

Nov. 1, 2026

‘More Than We Imagined’ | Week 3

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Iowa City

Today's Worship Participants

The Rev. Jordan Warntjes, *pastor*
Ted Potter, *worship leader*
Logos Choir | Austen Wilson, *director*
Woodwind Ensemble | Julia Van Den Top, *director, organist & accompanist*
David Meyer, *soloist*
Wendy Lindberg, *time for young disciples*

Flowers on the Chancel

- Today's flowers on the chancel are given by Pam and Phil Karp: "Blessings and Gratitude."
- If you would like to donate flowers for the chancel, sign up at https://tinyurl.com/sapc-flowers or email office@saintandrew-ic.org.

Sunday School & Learning Academy

- **PreK–5th Grade:** Stories, Questions, and Discoveries! Our youngest disciples gather in the Gathering Area after worship for another Sunday of learning, laughter, and discovery.
- **Middle School: Mike Anderson** and **Michael Tilley** continue their Tolkien-themed curriculum, transforming Middle School into Middle Earth. Anyone sixth grade and older is welcome to enter!
- **High School & Adults: Learning Academy.** Mental health is a community concern, and St. Andrew is finding new ways to be part of the conversation. **Nichole Hoffman and Amy Schmidt-Rundell**, organizers of *Minds Matter*, join **Marcia Murphy** of *Mental Health Initiatives* to explore how education, advocacy and community partnerships can help break down stigma, connect people with resources and turn compassion into action. | The Hub

Bulletin Cover

See Page 12.

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.

Finish the Race
Owe Nothing But Love

STEWARDSHIP 2026

New Guest Connection

All Saints Sunday
'More Than We Imagined' | Week 3

9:30 a.m. | Nov. 1, 2026
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church | Iowa City, Iowa

Welcome & Announcements

During today's Prelude, Gathering Hymn, Sharing of Christ's Peace, or Offertory, you are invited to come forward to light a candle.

Prelude | *I Love to Tell the Story*

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

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!
God's steadfast love endures forever!
We gather today in the company of all the saints,
those who ran the race before us, and those who sit beside us now.
Their lives tell the story of God's redeeming grace and faithful mercy!
As Jesus sent the healed man to tell how much God had done,
so the saints throughout the ages passed that story down to us.
Now it is our turn!vWe come with our lives, our songs,
and our stories to worship the God who sets us free!

✠ **Gathering Hymn |** "For All the Saints," vs. 1-4, pg. 7

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

The Lord satisfies the thirsty soul and fills the hungry with good things,
yet we often keep quiet about the goodness we have known.
Merciful God, you have done great things for us, yet we so easily remain silent.
We keep our faith private when you call us to be witnesses.
You set us free from the things that bind us, yet we hesitate to tell others what you have done.
Forgive us when fear, shame, and indifference keep us from speaking out.
Satisfy our hungry hearts once again, Lord, and restore to us the joy of your salvation.
Open our lips, that our mouths may declare your praise and share your story with the world.

Time for Silent Confession

"They cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and God delivered them from their distress."
Know this: in Jesus, the Christ, you are forgiven.
Our chains are broken, and our stories are made new.
Go in peace and joy!
Thanks be to God!

✠ **Musical Response** | "We Are Forgiven" | first time: choir; second time: all

✠ **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 107:1-9

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

Gospel Reading | Mark 5:18-20

For the word of God in Scripture,
For the word of God among us,
For the word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

The Message | "More Stories" | Pastor Jordan Warntjes

✠ **Hymn of Response** | "Gift of Finest Wheat," vs. 1, 2, 5; pg. 8 (*hymnal*, #814)

Offering Our Time, Talents, and Treasure

Offertory | "Four Early American Spirituals: Hallelujah," arr. by William Schmidt

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✞ Because this is a Communion Sunday, there is no Time for Young Disciples. After the Sharing of Christ's Peace & Compassion, parents are invited to lead their children in Kindergarten and younger down to the Lower Level for more age-appropriate programming.

✠ **Response to Our Offering** | "Now Thank We All Our God," vs. 1 (*hymnal*, # 543)

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Celebration of Communion

Distribution of Elements

Please exit your pew toward the center aisle, from the front of the Sanctuary to the back, and after receiving Communion, return to your pew from the opposite end.

Music During Communion | *Zion* by Shawn Kirchner

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to our God.**
Let us give thanks to the God who created us all.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayers of the People | *adapted from various Presbyterian and Lutheran liturgy*

God of all generations, you have called us your saints not by our own perfection,
but by the grace given to us in our baptism.
We give you thanks for the faithful who have shaped our lives and demonstrated your love.
Praise to God, for all our saints.

For faith teachers, mentors, parents, and friends who passed down the story of Jesus,
taught us how to pray, and who directed our steps in the way of love.
Praise to God, for all our saints.

For peacebuilders, martyrs, activists, and quiet servants
who stood up for justice and cared for the marginalized.
Who opened our eyes to the truth, inspired our hearts by their witness,
and strengthened our wills by their devotion.
Praise to God, for all our saints.

For those in our own congregation and families who have finished their earthly race this past year, whom we name in our hearts or aloud before you *(pause for names)*:

Reading of Names

Lord, comfort those who mourn and give us hope in your resurrection.

Give us grace to follow their examples of faith, hope, and love.
We honor them in their death,
and pray that we may be united with them in the glory of Christ's resurrection.
To your name, with the church eternal, we ascribe all honor and glory,
joining together in the prayer you taught us long ago …

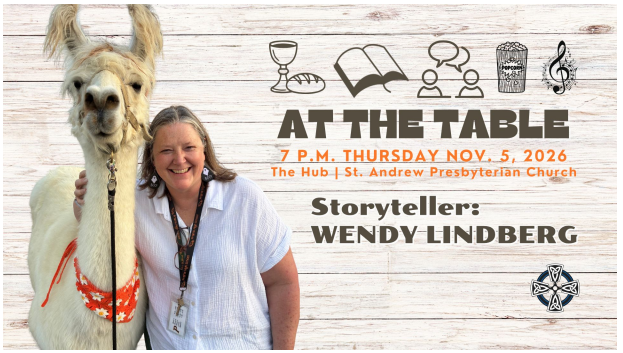
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

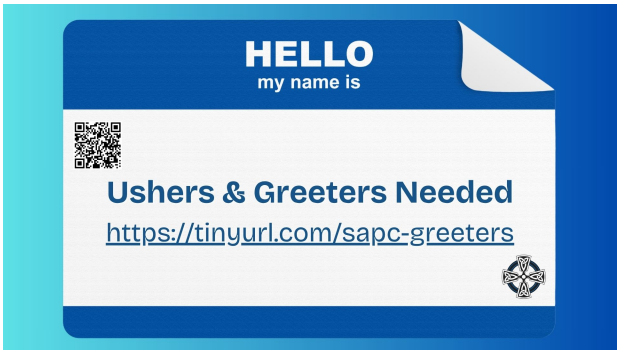
✠ **Sending Hymn |** "For All the Saints," vs. 5-7

✠ **Benediction**
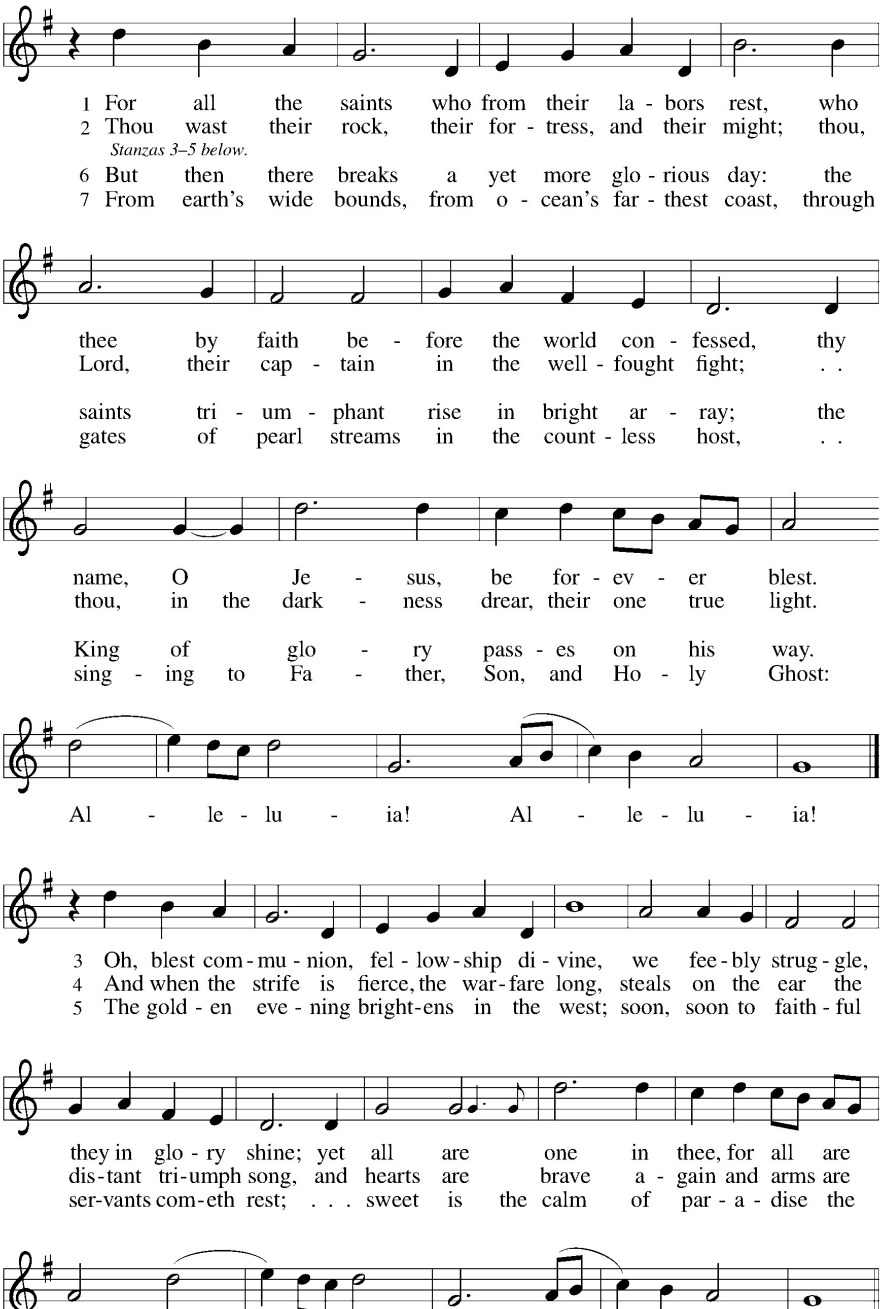
Postlude | *Four Early American Spirituals: 4. Bound for the Promised Land,* arr. by William Schmidt

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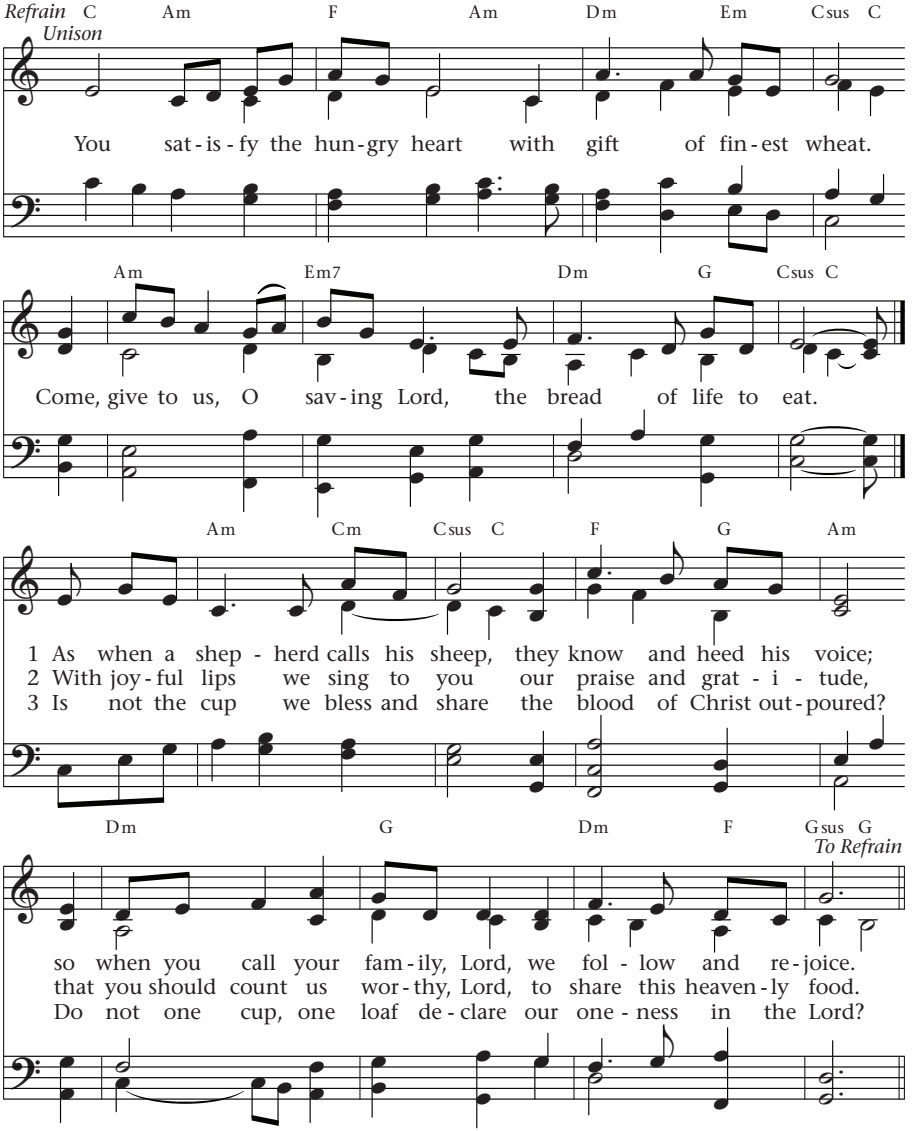




For All the Saints



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Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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815 Gift of Finest Wheat



4 The mystery of your presence, Lord,
no mortal tongue can tell:
whom all the world cannot contain
comes in our hearts to dwell.

5 You give yourself to us, O Lord;
then selfless let us be
to serve each other in your name
in truth and charity.

To use with Psalm 81: sing the Refrain, read Ps. 81:1-4, sing Refrain, read Ps. 81: 5-10, Refrain, Ps. 81:11-16, Refrain.

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More Than We Imagined!

We began 2026 with a deficit budget, questions about pastoral leadership, and a building loan representing a significant financial commitment. Now, thanks to your generosity and careful stewardship, we've been operating in the black. Our pastoral transition is behind us, and we're looking toward making the final payments on our building loan by the end of 2027.



That's more than we might have imagined just a few years ago.

Our current sermon series, **More Than We Imagined**, invites us to consider what God might be calling us to do next. More neighbors to welcome. More stories to share. More grace to experience. More opportunities to serve.

As we prepare the **2027 operating budget**, we're asking every household to consider what they can pledge toward the ministries we share. Every commitment matters, regardless of its size.

Letters and pledge cards will be mailed this week, with additional cards available in the bulletins Nov. 8 and 15. We encourage you to **return your pledge by Nov. 15** to help us begin the next phase of budget planning.

God isn't finished writing St. Andrew's story. And we're approaching the next chapter with gratitude, hope, and a little more room to imagine.

— *St. Andrew's Stewardship Team*

Upcoming Events

- **Free Lunch** | Wednesday
- **At the Table** | Thursday
- **Stronghold Fall Retreat** | Friday-Sunday
- **Minds Matter, Craft & Bake Sale** | Saturday
- **Iowa City Flute Choir Concert** | Nov. 15
- **Senior Moments** | Nov. 17
- **Food Market** | Nov. 18
- **Alternative Gift Market** | Nov. 22
- **Hanging of the Greens** | 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, & 10 p.m.) | Dec. 24
- **Food Market** | Dec. 30
- **Free Lunch** | Jan. 6, 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, 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
2029: Jean Barth, LuAnn Robinson, Jamie Tanas, Mettie Thomopulos, and David Weitzel

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).

On the Cover



Inspired by Samuel Wells' observation, "We are not called to be heroes. We are called to be Saints," contemporary iconographer **Kelly Latimore** reminds us how holiness isn't reserved for extraordinary people. It takes shape in ordinary lives, often in surprising ways.

As we observe All Saints Sunday during our *More Than We Imagined* stewardship series, these faces remind us how much richer the communion of saints is than any one congregation, tradition, or generation could imagine.

Who's who? Reading each row from left to right:

- **Row 1:** Fannie Lou Hamer, Francis of Assisi, James Cone, Joseph and the infant Jesus, Fyodor Dostoevsky, Maya Angelou.
- **Row 2:** Desmond Tutu, Pauli Murray, Henri Nouwen, Mother of God: Our Lady of the Oppressed, Mary Oliver, Frederick Douglass.
- **Row 3:** Bayard Rustin, Our Lady: Protectress of the Most Vulnerable, Mary Magdalene, Nicholas Black Elk, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Madonna and Child (the Madonna Scroll).
- **Row 4:** Thérèse of Lisieux, Dorothy Day, James Baldwin, Thomas Merton, Fred Rogers, Ruth and Naomi.
- **Row 5:** J.R.R. Tolkien, Pope Francis, Marsha P. Johnson, Clare of Assisi, Martin Luther King Jr., Hildegard of Bingen.
- **Row 6:** Mark, Mahalia Jackson, Gustavo Gutiérrez, John Lewis, Dolly Parton, Dulce of the Poor.

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