

Nov. 15, 2026

‘More Than We Imagined’ | Week 5

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Iowa City

Today's Worship Participants

The Rev. Jordan Warntjes, *pastor*
Becky Benson, *worship leader*
Middle School Bells | Pat Penn, director
Agape Ringers, Children's Choir, and Logos Choir | Austen Wilson, *director*
Julia Van Den Top, *organist & accompanist*
Wendy Lindberg, *time for young disciples*

Flowers on the Chancel

- Today's flowers on the Chancel are given by Skip and Pat Wells: "Thanksgiving Blessings!"
- 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:** 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 | *St. Andrew Around the World Learning Academy* | From Guatemala to Liberia, Lebanon to Pakistan, St. Andrew's mission connections reach farther than you might imagine! Behind each ministry are real people, remarkable stories, and communities making a difference in their corners of the world. Join the Mission, Outreach, and Service Team for a trip around the globe—without leaving The Hub! Discover how our congregation's generosity supports education, health care, Bible translation, and more, connecting us with neighbors we may never meet but whose stories are worth knowing.

On the Cover

See Page 10.

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 2027
More Than We Imagined!

New Guest Connection

‘More Than We Imagined’ | Week 5

9:30 a.m. | Nov. 15, 2026
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church | Iowa City, Iowa

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude | *More Than Enough*, by Lynn Shaw Bailey and Becki Slagle Mayo

✠ **Call to Gather** | *adapted from Ephesians 3:20-21*

We gather in a place built with hope, shaped by faith, and filled with stories still unfolding.
God has done more than we imagined!
More neighbors to welcome, more stories to share, more grace to discover.
And God is not finished with us yet!
With hearts open to possibilities beyond our plans,
let us worship God!

✠ **Gathering Hymn |** “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending,” pg. 6 (*hymnal, #876)*

✠ **Call to Confession & Promise of Ever Present Grace** | *adapted from a liturgy by Teri McDowell Ott*

God offers abundance, yet we fear there won't be enough.
Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our shortsightedness.

Abundant God, you invite us into a story larger than ourselves,
yet we cling to what we know.
We count our resources instead of imagining possibilities.
We protect our comfort instead of welcoming our neighbors.
Forgive our fear. Renew our trust.
Open our hearts to the story you are still writing.

Time for Silent Confession

God's grace is greater than our fears, greater than our failures, and greater than our imaginations.
In Christ, we are forgiven and invited to begin anew.
God's story continues, and there is room for everyone.
Thanks be to God!

Musical Response | “We Are Forgiven” | *first time: soloist; 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!**

Special Music | *Shalom*, arr. by Matha Lynn Thompson

Old Testament Reading | 1 Chronicles 29:10-14

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

Time for Young Disciples ✞

Gospel Reading | Luke 21:1-15

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 Than We Imagined" | Pastor Jordan Warntjes

✠ **Hymn of Response** | "God, Your Blessings Overflow," pg. 7 | *to the tune of "For the Beauty of the Earth"*

Offering Our Time, Talents, and Treasure

Offertory | *When Morning Gilds the Skies*, arr. by Sandra Eithun

✠ **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.

✞ 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.

Prayers of the People | Joys & Concerns

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 |** "Today We Are Called to Be Disciples," pg. 8

Postlude | *Harvest Home (Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*), arr. by Paul Frederick

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

A Goat, a Garden, or a Good Night's Sleep?



Alternative Gift Market | After Worship | Nov. 22, 2026

A goat for Christmas? Why not? Or perhaps a sewing machine, a community garden, or a fishing kit?

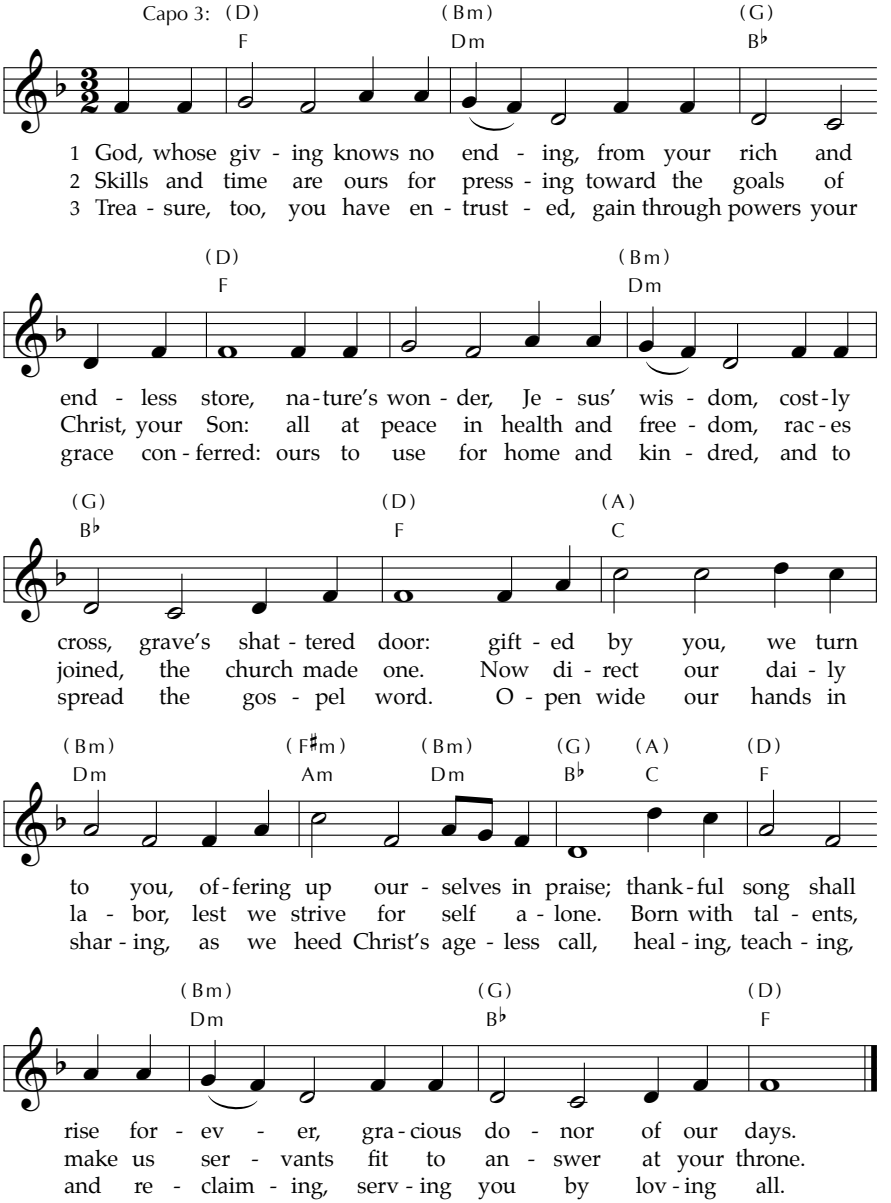
Those are just a few of the possibilities in the **Presbyterian Giving Catalog**, where the gifts aren't necessarily for the people whose names are on the cards.

And that's the idea behind St. Andrew's annual **Alternative Gift Marke**t, returning next Sunday as our unofficial kickoff to Advent.

This year's shopping list stretches from the other side of the world to our own backyard. Support education in Pakistan, clean water in Haiti, or St. Andrew's longtime partners in Guatemala. Closer to home, help furnish a family's new home through Houses into Homes, provide fresh food through our Food Market, or support friendships through Compeer Johnson County.

There are dozens of possibilities, at just about every price point. You can honor someone on your Christmas list while giving someone else a little more hope, dignity, or opportunity. Come browse, discover a ministry you didn't know about, and maybe rethink what makes a gift worth giving.

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

TEXT: Robert L. Edwards, 1961, alt.
MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp,* 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1958
Text © 1961, ren. 1989 The Hymn Society (admin. Hope Publishing Company)
Music Harm. © 1958, ren. 1986 Broadman Press (admin. Music Services)

BEACH SPRING
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God, Your Blessings Overflow

DIX 7.7.7.7.7.7 (“For the Beauty of the Earth”)

1 God, your blessings overflow! What can we begin to say?
How can we begin to show, All our gratitude this day?
God, we join to worship you, Giving thanks for all you do.

2 Thank you for the life you give, For each friend and family,
For the land in which we live, For your love that sets us free.
Thank you, God, for daily bread, And for feasts of joy you spread.

3 Yet at tables where we share, Sometimes there is also pain.
There may be an empty chair: When will we feel whole again?
When our days of grief are long, Thank you that your love is strong.

4 So we join in thanks this day, So your gifts we freely share,
So we follow Christ the Way, Loving, serving everywhere.
Spirit, may our lives express, All our daily thankfulness.

Tune: Conrad Kocher, 1838, in chorale Treuer Heiland
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St. Andrew Food Market

Nov. 18 *(before Thanskgiving)*

Dec. 30 *(after Christmas)*

757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples



TEXT: H. Kenn Carmichael, 1985 KINGSFOLD
MUSIC: *English County Songs,* 1893; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906 CMD
Text © 1989 H. Kenn Carmichael

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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

On the Cover



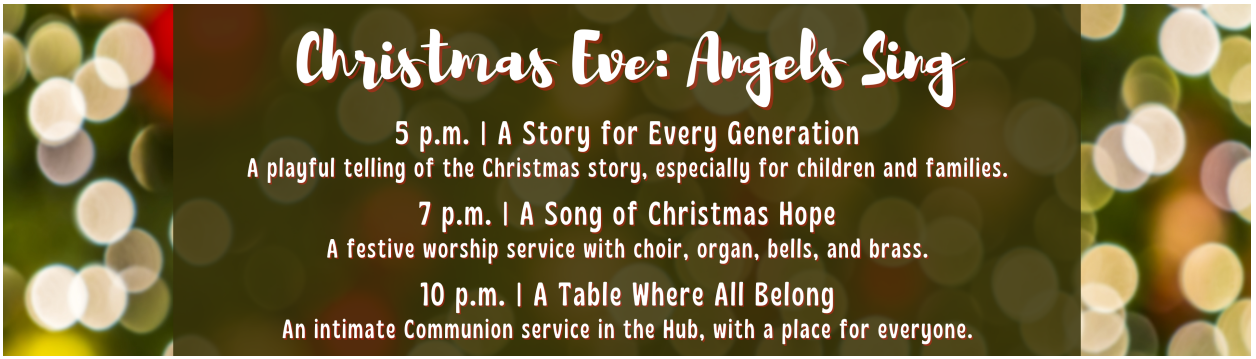
Throughout the More Than We Imagined sermon series, our bulletin covers have featured icons by artist Kelly Latimore — images created not simply to illustrate scripture, but to invite what Latimore calls a “holy pondering”: a new way of seeing Christ, our neighbors, and the world around us.

This week’s image, Christ: Consider the Lilies, has a special place in that body of work. Latimore describes it as his first attempt at modern-day iconography, created while he was part of a Christian community called the Common Friars. Together they worshiped, shared meals, grew food for neighbors and local food pantries, and kept asking a question drawn from Jesus’ words: How do we become people who “consider the lilies of the field”?

Latimore remembers the early icon affectionately: the lines were shaky, and Jesus almost appears surprised to find the lilies in his hands. But the community embraced it because it grew out of their shared life, prayer, and work. For Latimore, it became a lesson in how art can hold a community’s attention long enough for us to notice what is already present.

That makes it a fitting image for the final week of More Than We Imagined. Gratitude begins with attention … with seeing again what we have received, recognizing the gifts already in our hands, and discovering Christ present closer than we imagined.

Kelly Latimore, Christ: Consider the Lilies. www.kellylatimoreicons.com



Upcoming Events

- **Iowa City Flute Choir Concert** | Today
- **Senior Moments** | Today
- **Food Market** | Wednesday
- **Alternative Gift Market** | Next Sunday
- **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
- **Longest Night Service** | Dec. 21
- **Christmas Eve** (5, 7, & 10 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
- **Gifts of the Heart Packing** | Jan. 17
- **Orchestra Iowa** | Jan. 17
- **Senior Moments** | Jan. 19
- **Food Market** | Jan. 27
- **Women's Retreat** | Date TBD
- **Free Lunch** | Feb. 3
- **At the Table** | Feb. 4
- **Chili Cookoff** | Feb. 7
- **Ash Wednesday** | Feb. 10
- **Senior Moments** | Feb. 16
- **Sound of Friendship** | Feb. 20
- **Pie for a Pint: Blood Drive** | Feb. 21
- **Food Market** | Feb. 24
- **Men's Retreat** | Feb. 27
- **Wartburg Choir & Orchestra** | Feb. 27
- **BASIC Pancake Breakfast** | Feb. 28
- **Free Lunch** | March 3
- **At the Table & Lenten Potluck** | March 4
- **Bowling @ Bowldogs** | March 7

SAINT ANDREW Presbyterian Church | Stewardship Pledge 2027

www.saintandrew-ic.org | *tinyurl.com/pledge-2027-sapc* | *319-338-7523*

More Than We Imagined!

This is my/our pledge to the annual budget at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in 2027: $_____.

Trusting in God's Abundance, I/we plan to give: □ Weekly □ Monthly □Quarterly □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 *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.
- 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.
- 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.
- There are wheelchairs available for use as needed in the lower level entrance foyer and by the coat racks near the upper level entrance.
- Permission to livestream the music in this service is from CCLI (#617801) and One License (A-711114).

Electronic Funds Transfer Authorization Form

More Than We Imagined!

□ **Please use my existing EFT account information for my 2027 commitment.**
□ **I would like to use EFT for my giving. Please use my account information below.**
□ **I will be giving online through the church website: tinyurl.com/pledge-2027-sapc.**

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: _____

Payment Period (select one)

□ 1st of each month
□ 16th of each month
□ 1st and 16th of each month
□ Quarterly

(please include a voided check)

Signature: _____ **Beginning Date for Withdrawals:** _____