

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

January 21, 2024
Communion Sunday

— Gathering in God's Presence —

Prelude

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

Call to Worship: taken 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!

**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

We Will Feast In the House Of Zion

(Chorus)

*We will feast in the house of Zion. We will sing with our hearts restored.
“He has done great things,” we will say together, We will feast and weep no more.*

*We will not be burned by the fire, He is the LORD our God.
We are not consumed, by the flood—Upheld, protected, gathered up.*

(Chorus)

*In the dark of night, before the dawn, My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long? Oh God of Jacob, be my strength.*

(Chorus)

*Every vow we've broken and betrayed—You are the Faithful One.
And from the garden to the grave Bind us together, bring shalom.*

(Chorus)

Sing To Jesus

Come and see, look on this mystery:
Lord of the universe, nailed to a tree.
Christ our God spilling His holy blood,
Bowing in anguish His sacred head.

Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame,
Lord of our sinful hearts, He is our great Redeemer!
Sing to Jesus, honor His name,
Sing of His faithfulness, pouring His life out unto death.

Come you weary and He will give you rest.
Come you who mourn lay on His breast.
Christ who died, risen in paradise—
Giver of mercy, giver of life.

Sing to Jesus, His is the throne;
Now and forever, He is the king of heaven!
Sing to Jesus, we are His own!
Now and forever, sing for the love our God has shown!

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Sing to Jesus, Sing to Jesus, Sing to Jesus!

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

Heavenly Father, you who make and keep eternal covenants and who cause your purposes to stand in the earth, awaken us from our dullness of soul and quiet our hearts from the noise of our lives. Clothe us in the beauty of your garments of righteousness.

This morning, help us to lift our voices together, to sing for joy of your great salvation and to proclaim your *Good News* to the end of the earth. Help our unbelief. Help us to worship you rightly, in spirit and in truth. In the Name of Jesus, the Lamb crucified and raised for us. Amen.

Song of Praise

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness, That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.

Words of pow'r that can never fail—let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—

Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

Corporate Prayers of Confession:

Father, you tell us in your Word that whatever does not come from faith is sin. We confess that we have at times been apathetic towards our faith. We have allowed ourselves to become cynical, and we confess that there have been times when our cynicism has resulted in slander and criticism of others, prayerlessness, and negativity towards your ways - and towards each other, our brothers and sisters in Christ. Forgive us for our lack of faith. In your mercy, hear us and heal us, for Jesus' sake. 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 1 Peter 2

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, *but now you are God's people*; once you had not received mercy, *but now you have received mercy*.

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 1:1-7 (page 883 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

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus, I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way
From the burning of the noon tide heat and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus, mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me.
And from my smitten heart with tears, two wonders I confess:
The wonders of His glorious love and my unworthiness.

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.

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 Dismissal

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place:
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face,
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,
My sinful self, my only shame, my glory, all the cross.

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 has started for the Spring Semester.

Children's Ministry

Rooted

Rooted meets **tonight** from 5:30-7:00pm. Upcoming dates for the spring can be found on the app! Cards with the dates for your refrigerator in the narthex!

Communicants Class

Our communicants class will begin **Feb 25**. This class is for children in 5th-8th grade. This five-week class will meet during the Bible and Life hour. For more information contact Marie Baum at children@standrewscolumbus.org.

VBS

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

Men's Ministry

Men's Bible Study

Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets on Tuesday mornings 8:00-9:00 am. Please see the app for the Bible verse that we will be studying.

Women's Ministry

Bible Study

The regular Tuesday Morning Bible will resume in **Jan 23** from 9:30-11:00am. Childcare is available for ages 0-2. We will be going through the book of Job, taught by Bill Douglas.

Early Morning Bible Study

Join Liz Brooks for a Bible Study in the Moseley House on Thursday mornings from 6-7:00am, beginning **Jan 25**. We will also be studying the book of Job.

Spring Kickoff Luncheon

Join us for a Women's Spring Kickoff Luncheon **today** in the Moseley House after the congregational meeting. More details to come!

— Announcements —

Missions Conference

Save the date! **Feb 2-4** will be our annual Missions Conference. Schedule and childcare reservations can be found in the app.

Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting immediately following worship. Nursery will be available. All members are encouraged to attend.

Youth Ministry

Youth Group meets weekly at the Moseley House and is open to all students 7th grade to 12th grade. *Please contact Grant Gilliam with any questions.*

Jan 14—Youth Group 5:30-7:00

Jan 21—Youth Group 5:30-7:00

Children's Church Volunteers

Jan 14—Linda Bennett, Kaitly Stewart, Lucy Brooks, Bradley Brooks

Jan 21—Amy Rhodes, Julie Eggleston, Olivia Rhodes, Julianne Foster

Jan 28—Bridgette Blake, Amelia Estes, Josie Blake, Kayla Dodds

Church Family Needs & Weekly Prayers

Expectant Mothers— Jennifer Corcoran, Lindsey Fortin,
Kathleen Whitley

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

St. Andrews Missionaries— Pioneers

St. Andrews Ministries— Outreach 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

Senior Pastor—Wes Simmons

Assistant Pastor of Youth Ministry and Christian Education—Grant Gilliam

Assistant Pastor —Jeff Barkhouse

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Director of Communications & Administration—Margaret Taunton

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Nursery Coordinator—Juli Pope

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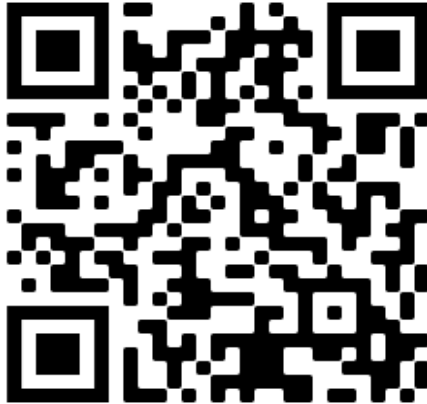
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WELCOME VISITORS

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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