



19th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. | October 19, 2025

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Today's Worship Participants

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

Becky Benson, *worship leader*

Matins | *Laura Kastens*, director

Middle School Handbells & Friends | Pat Penn, *director*

Brass Ensemble | Dr. Abby Chen, *director, accompanist, and organist*



After Worship Today

- **PreK-5th Grade:** *Children's Gathering Area*
- **Middle School:** *Middle School Classroom (#17)*
- **High School (adults welcome):** Board & Video Games | *Hospitality/Bridal Room (#103)*
- **Learning Academy (teens welcome):** A zoom conversation with William Yoo, author of *Reckoning with History: Settler Colonialism, Slavery, and the Making of American Christianity* | The Hub



**Johnson County
Interfaith Coalition**

Bulletin Cover

- *The Persistent Widow*, by the Rev. James W. Hasse, S.J. (1934-2011), a Jesuit priest who served for more than forty years in African American parishes throughout the Midwest. Father Hasse earned bachelor's and master's degrees in philosophy and anthropology from St. Louis University, a Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Notre Dame, and a Master of Divinity from Bellarmine School of Theology. In 2008, he received the Martin Luther King Jr. "Keep the Dream Alive" Award in recognition of his lifelong commitment to justice, community, and faith expressed through ministry and the arts.



Flowers on the Chancel

- Today's flowers are given by Michelle & Dave DeGroot and Katelynn & Abraham Sala in celebration of Isaac DeGroot's graduation from Army Basic Combat Training on October 23, 2025.



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.



New Guest Connection

Sunday of Persistent Hope

9:30 a.m. | October 19, 2025

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church | Iowa City, Iowa

Questions for Reflection

- As we sing, “*Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed,*” what would it mean for us to live into that hope beyond Sunday worship?
- Like the persistent widow, how might we keep seeking justice when the systems around us resist being changed?
- If God’s law is written on our hearts, how do we let that inner covenant shape the way we confront greed and build just systems?
- As we sing that “the world is about to turn,” what are the powers or patterns in our own lives that most need turning?
- How can our voices, our giving, and our daily choices echo the hymn writers’ call to sight regained, captives freed, and justice set ablaze?

Welcome + Announcements

Prelude | *Go Down Moses*, arr. by Jerome Naulais †

✠ **Call to Gather** | *adapted from a liturgy by Matthew A. Rich*

We lift up our eyes to the hills — from where will our help come?

Our help comes not from the hills, but from God, who made heaven and earth.

I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable;

God will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.

With endurance, expectation, and joy, let us worship the living God!

✠ **Gathering Hymn** | “Live into Hope,” pg. 7

† The spiritual *Go Down Moses* is rooted in enslaved persons’ conviction that they could be freed if those enslaved in Egypt could be freed. As in many spirituals, there is code language in the lyrics, with the South as the “land of Egypt” and Pharaoh signifying the slave owner. Just as God led the Israelites out of slavery from Egypt, enslaved persons under chattel slavery in the US had faith that God would lead them out of enslavement. It’s a reminder that the spiritual is a powerful genre of music that centers around liberation, justice, and faith in God. — *Austen Wilson*

✠ **Prayer of Confession and Promise of Ever-Present Grace** | *adapted from a liturgy by Matthew A. Rich*

If we say we have no sin, the truth is not in us.
And yet, we want to be people of truth and love.
So we come to this Sanctuary today seeking a new start;
a new day; an opportunity to join God's work of building and planting.
With confidence that God hears our prayers and loves us unconditionally, let us confess our sins:

**God of Covenantal Grace, you promise to write your law in our hearts,
that we might be faithful people who know you and your will for us.**

Still, we stray from your ways.

We fail to tell the truth.

We mirror the world around us more than the good news of the gospel.

We fail to acknowledge that you are our God.

Forgive us, and by your Spirit renew us.

Engrave your covenant upon us once more.

Grant us courage and faith

that we might begin again to live what it is we say we believe.

Time for Silent Confession

The Prophet Jeremiah wrote of a time when all would know the Eternal intimately—
from the least to the greatest of society.

"I will be merciful when they fail and forgive their wrongs," God says.

"I will never call to mind or mention their sins again."

We hear and believe this good news!

In Jesus, the Christ, we are forgiven!

✠ **Musical Response** | "Glory to God"

Glory to God, glory to God,
glory in the highest!

*¡Gloria a Dios, gloria a Dios,
gloria en los cielos!*

To God be glory forever!
To God be glory forever!

*¡A Dios la gloria por siempre!
¡A Dios la gloria por siempre!*

Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen!

*¡Alleluya, Amén!
¡Alleluya, Amén!*

✠ 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!

Old Testament Reading | Jeremiah 31:27-34 (*The Voice*)

Special Music | *Soliloquy for Handbells*, by Michael Helman

Time for Young Disciples †

Gospel Reading | Luke 18:1-8 (*The Voice*)

The Message | Pastor Carl Anderson

✠ **Hymn of Response** | "Seek Ye First," pg. 8

Offering Our Time, Treasure, and Talents

Offertory | *O Lord, May Church and Home Combine*, arr. Karen Thompson

✠ **Response to Our Offerings** | "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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



Give Online

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

Prayers of the People

Joys & Concerns

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** | “My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout,” pgs. 10-11

✠ **Benedictions**

Postlude | *Prelude in C Minor*, by Felix Mendelssohn




Heritage
Area Agency on Aging



8 a.m. to 3 p.m. | Thursday Nov. 6, 2025

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

To Register, Call: 319-398-5559





1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of



gained, the end of greed. The op - pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our



first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

TEXT: Jane Parker Huber, 1976

MUSIC: *Musica Sacra*, c. 1778

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Seek Ye First

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;
3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

al - le - lu - ia,

and seek, its righ - teous - ness,
but and you shall find;
by ev - ery word

al - le - lu - ia,

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.
knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.
that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.

al - le - lu - ia!

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

The author and composer wrote the first stanza and folk-style tune after attending a Bible study on Matthew 6:33. The later stanzas, based respectively on Matthew 7:7 and Matthew 4:4 emerged anonymously. Such meditative singing of scripture is an important form of sung prayer.

TEXT: Stanza 1, Karen Lafferty, 1971, alt.; stanzas 2-3, anon.; Spanish trans. anon.; Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee

MUSIC: Karen Lafferty, 1971

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Treasurer: Emily Neddermeyer (**2026**); **Assistant Treasurer:** Michelle DeGroot (**2026**)

100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

Canticle of the Turning

Em C D



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -

Em C D Em



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -

G D Em C Em



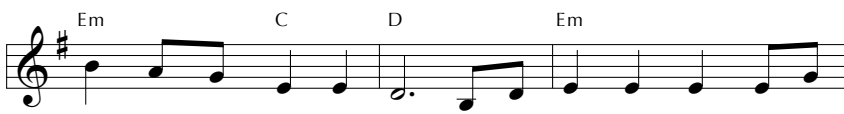
won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.

G D



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the

Em C D Em



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

By employing an energetic Irish folk song for its melody, this ballad-like paraphrase of the *Magnificat*, Mary's song at her meeting with her relative Elizabeth (Luke 1:46-55), recaptures both the wonder and the faith of the young woman who first recognized what God was doing.

TEXT: Rory Cooney, 1990
 MUSIC: Irish melody; arr. Rory Cooney, 1990
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name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

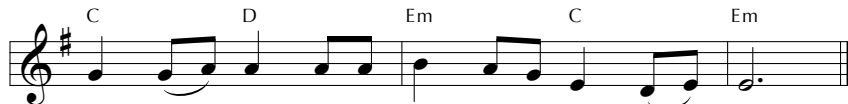
Refrain



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church presents

Grace Will Lead Me Home

A Farewell Organ Concert
by Yu-Hsiang Abby Chen

140 Gathering Place Lane, Iowa City
7 p.m. | Monday Oct. 27, 2025

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Trunk or Treat

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Oct. 26, 4:30-6pm
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Minds Matter.



A Mental Health Resource Fair

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. | November 1, 2025

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Iowa City



**COME HELL
OR HIGH WATER:
STORIES OF HOPE
& PERSEVERANCE**

**1:30 P.M.
NOV. 8, 2025**

A Celebration Concert for the Krapf Organ

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).

Upcoming Events

- **Senior Moments** | Oct. 21
- **Food Market** | Oct. 22
- **Trunk or Treat** | Oct. 26
- **Organ Recital: Abby Chen** | Oct. 27
- **Minds Matter Resource Fair** | Nov. 1
- **Homemade from the Heart Sale** | Nov. 1
- **Beginning of Daylight Savings** | Nov. 2
- **All Saints Sunday** | Nov. 2
- **Farewell Reception for Abby Chen** | Nov. 2
- **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 (*third Wednesday*)
- **Alternative Gift Market** | Nov. 23
- **Hanging of the Greens** | Nov. 23
- **ETC/BASIC Thanksgiving** | Nov. 23
- **Celebration of Life: Mary Mixdorf** | Nov. 30