

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 21, 2025  
Communion Sunday

—— Gathering in God's Presence ——

## Prelude

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

*To all who are weary and need rest, to all who mourn and long for comfort, to all who fail and desire strength, to all who sin and need a Savior: this church opens wide her doors with a welcome from Jesus, the friend of sinners.*

## Call to Worship: Taken from Psalm 107

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,  
whom he has *redeemed* from trouble  
and *gathered* in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,  
for his wondrous works to the children of man!

For He *satisfies* the longing soul, and the hungry soul he *fills* with good things.  
He *brought them out of darkness* and the shadow of death, and *burst their bonds apart*.

Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,  
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things;  
let them *consider* the steadfast love of the Lord.

# —— Offering God Our Praises ——

## Songs of Ascent

### Tender Mercy

Hear my cry for mercy as I call to You,  
As I lift my hands in Spirit and in Truth:

*Chorus:*

**Men:** *We cry mercy*

**Women:** *In the name of the Father most Holy,*

**Men:** *We cry mercy*

**Women:** *In the name of the Son Who was slain,*

**Men:** *Lord have mercy*

**Women:** *In the name of the Spirit indwelling,*

**Together:** *Tender mercy Lord!*

**Men:** *You are mercy*

**Women:** *In the name of the Father most Holy,*

**Men:** *You are mercy*

**Women:** *In the name of the Son Who was slain,*

**Men:** *Lord have mercy*

**Women:** *In the name of the Spirit indwelling,*

**Together:** *Tender mercy Lord!*

*(Repeat last line of chorus after second verse.)*

In Your tender mercy brought by grace through faith,  
I will lift my heart toward Your most Holy place:

*(Chorus)*

## **O The Deep, Deep Love Of Jesus!**

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,  
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.  
Underneath me, all around me is the current of Your love,  
Leading onward, leading homeward to Your glorious rest above.

*Chorus:*

*Oh the deep, deep love, all I need and trust  
Is the deep, deep love of Jesus.*

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread His praise from shore to shore,  
How He came to pay our ransom through the saving cross He bore;  
How He watches o'er His loved ones, those He died to make His own;  
How for them He's interceding, pleading now before the throne.

*(Chorus)*

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, far surpassing all the rest.  
It's an ocean full of blessing in the midst of every test.  
Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, mighty Savior, precious Friend  
You will bring us home to glory where Your love will never end.

*(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.**

## Prayer of Invocation

Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body. Join us with those who in all times and places have praised your name, that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of your church, and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Song of Praise

### I Will Glory In My Redeemer

I will glory in my Redeemer,  
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me.  
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails,  
And hung Him on that judgment tree.  
I will glory in my Redeemer,  
Who crushed the power of sin and death.  
My only Savior before the holy Judge:  
The Lamb who is my righteousness,  
The Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer.  
My life He bought, my love He owns.  
I have no longings for another,  
I'm satisfied in Him alone.  
I will glory in my Redeemer,  
His faithfulness my standing place.  
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me,  
My feet are firm, held by His grace,  
My feet are firm, held by His grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer,  
Who carries me on eagles' wings.  
He crowns my life with lovingkindness,  
His triumph song I'll ever sing.  
I will glory in my Redeemer,  
Who waits for me at gates of gold.  
And when He calls me, it will be paradise,  
His face forever to behold,  
His face forever to behold.

## **Corporate Prayers of Confession: Psalm 62:5-8**

For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,  
for my hope is from him.

**He only is my *rock* and my *salvation*,  
my *fortress*; I shall not be shaken.  
On God rests my *salvation* and my *glory*,  
my mighty rock, my *refuge* is God.**

Trust in him at all times, O people;  
pour out your heart before him;  
God is a refuge for us.

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 Psalm 40**

I waited patiently for the Lord;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.  
He drew me up from the pit of destruction,  
out of the miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure.  
He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.

## **Prayers of Intercession: For our Nation and Leaders**

## **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 14:1-12** (page 892 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.<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

## 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 —

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## **Bible and Life**

Bible and Life meets Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15am.

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## **Women's Ministry**

### **Early Morning Bible Study**

Join us for an early morning Bible Study on Thursdays! We are doing a study on Habakkuk beginning at 6:00am.—See the app for location.

### **Women's Prayer Ministry**

The Women's Prayer Ministry meets Mondays at 9:30am. We will be meeting off site for the next few weeks, please see the app for more info.

### **Women's Fall Bible Study**

The Women's Fall Bible study meets on Tuesday mornings at 9:30, in Room 111/112. We will be using Lydia Brownback's book "Habakkuk: Learning to Live By Faith". The study booklets are available to purchase for \$10 in the office. Childcare is provided for children ages 4 and under.

### **Women's Event**

The Women's Ministry Charcuterie Night and Book Swap will be **Oct 3** from 7:00 - 9:00pm. Bring a wrapped book to swap and a sweet or savory charcuterie tray to share with friends. See the app for location.

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## **Officer Nominations**

September and October are Officer Nomination months. Please see the app for the nomination form and additional information. If you have any additional questions that are not answered on the app, please email the office.

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## **Directory Update**

We are updating our church database and directory, and need your help to ensure they are accurate so that we can care for one another as the body of Christ! Please click on the tab in the App for the link. We want ALL people of St. Andrews, both Members and Regular Visitors, to complete the form!

## — Announcements —

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### Men's Ministry

#### Men's Bible Study

Men's Tuesday morning Bible Study meets from 8-9:00am.

### Shark Trip

The 2025 Men's Shark Trip will be **Sept 25-28**. The cost will be \$150. Cost covers housing and meals. All fishing gear is provided. To reserve your place: Please contact Chris Schuster: 706-718-8632, [auschuster84@gmail.com](mailto:auschuster84@gmail.com) or Dale Pope: 434-209-2073, [itsdalebert@gmail.com](mailto:itsdalebert@gmail.com).

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### Mission Trip

We are excited to announce that St. Andrews is going to Japan in October to support our two missionaries! If you are interested in learning more about supporting the Church in Japan, please contact Jackie Horne at 706-442-3822 for more details.

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### Children's Ministry

Rooted meets next **tonight** from 5:30-7:30pm.

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### Youth Ministry

Please pray for Vijay and our Youth as they head to Fall Camp **Oct 17-19**. Look for form and payment information coming soon!

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**Looking for opportunities to use your gifts at St. Andrews?**

**Click the QR code for details**

**Want to Serve?**



## Youth Ministry

Youth Group meets weekly at the Moseley House Sundays from 5:30-7:30pm and is open to all students 6th grade to 12th grade. *Please contact Vijay Rawal at [vijay@standrewscolumbus.org](mailto:vijay@standrewscolumbus.org) if you have any questions.*

**Sept 21**—Youth Group @ Moseley House

**Sept 28**—Youth Group @ Moseley House

## Small Groups

Interested in joining a small group? Do you have questions about small groups? Contact Wayne Logan at (606) 521-9470 or [wayne@standrewscolumbus.org](mailto:wayne@standrewscolumbus.org).

## Children's Church Volunteers

**Sept 21**—Amy Rhodes, Kayla Barkhouse, Kate Simmons, Henry Maxey

**Sept 28**—Cam Addison, Anna Rodeheaver, Julianne Foster, Wade Wallace

**Oct 5**—Katherine Fahling, Claire Sproul, Bradley Brooks, Lucy Brooks

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## Church Family Needs & Weekly Prayers

**Expectant Mothers**—Katherine Fahling

**St. Andrews Missionaries**—Valley Rescue Mission

**St. Andrews Ministries**—Small Group Ministry

**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*

## 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](mailto:sapc.womensministry@gmail.com)



## **To Visitors and Parents with babies and young children:**

At St. Andrews, we are a covenant family & covenant community. We welcome children as worshippers in the Lord's sanctuary alongside their parents. We know children wiggle and make noise sometimes. To maintain a worshipful atmosphere without distracting others, we have the following options available by age:

- Nursery is available for children ages 0-K3. There is a sign-in computer in the hallway. Juli Pope is our Nursery Coordinator if you need any assistance – 706-442-5854
- A nursing mother's room is available around the corner from the Narthex for nursing and fussy babies. In addition, a TV is available in the Narthex with a live stream of the worship service, in case you need to step out with your child, for a few minutes.
- Children ages K4-K5 are dismissed for Children's Church after the Offertory. Marie Baum is our Director of Children's Ministry if you have any questions – [children@standrewscolumbus.org](mailto:children@standrewscolumbus.org)
- A children's bulletin and crayons are available for all children in the Narthex.
- We encourage children to stand when appropriate and participate in worship as much as possible!

## **To the members of our congregation:**

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and a reminder that our congregation is growing. Please welcome our children and encourage their parents!

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

**Clement Arts** (Carmen Overton)

**Eden's Hope** (Haley Reed)

**International Friendship Ministries** (Ron Collins)

**Marannook** (Taylor Teel)

**MercyMed of Columbus** (Billy Holbrook)

**Mission Enablers International** David Taylor (Turkey)

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

**Mission to the World (MTW)**

Pete Mitchell (France)

David & Erin Pervis (Greece)

Frank Harrell (Japan)

Doni & Albina Mehmeti (Kosovo)

**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 & Andrew Burckhalter)

Columbus State University (Tim Grider, Kenyatta Ward)

Kent State University (Cordelia Wilson)

Georgia Southern University (Nathanael Miller)

**Seneca Pregnancy Clinic** (Amber Snipes)

**Sound Choices Pregnancy Clinic** (Melissa Howard)

**Teen Challenge Columbus Women's Home** (Samantha White)

**Teen Challenge Global** (Claude Mooneyhan)

**Trail Life** (Fred Parks)

**Truth Spring Academy** (Rob & Carrie Strickland)

**Valley Rescue Mission** (Mike Gaymon)

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

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## **Announcements**

If you would like an announcement in the bulletin of a personal nature: Expectant mother, birth of a baby, the passing of a St. Andrews family member, illness or hardship, please notify the office at [office@standrewscolumbus.com](mailto:office@standrewscolumbus.com). We would like to recognize all of these important events, however want to respect the privacy of our congregants as well. When you email the office you will be giving permission to put this information in the bulletin.

## St. Andrews Staff and Leadership

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**Senior Pastor**—Wes Simmons

**Assistant Pastor** —Jeff Barkhouse

**Director of Children's Ministry**—Marie Baum

**Youth Director**—Vijay Rawal

**Director of Christian Education**—Wayne Logan

**Music & Worship Coordinator**—Bob Ross

**Nursery Coordinator**—Juli Pope

**Church Administrator**—Amelia Estes

**Office Administrator**—Jennifer Schoonover

**Office Hours**—Monday– Thursday 9:00am—3:00pm

And by appointment

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### Elders of St. Andrews

Steve Adams  
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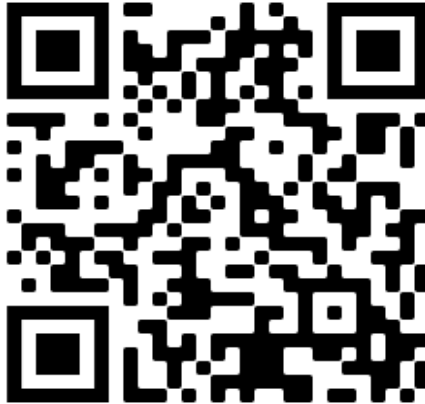
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## WELCOME VISITORS

*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.*



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### **We are glad 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Date that you visited: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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.

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**Thanks for visiting with us today.**

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