle School Classroom into Middle Earth this year. (Second breakfast not guaranteed.) Anyone sixth grade and older is welcome to enter.
- **High School & Adults:** "The Ark of the Covenant," with Robert Cargill, in The Hub (see Page 10).



The Lord's Prayer: "And Lead Us"

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude | "If You But Trust," by Duane Funderburk

✠ **Call to Gather** | *by Jordan Warntjes*

Step out of the noise and frantic pace of the world, and enter the quiet presence of God.

**We come carrying our spiritual hunger,
our unanswered questions, and our deep fatigue.**

In the barren desert, Jesus stood firm against the temptation of evil,
rejecting the lure of easy shortcuts, instant comfort, and the illusion of control.

**Christ shows us that our real security is found in trusting Our Creator,
not in saving ourselves.**

God is our unshakeable center and safe haven,
the one who holds us when our own strength gives out.

Let us drop our false securities, open our lives to grace, and worship our God!

✠ **Gathering Hymn** | "Precious Lord, Take My Hand," pg. 7 (*hymnal*, #465)

✠ **Call to Confession & Promise of Ever Present Grace** | *by Jordan Warntjes*

God, our peace and comfort, you invite us to dwell in your safety,
yet so often we wander into the wilderness of our own making.

We confess that we are easily drawn toward the very temptations Jesus rejected:
the desire for our own comfort,
the craving for power and control,
and the urge to force you to prove your love on our terms.

Lord, forgive us when we choose easy shortcuts over faithful presence.

We confess the ways we give in to evil, not only in obvious harms,

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.

but in the quiet, subtle ways we tolerate injustice,
how we harden our hearts against our neighbors,
and how we trust in our own self-reliance rather than your daily bread.

Deliver us from evil, Our Creator, and restore our trust in you.

In this moment of silence, we name before you the hidden temptations,
the quiet anxieties, and the places of captivity in our own lives.

Forgive us, free us, and lead us away from the paths that destroy,
so that we may walk grounded in your truth and held in your care.

Time for Silent Confession

Hear the good news: Christ entered the wilderness
and stood fast against every power of evil,
not to prove his own strength, but to break the power of temptation over us.

Through Jesus, the Anointed One, we are forgiven.

In Christ Jesus, you are forgiven and made free.

Thanks be to God.

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

✠ **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 71:1-5

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

Time for Young Disciples †

† After the Time for Young Disciples, parents are invited to lead their children in Kindergarten and younger down to the Lower Level for more age-appropriate programming.

Gospel Reading | Matthew 4:1-11

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

The Message | “And Lead Us” | Pastor Jordan Warntjes

✕ **Hymn of Response** | “Lead Me, Guide Me,” pg. 6 (*hymnal*, #329)

Welcoming New Members

John & Sherri Bergstrom
Janet Findlater
Cathy Kruse
Bill & Sarah Pringle
Jim & Deb Tometz
Michelle Warntjes

Offering Our Time, Talents, and Treasure

Offertory | *Be Still*, by Karen Marroli

✕ **Response to Our Offering** | “Doxology”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Prayers of the People

✕ **Singing The Lord’s Prayer** | “Our Father, Which Art in Heaven” (pg. 8)

✕ **Benediction**

Postlude | *Precious Lord Take My Hand*, by Thomas A. Dorsey

You are invited to remain seated through the postlude, allowing this final offering to complete our worship.

Lead Me, Guide Me

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, For if you
lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each
day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Verses

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r To
2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous - ness. Be my
3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am

help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the
aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press. I am put - ting
blind with - out thy Light to see. Lord, just al - ways

D.C.
dark-ness thy face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
all my trust in thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
let me thy ser - vant be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Text: Doris M. Akers, 1922-1995

Tune: LEAD ME, GUIDE ME, Irregular with refrain; Doris M. Akers, 1922-1995; harm. by Richard Smallwood, b.1948
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Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand;
 2 When my way grows— drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near;
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws— near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the
 when my life is— al - most— gone, hear my
 when the day is— past and— gone, at the

storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;
 cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall;
 riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand;

take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

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Our Father, Which Art in Heaven 464



1 Our Fa - ther, which art in heav - en:
 2 On earth as it is in heav - en:
 3 And for - give us all our debts:
 4 And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion:
 5 For thine is the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry:



hal - low - ed - a be thy name.



Thy king - dom come; thy will be done:
 Give us this day our dai - ly bread:
 As we for - give our debt - ors:
 But de - liv - er us from e - vil:
 For - ev - er and ev - er, a - men:



hal - low - ed - a be thy name.

This lively call-and-response setting of the Lord's Prayer, based on the King James Version, uses the opening blessing as the congregation's refrain. This repetition is more than a convenience; it is a reminder of our abiding hope that all people will come to honor God's name.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: West Indian folk melody; transcr. Olive Pattison, 1945; harm. *The Presbyterian Hymnal*, 1989

Music Transcr. © 1945 Boosey & Co., Ltd.

Music Harm. © 1990 Westminster John Knox Press

WEST INDIAN

Irregular

Storyteller: TED POTTER

AT THE TABLE

7 P.M. THURSDAY OCT. 1, 2026
The Hub | St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Reading the Bible with New Eyes

A Learning Academy Class with Aaron Shileny
After Worship | Sunday Oct. 11, 2026

READING THE BIBLE ON TURTLE ISLAND

with author Chris Hoklotubbe
& Bobby Outterson-Murphy

a learning academy class
Oct. 18 & 25, 2026 | The Hub

Mission

Mission, Stewardship & the Wider Church
A St. Andrew Learning Academy Class
After Worship | Nov. 15, 2026

HELLO

my name is

Ushers & Greeters Needed

<https://tinyurl.com/sapc-greeters>

Deacons' Fund

tinyurl.com/sapc-deacons-fund

All friends of St. Andrew
are invited to the wedding of

NANCY BARTH & ANTHONY KOEBELE

OCTOBER 10, 2026 • 2 PM
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[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/NANCY-BARTH](https://tinyurl.com/nancy-barth)

Senior Moments

Trip
to the
Hoover
Museum

Oct. 20 | 10:30 a.m.

Today's Learning Academy

For the next two Sundays, St. Andrew's **Learning Academy** turns to one of the Bible's most famous, mysterious, and enduring objects: *the Ark of the Covenant*. And we have just the person to lead us into the story: **Robert Cargill**, the University of Iowa professor whose own website describes him as something of an "Indiana Jones."

Cargill is a professor of classics and biblical studies and an archaeologist, and he'll bring all three worlds together as he explores what we know, what the biblical texts tell us, and what remains a mystery. What was the Ark made of? What did it look like? What was inside it? Why was it unique among the religions of the ancient world? Who was able to touch it, and where was it kept?

And then there is the question that has inspired centuries of speculation, scholarship, and more than a few movies: What happened to the Ark, and where might it be today?

Join us following worship in the Hub for two Sundays of archaeology, biblical studies, ancient history, and just enough Indiana Jones-style mystery.



Upcoming Events

- **At the Table** | Thursday
- **Big Table** | Friday
- **World Communion Sunday** | Oct. 4
- **Free Lunch** | Oct. 7
- **Fields of Faith Harvest** | Oct. 10
- **Wedding of Nancy Barth & Anthony Koebele** | Oct. 10
- **Dane Farm Hay Ride** | Oct. 10
- **Act Justly Documentary Screening** | Oct. 11
- **Next Steps** | Oct. 18
- **Senior Moments** | Oct. 20
- **Trunk-or-Treat** | Oct. 25
- **Food Market** | Oct. 28
- **All Saints Sunday** | Nov. 1
- **Free Lunch** | Nov. 4
- **At the Table** | Nov. 5
- **Stronghold Fall Retreat** | Nov. 6-8
- **Craft Fair & Minds Matter** | Nov. 7
- **Senior Moments** | Nov. 17
- **Food Market** | Nov. 18
- **Alternative Gift Market** | Nov. 22
- **Free Lunch** | Dec. 2
- **At the Table** | Dec. 3
- **Lessons & Carols** | Dec. 6
- **Children's Christmas Program** | Dec. 13
- **Senior Moments** | Dec. 15
- **Cocoa & Carols** | Dec. 20
- **Christmas Eve** (5, 7, & 11 p.m.) | Dec. 24
- **Food Market** | Dec. 30
- **Free Lunch** | Jan. 6, 2027
- **At the Table** | Jan. 7, 2027
- **Sunday School Resumes** | Jan. 10, 2027

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Elders

Class of 2027: Becky Benson, Scott Fisher, Chloe Goers, Austin Kannegieter, Emily Neddermeyer, and Munir Tanas

2028: Helen Bryce, Don Burch, Paula McCue, Judy Swafford, and Jon Swearingen

2029: Margaret Heidger, John Linder, Josh Schilling, Jessica Steele, and Adam Wolf

Deacons

2027: Jordan Barrett, Eli Benson, Kathy & Dave Duys, Lynne Ginsberg, Cody Neddermeyer, and Jenni Stacy-Adams

2028: Laurel Crusinberry, Vern Dengler, Rick Graf, Cindy Seyfer, and Allison Van Iddekinge

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Personnel Team (at large)

2027: Kent Short | **2028:** Ernie Found and Mindy Egeland | **2029:** Twila Finkelstein

Nominating Team (at large)

2027: Pat Cone-Fisher, Paul Heidger, Marissa Moore, and Jeremy Penn

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 at 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**, either download the **St. Andrew App** through the **App Store** or visit <https://saintandrew.ccbchurch.com>. (*We are fixing our connection to the Google Play Store.*)
- 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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