

The mission of St. Andrews is to proclaim and live the good news of Jesus Christ, for the rescue and transformation of God's People, so that the city of Columbus might glorify and enjoy God, in all of life.

Worshiping God Together

March 17, 2024
Communion Sunday

— Gathering in God's Presence —

Prelude

(Please take a moment and quietly prepare your heart for worship.)

Call to Worship: From Psalm 95

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

**Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

— Offering God Our Praises —

Songs of Ascent

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight;
Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;
Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high Tower:
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High king of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of All.

Down At the Cross

Down at the cross where my Savior died,
Down where for cleansing from sin I cried,
There to my heart was the blood applied;
Singing Glory, Glory, Glory to His Name!

I am so wondrously saved from sin,
Jesus so sweetly abides within;
There at the cross where He took me in;
Singing Glory, Glory, Glory to His Name!

Chorus:

*There to my heart was the blood applied;
Singing Glory, Glory, Glory to His Name!
There to my heart was the blood applied;
Singing Glory, Glory, Glory to His Name!*

Come to this fountain so rich and sweet,
Cast thy poor soul at the Savior's feet;
Plunge in today, and be made complete;
Singing Glory, Glory, Glory to His Name!
(Chorus)

Greeting

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Prayer of Invocation

O Lord, you who are both perfectly holy and completely gracious, draw near to us, bless us, and fill us with your presence and joy. We gather here to worship Jesus, the One whose name is above every name. Hear our songs of praise, our prayers and our confession of faith in you, the one true and living God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Assure us of your pardoning grace. Remind us of the gospel, through your word, this morning. It is in the name of Jesus that we make all our prayers. Amen.

Song of Praise

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King—
He the theme of heaven's praises robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come;
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man—
In His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man:
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold,
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope—
Christ in power resurrected as we will be when he comes!

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Corporate Prayers of Confession: Adapted from Jeremiah 2:13

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

Father, hear us now as we offer to you our silent, individual prayers of confession.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardoning Grace: Taken from Isaiah 62:2-5

The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your sons marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Offering and Special Music

(At this time, the school aged K4 and Kindergarten children are invited to meet their leaders at the back of the sanctuary for Children's Church. If it is your child's first time, please accompany him/her to class)

— Hearing and Responding to God's Word —

Scripture Reading: Romans 2:12-16 (page 884 in the pew Bible)

Sermon — Wes Simmons, Senior Pastor

Notes:

—— Communing at the Lord's Table ——

Confessing what we believe, using The Apostle's Creed:

I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.¹

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,²
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

¹*Died a true death.*

²*The Church Universal.*

Song of Preparation

Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all."

Chorus:

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;

Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

For nothing good have I whereby Thy grace to claim;
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

(Chorus)

Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow'r, and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone.

(Chorus)

The Great Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God! **It is good and right to do so!**

It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise & magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and *singing*:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Invitation to the Table

1 Corinthians 5:7-8: “For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival.”

The Table of the Lord Jesus Christ is offered freely to all who have placed their faith in Jesus alone for salvation, as He is offered to us in the gospel. It is for those who are members of a church body, have been baptized, and those who are walking with Jesus in repentance and faith. To all of those who are Christians, but who might be struggling in your faith, you are invited and welcomed to come, that you might be further spiritually strengthened.

Scripture warns against taking the Lord's Supper if you are not trusting in Jesus alone for salvation, or if you are harboring unrepentant sin or unforgiveness in your heart. To do so would be both dangerous and inauthentic. Instead, we would invite you to refrain from taking this meal, and instead consider Christ – and all His benefits to you, as He is offered to you, by faith - and we would encourage you to move towards repentance and faith in Jesus.

Words of Institution

1 Corinthians 11:23-26:

“The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We break bread in the name of Father, Son and Holy Spirit! And we declare the great mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Taking the Sacrament of Communion Together

(After coming forward and receiving your elements please hold them, so we can all take them together.)

Closing Prayer

—— Being Sent Out into God's World ——

Song of Celebration

Jesus Paid It All

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,
“Jesus died, my soul to save!” my lips shall still repeat.

Chorus:

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;

Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

Benediction: Adapted from Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you;
the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you his
peace. Both now, this week, and forevermore.

Amen. Thanks be to God!

Go in His Peace!

— Announcements —

Bible and Life

Bible and Life class meet at 9:30am on Sundays before worship.

Children's Ministry

VBS

VBS this year will be **June 3-7**. Mark your calendars!

Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately following worship on **April 14**. The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers, receive a Youth Search Committee update, and get a financial update—with time for questions from the Deacons.

Youth

Fundraiser

Need a babysitter for a night out? The Youth Group will be raising funds for their Summer Trip by hosting a night of babysitting (along with the Youth Volunteers) at the Moseley House on **Mar 29 from 6-9:00pm** while parents go on a date or spend a quiet night at home. All proceeds will go toward RENEW 2024!

Men's Ministry

Men's Bible Study

Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study will resume *this Tuesday*, **Mar 19** from 8:00-9:00am.

Men's Breakfast

Join us for breakfast on **Mar 21** at 7:00am at the Moseley House.

Women's Ministry

Bible Study

Join us Tuesday mornings at 9:30 beginning *this Tuesday*, **Mar 19**! We will be studying the book Contentment by Melissa Kruger.

Early Morning Bible Study

The Early Morning Thursday study is doing The Wisdom of God by Nancy Guthrie. This study meets Thursday mornings at 6:00am at the Moseley House.

— Easter Announcements —

Bible & Life

There will be no Bible & Life classes on Easter Sunday.

Easter Egg Hunt—Donations

Candy and small trinket donations are needed! Candy should be individually wrapped and be able to fit into a plastic Easter Egg. Please drop items in the Easter Egg collection basket in the Narthex.

Come help Marie stuff the Easter eggs on Tuesday, **Mar 26**, from 1:00-3:00pm at St. Andrews! Email children@standrewscolumbus.org for more information!

Palm Sunday

All children PreK-6th Grade are invited to participate in a Palm Sunday Processional on Sunday **Mar 24**. No sign-up necessary. Children should meet Mrs. Marie out in front of the church at 10:25 AM on Sunday, **Mar 24** to participate. After the processional ends, children will return to sit with their family for the remainder of the worship service. If you have any questions contact Marie at children@standrewscolumbus.org

Good Friday

Please join us for a Good Friday service of scripture meditation and prayer on **Mar 29** at 5:00pm at St. Andrews. *(Note: this is a time change from prior years)*
Nursery will be available for children 0-2

Easter Lunch

Stay tuned for more information about a potluck lunch following worship on Easter Sunday. Sign up on the app to bring a side dish!

The Easter Egg hunt for children will be directly after lunch.
Please BYOB (basket)!

Youth Ministry

Youth Group meets weekly at the Moseley House Sundays beginning at 5:30 and is open to all students 7th grade to 12th grade. *Please contact the office with questions!*

Mar 17—Youth Group @ Zach and Chelsey Smith's house

Mar 24—Youth Group @ the Moseley house

Children's Church Volunteers

Mar 17—Amy Rhodes, Julie Eggleston, Oliva Rhodes, Julianne Foster

Mar 24—Bridgette Blake, Amelia Estes, Josie Blake, Kayla Dodds

Mar 31—Emma Baum, Corrine Sheets, Leah Rodeheaver,
Abigail Rodeheaver, Rebekah Rodeheaver

Church Family Needs & Weekly Prayers

Expectant Mothers— Kathleen Whitley

Foster Care Families— Matt & Katherine Maxey; Daniel & Jenny Hord

St. Andrews Missionaries— Truth Spring Academy

St. Andrews Ministries— **Youth Ministry Team**

Please pray for service members and families from our church family who are deployed or moving to new duty stations in the coming days and weeks.

Please pray for those in our church family who are currently facing illnesses or other hardships:

*Susan Clickner — Addie Jackson — Charles Kendrick-Holmes —
Louann Buck — Noah Fahling*

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request or would appreciate a meal, and are not in a small group, please email sapc.womensministry@gmail.com

Missionaries and Ministries Supported by St. Andrews

A Jesus Mission (Doni & Albina Mehmeti)

Clement Arts (Carmen Overton)

International Friendship Ministries (Ron Collins)

Marannook (Taylor Teel)

MercyMed of Columbus (Billy Holbrook)

Mission to North America (MNA) Chaplain Ministries (Michael Stewart)

Mission to the World (MTW)

Andrew & Krista May (Peru), Pete & Ruth Mitchell (France)

David & Erin Pervis (Greece), Frank Harrell (Japan)

18.26 Network—Anna McLendon (Japan)

Pioneers

Nazmi & Albana Berisha, Caleb & Leah Carr, Tom & Iris Lowder

Reformed Evangelical Fellowship — Gary & Tammy Elliott (Bulgaria)

Reformed University Fellowship (RUF)

University of Georgia (Ben Coppedge)

Auburn University (Tanner Crum)

Auburn University RUF International (Mike Alsup)

Mercer University (Marlin Harris)

Columbus State University (Tim Grider)

Valdosta State University (John Gordy)

Kent State University (Cordelia Phillips)

Appalachian State University (Sophia Barkhouse)

Georgia Southern University (Nathanael Miller)

Seneca Pregnancy Clinic (Amber Snipes)

Sound Choices Pregnancy Clinic (Melissa Howard)

Teen Challenge Columbus Women's Home (Amanda Taylor)

Truth Spring Academy (Carrie Strickland)

Valley Rescue Mission (Vann Ellison)

Young Life Greater Columbus, GA (Lauren Johnson)

St. Andrews Staff and Leadership

Senior Pastor—Wes Simmons

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And by appointment

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Elders of St. Andrews

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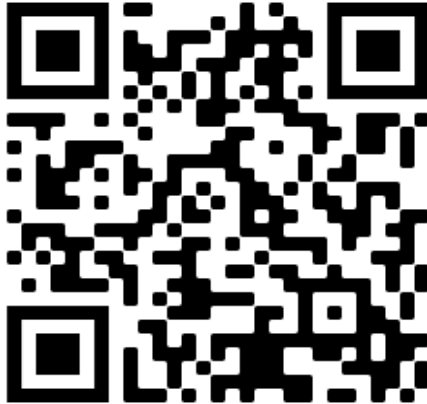
Gil Townes

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WELCOME VISITORS

Please scan the QR code below to fill out our connect card!

Or, you can fill out the paper form below and add it to the offering plate.



Elders will be in the back of the church to answer questions after the worship service.

We are glad and honored that you are here with us today!

We would like to send you a welcome email or letter. Don't worry, we will not add you to our email list without your permission.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Feel free to list anyone that came with you, ages or grades included.

We would enjoy the opportunity to pray with you and for you.

If you would like, please share any requests or needs you may have.

Thanks for visiting with us today.

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