



Reign of Christ Sunday

9:30 a.m. | November 23, 2025

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Iowa City

Today's Worship Participants

The Rev. Dr. Carl Anderson, *transitional pastor*
Patti Benson, *worship leader*
Logos Choir | Austen Wilson, *director*
Middle School Handbells & Friends
Pat Penn and Laura Kastens | *pianists*



After Worship Today

- **PreK-5th Grade:** *Children's Gathering Area*
- **Middle School:** *Middle School Classroom (#17)*
- **Alternative Gift Market** | The MPR
- **Hanging of the Greens** | The Sanctuary



Bulletin Cover

- **"Christ and Robber" (1893)**, by Russian painter Nikolaï Ge (1831-189), from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, Tennessee. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=59662>. Original source: Wiki Commons.



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Thought for Reflection:

"What virtue illuminated thee, O thief?
Who taught thee to love contempt,
and that, when thou wast affixed to the cross?
O light undying, lighting the darkness!"
– St. Cyril of Alexandria

Welcome + Announcements

Prelude | *Grand March*, by Michael Helman

✠ **Call to Gather** | adapted from Luke 1:78-79

Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of our God who is full of compassionate mercy.
A new day is dawning.
The Sunrise from the heavens will break through in our darkness.
And those who huddle in the night will be able to rise and walk in the light.
Let us go together, guided in the pathway of peace.

✠ **Gathering Hymn** | "All Together in God's Presence," pg. 6

✠ **Prayer of Confession and Promise of Ever-Present Grace** | *adapted from a liturgy by Jimmy Hoke*

As humans, we are all prone to error:
when we are entrusted with power, we make mistakes.
Let us confess together as a way of holding ourselves
accountable to God and each other.

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.

O God of Justice and Mercy,
you call us to be shepherds who gather
and protect those more vulnerable than ourselves.
We speak of your justice, but our actions continue
to leave others scattered on the edges of society.
In the name of our own safety, we shield ourselves from others,
push them away with closed doors, hostile looks, and insensitive questions.
Even as we protest the actions of the rich and powerful,
we have still absorbed their desire for king-like power.
We remain tempted by the dream of the Good Life,
where goodness for some only comes at the expense of many.
Raise us up, O God, from our willful ignorance;
bring us back into the fold;
help us shepherd in the genuine change that reflects your just promises.

Time for Silent Confession

God promised to deal wisely with a scattered people
who made compromised choices while living under an empire's occupation.
God promised to save them by bringing justice and righteousness to the land.
Hear the good news:
Jesus's death and resurrection confirm God's faithful promises extend to us.
God forgives and calls us to keep striving to do justice.

✠ **Musical Response** | "Glory Be to the Father"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, 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!

Offering Our Time, Treasure, and Talents



Give Online

Offertory | *We Praise You O God*, arr. by Carolyn Jennings

✠ **Response to Our Offerings** | “Now Thank We All Our God”

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

Old Testament Reading | Jeremiah 23:1-6 (*The Voice*)

Time for Young Disciples †

Gospel Reading | Luke 23:33-43 (*The Voice*)

The Message | Pastor Carl Anderson

✠ **Hymn of Reflection** | “Beneath the Cross of Jesus,” pg. 7

Prayers of the People | 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** | “Come, Great God of the Ages”

✠ **Benediction**

Postlude | *We Gather Together*, arr. by Pam Turner

† As the piano plays, children are invited forward for Time for Young Disciples. Afterward, they may return to their parents, or—if Kindergarten and younger—head to the Lower Level Children's Area for children's programming.

All Together in God's Presence

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♩ = 96

Unison

1 All to - geth - er in God's pres - ence we are gath - ered here to - day.
 2 Those who prom - ise faith - ful liv - ing and their mu - tual love pro - claim
 3 We em - brace this sa - cred jour - ney though the path may be un - clear.
 4 Let us walk the way to - geth - er wrapped in bless - ings from a - bove,

Now up - on his ho - ly u - nion for God's bless - ing let us pray.
 show the love of God, who made us and who loves us all the same.
 We in - tend to share the fu - ture know - ing well that God is here.
 wit - ness - ing that God's com - mand - ment tru - ly is the law of love.

Refrain

Thank you, God for all you give us, all that's faith - ful, good, and true.

Life and love are your cre - a - tion. We are here be - cause of you.

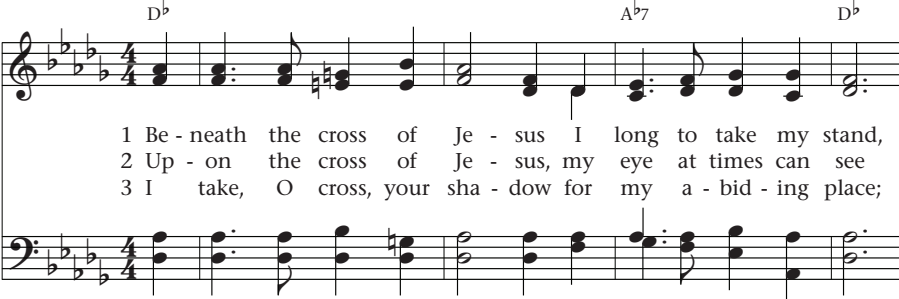
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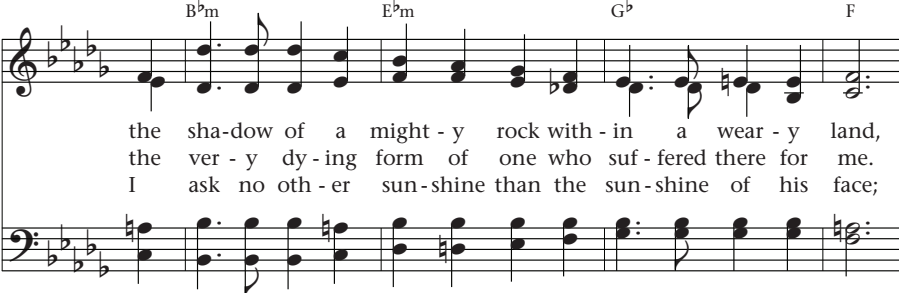
Beneath the Cross of Jesus

D^b *A^{b7}* *D^b*



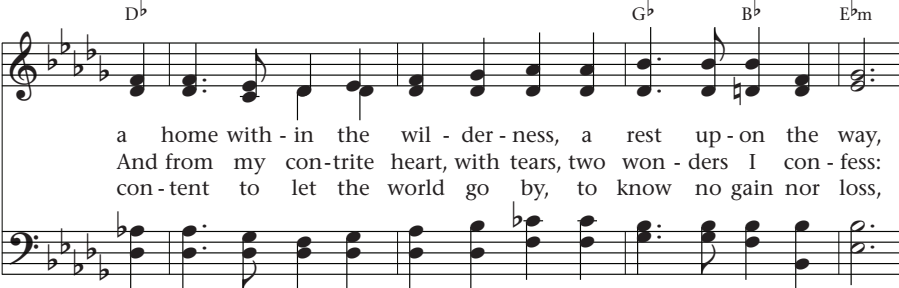
1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand,
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your sha - dow for my a - bid - ing place;

B^bm *E^bm* *G^b* *F*



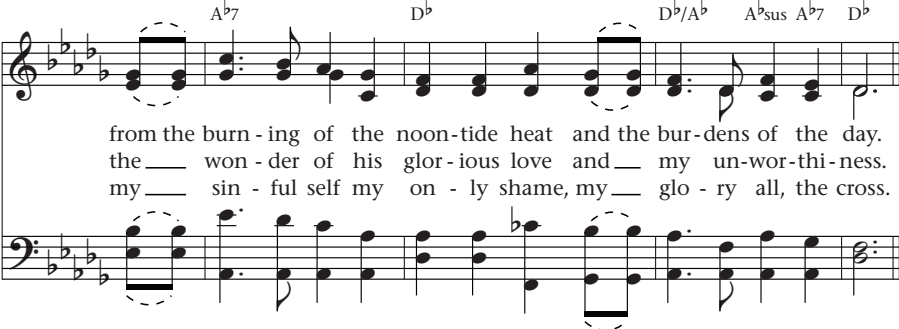
the sha-dow of a might - y rock with - in a wear - y land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

D^b *G^b* *B^b* *E^bm*



a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

A^{b7} *D^b* *D^b/A^b* *A^bsus* *A^{b7}* *D^b*



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and the bur - dens of the day.
the ___ won - der of his glor - ious love and ___ my un - wor - thi - ness.
my ___ sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my ___ glo - ry all, the cross.

Words: Elizabeth C. Clephane (1830-1869), P.D.

Music (ST. CHRISTOPHER 7.6.8.6.8.6.8.6): Frederick C. Maker (1844-1927), P.D.

309 Come, Great God of All the Ages

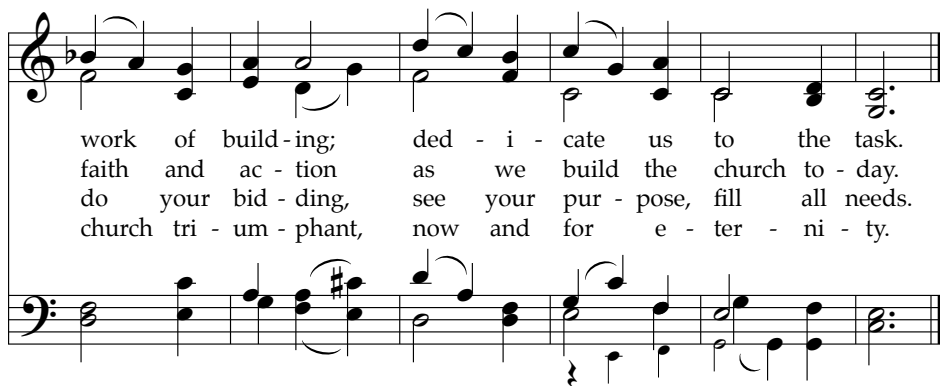
1 Come, great God of all the a - ges; make your earth - ly
 2 Come, Christ Je - sus, flesh and spir - it, sure foun - da - tion,
 3 Come, great Spir - it, in and with us, tune our ears to
 4 Come, O come, in cel - e - bra - tion, house - hold of the

mis - sion known; speak through ev - ery deed and per - son;
 cor - ner - stone; help us form the church e - ter - nal;
 hear your call; through the mov - ing of your pres - ence,
 one true God; in com - mit - ment and re - joic - ing

let your way and will be shown. Guide the church to true com -
 may your vi - sion be our own. Send a mes - sage to each
 let re - deem - ing love re - call min - is - try in ded - i -
 let us go where Christ has trod; as we act in faith and

mit - ment; give di - rec - tion now, we ask; fit us for the
 fol - lower; lead all peo - ple to your way; urge us to strong
 ca - tion, love em - bod - ied in our deeds; chal - lenge us to
 rev - erence, let us, Lord, the fu - ture see; place us in the

This text was written in 1987 for the capital cornerstone campaign of the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC. It is set here to a mid-20th-century tune created in wartime England to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.



Upcoming Events

- **Alternative Gift Market** | Today
- **Hanging of the Greens** | Today
- **ETC/BASIC Thanksgiving** | Tonight
- **Celebration of Life: Mary Mixdorf** | Nov. 30
- **Hills Bank's Lights of Remembrance** | Dec. 1
- **At the Table** | Dec. 4
- **Sober Living Gala** | Dec. 6
- **Lessons and Carols** | Dec. 7
- **The Great Christmas Ring (offsite)** | Dec. 13
- **Children's Christmas Pageant** | Dec. 14
- **Orchestra Iowa Brass Concert** | Dec. 14
- **Food Market** | Dec. 17
- **Celebration of Life: Pat Dustin Wood** | Dec. 19
- **Cocoa and Carols** | Dec. 21
- **Christmas Eve** | 5, 7, & 11 p.m., Dec. 24
- **Bingo & Games** | Jan. 2, 2026
- **At the Table** | Jan. 8
- **Sunday School Resumes** | Jan. 11
- **Next Steps** | Jan. 18
- **Food Market** | Jan. 28
- **Women's Retreat** | Jan. 31
- **At the Table** | Feb. 5
- **Congregational Meeting** | Feb. 8
- **Chili Cookoff & Souper Bowl Lunch** | Feb. 8
- **Ash Wednesday** | Feb. 18
- **Presbytery Leadership Meeting** | Feb. 24
- **Food Market** | Feb. 25
- **At the Table** | March 5
- **Night of 1,000 Dinners** | March 6
- **Men's Retreat** | March 7

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2026: Chloe Goers, Aaron Gibson, Mary Hausler, Virginia Ibrahim-Olin, Josh Schilling, and Gregs Thomopulos

2027: Becky Benson, Scott Fisher, Austin Kannegieter, Emily Neddermeyer, and Munir Tanas

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

Deacons

2026: Jim Halverson, Scott Hoffman, Emmitt Schmidt-Rundell, Jamie Tanas, Mettie Thomopulos and David Weitzel

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

Personnel Team (at large)

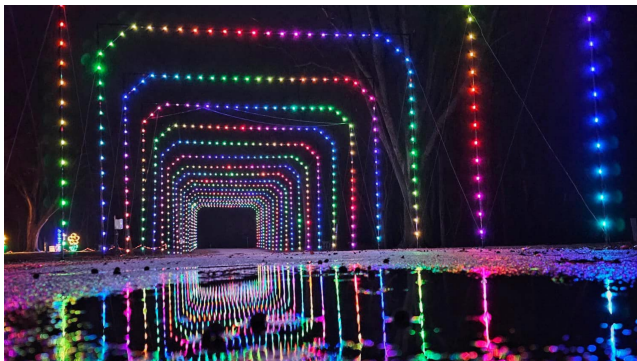
2026: Twila Finkelstein | **2027:** Kent Short | **2028:** Ernie Found and Mindy Egeland

Nominating Team (at large)

2026: Kyle Bernard, Hillary Chappo, Paul Heidger, and Toni Van Voorhis

Finance Team (elected by Session)

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



Meetup (& Volunteer) @ the Holiday Lights

Friday December 5 | 4:30–9:30 p.m.
The Lake at the Reservoir (4053 West Overlook Rd NE)

Join us for a festive evening of service at the Holiday Lights display! Volunteers will help with traffic flow, ticket scanning, brochure distribution, and other outdoor duties that keep the event running smoothly.

Participants must be 16 or older, though students may volunteer with parental permission *and* an adult chaperone.

Please dress warmly and wear reflective clothing—this is an entirely outdoor event. For questions, contact **Paula McCue** or **Helen Bryce**.



The Great Christmas Ring

Saturday December 13 | Coral Ridge Mall Food Court
1451 Coral Ridge Ave, Coralville

St. Andrew's handbell ringers—along with musicians from across Eastern Iowa—will join **The Great Christmas Ring** at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 13, in the Coral Ridge Mall food court. The Great Christmas Ring is a worldwide event where handbell and handchime choirs perform festive carols in public spaces each December—think Tuba Christmas, but for handbells!

All are invited to take part—either by ringing (contact **Laura Kastens** for details) or by enjoying the joyful sound of the season.



Mitten & Angel Trees

This Advent, St. Andrew will once again be transformed by trees that do more than decorate—they bear witness. But the most important trees this year are the ones that grow from generosity.

On the Lower Level, the **Mitten Tree** will stand ready for its annual bloom—not of needles, but of kindness. We invite you to decorate its branches with mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, and other winter wear that will wrap neighbors in warmth when the cold settles in.

And on the mission counters in the Atrium, a small **Angel Tree** will offer simple envelopes from The Salvation Army, each one carrying the name or story of a child in need. Choose an envelope, bless a child, and help kindle light in this season of giving.

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).



Jesus, the Light of the World,
brings hope.

Together, we can bring hope to others
by receiving the Christmas Joy Offering.



CHRISTMAS JOY
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

NOVEMBER 30 – DECEMBER 21