





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

September 19, 2021

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 62**

Truly my soul finds rest in God;  
my salvation comes from him.

**Truly he is my rock and my salvation;  
he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.**

Trust in him at all times, you people;  
pour out your hearts to him,

**for God is our refuge.**

# Songs of Ascent

## Come, Ye Sinners

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity, joined with power.

Come ye needy, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.

*Chorus:*

*I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms;  
In the arms of my dear Saviour, O, there are ten thousand charms!*

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;  
If you tarry 'til you're better, You will never come at all.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him. *(Chorus)*

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of His blood.  
Venture on Him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude. *(Chorus)*

## His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?  
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore;  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

*Chorus:*

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn;  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more!*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam,  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home.  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more. *(Chorus)*

What riches of kindness he lavished on us;  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more. *(Chorus)*

## Greeting

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## — Offering God Our Praises —

### Prayer of Invocation

Heavenly Father, we come before You today resting in the finished work of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. We look to You and You alone for the grace and mercy that sets us free from the bondage of our sin. Help us as we worship You today, to come to You confidently, as we proclaim the name of Jesus, the One who gave His life for all our sins. Father, we love You and desire to learn to love You more. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

### Song of Praise

#### **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all;  
Hail him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all;  
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the ever-lasting song, and crown Him Lord of all;  
We'll join the ever-lasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.

## **Corporate Prayers of Confession: Taken from Psalm 130**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?  
But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

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

## **Silent Prayers of Confession**

### **Assurance of God's Pardoning Grace: From Psalm 130**

O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,  
and with him is plentiful redemption.

He will redeem Israel  
from *a//*his iniquities.

# Offering and Special Music

## Let the Nations Be Glad

Let the glory of the Lord forever be our joy.  
May redemption be the theme of our song.  
For by grace we have been saved,  
And by grace we shall proclaim  
To the corners of the earth that Christ is come.

*Chorus:*

*Let the nations be glad.  
Let the people rejoice,  
For salvation belongs to our God.  
Let the whole earth be filled  
With the praises of the Lord,  
For salvation belongs to our God.  
Let the nations be glad.*

Through the ages gone before,  
Through the trial and the sword,  
Many saints and martyrs conquered though they died.  
Still we're holding to the cross,  
Crossing oceans, suffering loss.  
Shall endure all things to win the crown of life.

*(Chorus)*

As Your holy church goes forth  
In the Holy Spirit's power  
With the glories of the gospel to exclaim.  
Now we pray "Your Kingdom come",  
And we pray "Your will be done",  
For the honor and glory of Your name.

*(Chorus)*

*(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.)*

## — Hearing and Responding to God's Word —

### **Scripture Reading: Jonah 4:1-8** (page 727 in pew Bible)

But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. <sup>2</sup>And he prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. <sup>3</sup>Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” <sup>4</sup>And the Lord said, “Do you do well to be angry?”

<sup>5</sup>Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city. <sup>6</sup>Now the Lord God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint. And he asked that he might die and said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

### **Sermon—Wes Simmons, Senior Pastor**

*You think he's just going to add a new coat of paint, fix some leaks, but then you find out he is making a whole new house. - CS Lewis*

# Confession of Faith: The Apostles' 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.<sup>1</sup>  
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,<sup>2</sup>  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

<sup>1</sup>Died a true death.

<sup>2</sup>The Church Universal.

# Song of Preparation

## **The Lord is My Salvation**

The grace of God has reached for me,  
And pulled me from the raging sea.  
And I am safe on this solid ground:  
The Lord is my salvation.

I will not fear when darkness falls,  
His strength will help me scale these walls.  
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun:  
The Lord is my salvation.

*Chorus:*

*Who is like the Lord our God?*

*Strong to save, faithful in love.*

*My debt is paid and the vict'ry won:*

*The Lord is my salvation.*

My hope is hidden in the Lord.  
He flow'rs each promise of His Word.  
When winter fades I know spring will come:  
The Lord is my salvation.

In times of waiting, times of need,  
When I know loss, when I am weak.  
I know His grace will renew these days:  
The Lord is my salvation.

*(Chorus)*

# —— Communing at the Lord's Table ——

## **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.*

## **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!**

## **Receiving the Elements and Taking the Sacrament Together**

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

# —— Being Sent Out into God's World ——

## **Song of Celebration**

### **The Lord is My Salvation**

And when I reach my final day,  
He will not leave me in the grave.  
But I will rise, He will call me home:  
The Lord is my salvation.

*Who is like the Lord our God?  
Strong to save, faithful in love.  
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won:  
The Lord is my salvation.*

## **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, and forevermore.

**Amen. Thanks be to God!**

Go in His Peace!

# Announcements

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In order to help limit the amount of distractions during the worship service, if you must leave at any point, please try to only enter and leave the sanctuary during songs.

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## Bible and Life

Classes will be held immediately after worship. Classroom assignments can be found on the tv in the Narthex.

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## Children's Ministry

**CLUBTIME** meets next on **September 26**. Students should be working on Lesson 3, Psalm 119:12 in their devotional booklets.

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## Men's Ministry

All men are invited to join us for a night of dinner & golf at Bull Creek on Thursday, **September 30** at 5pm. Cost is \$20 which includes a shared golf cart and a meal. Please put a designated check in the offering or pay Bobby the day of. Visitors are welcome, adult children included. For all questions, or if you need help finding clubs, please reach out to Bobby McGowan

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## Women

Moms in Prayer meets Mondays at 9:30 in the Moseley House

## Women's Fall Study

Tuesday Mornings, 9:30-11am: Steadfast by Courtney Doctor. Nursery will be provided. Books are \$10.00 each.

## Women's Brunch

All women are invited to join us for a brunch on Sunday, **October 3rd**, during the education hour immediately after the service.

# Youth

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.*

**Sept 19**—Youth Group 5:30-7:30 @ Moseley House

**Sept 26**—Youth Group 5:30-7:30 @ Moseley House

**Oct 2**—Mother/Daughter Tea/Brunch 10:30am—12:30pm @ Moseley House

**Oct 3**—Youth Group 5:30-7:30 @ Moseley House

# Children's Church Volunteers

**Sept 19**—Juli Pope, Cheryl Smith, Olivia O'Shields, Grace Johnson

**Sept 26**—Alicia Mason, Bess Kendrick-Holmes, Kayla Dodds,  
Anneley Blake Maxey

**Oct 3**—Cam Addison, Amy Rhodes, Olivia Rhodes, Andie Addison,  
Emily Simmons

# Covenant Family Needs

**Expectant Mothers**— Joanna Wishart, Chelsey Smith, Kelly Brown,  
Erin Waldrep, Kathleen Whitley

**Foster Care Families**—Matt & Katherine Maxey; Mitch & Amy Jaeger

**St. Andrews Missionaries**— Sound Choices Pregnancy Clinic

**St Andrews Ministries**—Worship Ministry Teams

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 recovering from surgeries, accidents, cancer treatments and other illnesses:

*Delaney Trimble—Susan Clickner — Addie Jackson — Don Foster—  
Clint Early (Dorothy Bryant's brother)*

# **Missionaries and Ministries Supported by St. Andrews**

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**Cru** — Albina & Doni Mehmeti (Kosovo)

**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)

University of South Alabama (Jacob & Leigh Zoller)

Auburn University (Tanner Crum)

Auburn University RUFi (Mike Alsup)

Mercer University (Marlin Harris)

Columbus State University (Minister Selection Underway)

Valdosta State University (John Gordy)

Louisiana State University (Joshua Johnston)

**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** (Rhonda Mobley)

**Young Life** Greater Columbus, GA (Lauren Johnson)

Atlanta, GA (Slate & Lindsay Fluker)

## **St. Andrews Staff**

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**Senior Pastor**—Wes Simmons

**Associate Pastor**—Bill Douglas

**Children's Director**—

Bess Kendrick-Holmes

**Communications**—Amy Jaeger

**Youth Director**—Grant Gilliam

**Nursery**—Heather O'Shields

**Music & Worship**—Andrew Harry

**Office**—Jennifer Schoonover

# —— Prayers for our City ——

## LIFE IN THE CITY

Praying for **GOVERNANCE**. ... Romans 13:1-7

Majestic King, You are sovereign over all creation. Work for this city's good through ...

**Mon: RULERS** — “The authorities that exist have been established by God” (v 1).

Our cities are the places where authority is seated - and God establishes all authorities. Thank God for his gifts of rulers: kings, queens, national government and local representatives. Pray that those in authority in your city would increasingly honor the Lord in all that they do.

**Tues: RESPONSIBILITIES** — “Do what is right and you will be commended” (v 3). Citizens of God's kingdom are called to be citizens who obey the law of the land. There may be times when we need to petition, debate and urge our leaders to change, but pray that God's people would always be committed to acting in ways that are legal and upright.

**Wed: REGULATIONS** — “[Those in authority] are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer” (v 4).

Pray for those who write our laws and those who enforce them: politicians, civil servants, police officers, financial authorities, members of the judiciary, and all who support them. Pray that they would act in ways that are above reproach and uphold justice in your city.

**Thu: REVENUE**— “This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing” (v 6).

Few of us enjoy paying taxes - but this money can achieve extraordinary good as it provides education, protection and more. Pray that those in authority would spend taxes wisely. Ask God to help all believers to be diligent and joyful in paying what is due.

**Fri: RESPECT** — “Give to everyone what you owe them... if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor” (v 7).

It's easy to mock politicians and to criticize those involved in the law. Of course, they are fallible - but we are still called to respect them. Repent of any ways in which you have fallen short in this area. Pray that as we Christians talk about our leaders, we would choose our words wisely and honor them as we should.

\*adapted from the ‘5 Things to Pray For Your City’, by Pete Nicholas & Helen Thorne

## WELCOME VISITORS

*Please fill this out and drop it in the offering box.*

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**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.

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

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

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**Thanks for visiting with us today.**