



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

August 8, 2021

Preaching: Wes Simmons
Leading Worship: Bill Douglas

—— Gathering in God's Presence ——

Prelude

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

Missions Minute: Reformed Evangelistic Fellowship — Gary & Tammy Elliott

Call to Worship: Psalm 117

Praise the Lord, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!

**For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

Praise the Lord!

Songs of Ascent

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one lay down, Your head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, weary, worn and sad;
I found in Him my resting place, and He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold I freely give
The living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank from that life-giving stream
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy days be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk 'til pilgrim days are done.

God, Be Merciful to Me

God, be merciful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against Thy grace and provoked Thee to Thy face;
I confess Thy judgment just, speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;
Cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me and return, O God, to Thee;
Savior, all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing Thy love;
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains, shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away.

Chorus:

Men: *I am bound*

Women: *I am bound,*

Men: *I am bound*

Women: *I am bound,*

Together: *I am bound for Promised Land!*

(Repeat)

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.
(Chorus)

When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face, and in His bosom rest?
(Chorus)

Greeting

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has made us alive, to a living hope, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

— Offering God Our Praises —

Prayer of Invocation

Lord, you who are both perfectly holy and completely gracious, draw near to us, bless us, and fill us. Open our minds and hearts to your unchanging truth, as we gather to worship you today. Hear our songs of praise, our prayers, and our confession of you, the one true God. It is in the great name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, that we make our prayers. Amen.

Song of Praise

The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
(Refrain)

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
(Refrain)

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
(Refrain)

Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism

Q 51: How does the glory of Christ, our Head, benefit us?

First, by His Holy Spirit He pours out heavenly gifts upon us, His members. Second, by His power He defends and preserves us against all enemies.

Corporate Prayers of Confession

Our great Redeemer and only hope, you do not deal with us according to our sins nor do you hold our sins against us because of Jesus. So we come freely confessing that we have rebelled against your clear commands. We have not loved you with our whole heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.

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: Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Song of Assurance

Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love; too vast and astounding to tell.
Forever existing in worlds above, now offered and given to all.
Oh, fountain of beauty eternal; the Father, the Spirit, the Son.
Sufficient and endlessly generous, magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

Creation is brimming with thankfulness, the mountains, exultant they stand;
The seasons rejoice in Your faithfulness, all life is sustained by Your hand.
You crown every meadow with color; You paint every shade in the sky;
Each day the dawn wakes as an encore of magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

How great, how sure; His love endures forevermore.
Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

What grace, that You entered our brokenness; You came in the fullness of time.
How far we had fallen from righteousness, but not from the mercies of Christ.
Your cross is our door to redemption; Your death is our fullness of life.
That day, how forgiveness flowed as a flood: magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

How great, how sure; His love endures forevermore.
Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

United in Your resurrection, You lift us to infinite heights.
Could anything sever or take us from magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

How great, how sure; His love endures forevermore.
Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

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.)

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

Scripture Reading: Jonah 1:1-3 (page 726 in pew Bible)

Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,
²“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me.” ³But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord.

Sermon Notes

Jonah is a storied presentation of the gospel, a story of sin and grace, of desperation and deliverance. It shows us that while we are great sinners, God is a great savior, and that while our sin reaches far, his grace reaches farther. It shows us that God is in the business of relentlessly pursuing rebels like us, and that he comes after us not to angrily strip away our freedom, but to affectionately strip away our idols, so we might become truly free.

If salvation depended on me, I would lose it every time. -Voddie Baucham

—— Being Sent Out into God's World ——

Song of Dismissal

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.

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

Classes will resume next Sunday, **August 15**.

St. Andrews 101

Are you interested in becoming a member of our church or learning more about St. Andrews? St. Andrews 101 will be held, **August 15, 22 and 29** during the Bible and Life hour immediately following the service. Contact the church office to sign up!

Move-Up Sunday

On Sunday **August 15** we will begin a new year in Children's Church and in our Bible and Life Classes. Children's Church is for students who are starting PreK4 and Kindergarten. Bible and Life classes will be offered for all students PreK4- 6th Grade from 11-11:45 AM along with adult and youth classes. For more information about Children's Ministry programs check with Bess Kendrick-Holmes.

Fall Events Kick-Off

Save the date for our Fall Events Kick-Off on Sunday, **August 15** from 5:30-7:30pm. This church wide event will highlight upcoming activities and groups for this fall and offer 1st-12th grade students an opportunity to break off for a shortened Youth & Clubtime. Nursery is available for children ages 0-5.

Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry Volunteer Training– **today** from 11 AM- noon in Room 111/112. This is for all youth and adult leaders in Children's Ministry activities.

Women

Mom's in prayer will start up on **August 9** at 9:30.

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.*

Aug 8—No Youth Group

Aug 15— Youth Group 5:30-7:30

Aug 22—Youth Group 5:30-7:30

Children's Church Volunteers

Aug 8—Marie Baum, Katie Edmonson, Lucy Brooks, Bradley Brooks

Aug 15—Juli Pope, Cheryl Smith, Olivia O'Shields, Grace Johnson

Aug 22—TBD

Covenant Family Needs

Expectant Mothers— Amanda Harry, Caitlin Ballard, Joanna Wishart, Chelsey Smith, Kelly Brown, Erin Waldrep, Kathleen Whitley

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

St. Andrews Missionaries— Mission to North America (MNA)

St Andrews Ministries— Missions 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 recovering from surgeries, accidents, cancer treatments and other illnesses:

Delaney Trimble—Susan Clickner — Addie Jackson — Don Foster

Missionaries and Ministries Supported by St. Andrews

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)

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Donations and Giving

Our church's budget and the support of ministries worldwide and within our community still depend on regular giving to the church. Because of this, we have provided several different ways you can continue to give to the work of God at, and through, St Andrews.

1. Offering Plate

An offering plate will be passed around during the worship service each week.

2. Mail a Check

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
4980 Hancock Road, Midland, GA 31820

3. Automatic Bank Checks

You can send a bank check through your personal bank. If you need help setting this up, contact Amy Jaeger at ministry.sapc@gmail.com.

4. St. Andrews App

You can set up one-time or reoccurring giving via our new app. Download St. Andrews Columbus from your app store and find the giving link at the bottom of the landing page. Email ministry@standrewscolumbus.org with questions.

St. Andrews Leadership

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Luke Addison
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—— Prayers for Our City ——

Praying for The Good, The Bad and The Ugly. ... Genesis 4:16-26

Mon: The Good of the City — “[Jabal] was the father of those who live in tents and raise livestock... [Jubal] was the father of all who play stringed instruments and pipes... [Tubal-Cain] forged all kinds of tools out of bronze and iron” (v 19-22).

Cities buzz with the excitement of people, productivity and creativity. From the very first, they have been places where people fulfil God’s plan to “be fruitful and increase in number” (Gen 1:28). Give thanks for the people of your city and its unique culture.

Tues: The Gospel in the City — “At that time people began to call on the name of the LORD” (v26).

According to the United Nations, over half the world’s population lives in cities, and that figure is predicted to rise to 70% by 2050. Thank God for the wonderful gospel opportunities this creates. Pray that many in your city would “call on the name of the Lord”.

Wed: The Bad of the City - “So Cain went out from the Lord’s presence ... Cain as then building a city” (v 16-17).

Lament that so many people in your city like Cain— rejecting God and seeking shelter in the city and all the opportunities it offers, rather than in Jesus. Cry out for a work of the Spirit to turn their hearts back to him.

Thu: The Ugly of the City— “Lamech said to his wives ... I have killed a man for wounding me, a young man for injuring me” (v 23).

Bring before God the sin of your city. Confess to God the ways in which you have contributed to this over the past week. Pray for God’s restraining hand over all forms of violence, corruption and oppression.

Fri: Hope in the City - “[Eve] gave birth to a son and named him Seth, saying ‘God has granted me another child in place of Abel, since Cain killed him’” (v25).

Praise God for Jesus Christ, the promised descendant of Eve, who crushed Satan’s head when he was crucified outside the city walls—so that now we can be part of God’s heavenly city. Pray that this message of hope would ring out and transform your city.

(**adapted from the ‘5 Things to Pray For Your City’, by Rachel Jones*)

WELCOME VISITORS

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

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 cherish 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.