

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

April 20 , 2025

Easter Sunday

—— Gathering in God's Presence ——

## Prelude

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

## Reading of Preparation:

*His (Jesus') death guarantees your forgiveness; His resurrection guarantees your new life; and His Spirit guarantees that he will never leave you. - William P. Smith*

## Call to Worship: Taken from Psalm 150

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary;  
**praise him in his mighty heavens!**

Praise him for his mighty deeds;  
**praise him according to his excellent greatness!**

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

**Praise the Lord!**

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**  
**Alleluia!**

# —— Offering God Our Praises ——

## Songs of Ascent

### In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My Comforter, my All in All—here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied;  
For every sin on Him was laid—here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine—bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand.  
Till He returns or calls me home here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

## **Praise To the Lord the Almighty**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near, praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what He  
ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,  
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.  
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief, spreading his wings to o'er  
shade thee!

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from His people again; gladly for aye we adore Him.

## Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered ev'ry grain of sand?

Kings and nations tremble at His voice. All creation rises to rejoice.

*Chorus:*

*Behold our God, seated on His throne. Come, let us adore Him.*

*Behold our King, nothing can compare. Come, let us adore Him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His Words?  
Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

*(Chorus)*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands, bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal, humbled to the grave. Jesus, Savior risen now to reign!

*(Chorus)*

**Men:** You will reign forever!

**Women:** Let Your glory fill the earth!

*(Chorus) x4*

## 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

Our Great and Glorious God, you who live and reign forever, set your favor on us today as we worship you. We have come to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, *who has taken away our sin and given us life* in His name. *Comfort us* in our sorrows, *answer* our fears and doubts, *help us* in our unbelief and *restore to us* the full joy of our salvation. Just as Jesus Christ our Savior is risen, we ask that you *give life* to all who call on his name, by faith. *Confirm in us* your grace and *shape our lives* into faithful obedience, so that we would declare the praise of him who called us out of darkness into his glorious light. It is in the name of Jesus that we pray, 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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Christ in power resurrected as we will be when he comes!*

# Confession of Faith- taken from The Heidelberg Catechism

*Romans 14:7-8*

*For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.*

Q1: What is your only comfort in life and death?

**That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.**

Q2: What do you need to know in order to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

**First, how great my sins and misery are; second, how I am delivered from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to be thankful to God for such deliverance.**

## Corporate Prayers of Confession: Taken from Psalm 139

In you, O Lord, do we take refuge; may we never be put to shame!  
Father, *deliver and rescue us, from our sin.* Incline your ear to us, and save us! Be our rock of refuge, and a fortress for our souls, to which we may continually come - *and find grace*, because of Jesus' work on our behalf, on the cross.

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 Corinthians 15

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

“O death, where is your victory?  
O death, where is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

*But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

## Song of Praise

### Christ the Lord is Risen Today

"Christ the Lord is ris'n today," Alleluia!  
sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!  
raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!  
sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!  
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!  
death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!  
where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!  
where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

# Offering and Special Music

## O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!

O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of heav'n, the glorious King,  
O're death today rose triumphing. *Alleluia! Alleluia!*

That Easter morn at break of day, The faithful women went their way  
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay. *Alleluia! Alleluia!*

An angel clad in white they see, who sat and spake unto the three,  
"Your Lord doth go to Galilee." *Alleluia! Alleluia!*

That night th'apostles met in fear; Amidst them came their Lord most dear,  
and said, "My peace be on all here." *Alleluia! Alleluia!*

When Thomas first the tidings heard, how they had seen the risen Lord,  
He doubted the disciples' word. *Alleluia! Alleluia!*

"My pierced side, O Thomas, see; my hands, my feet, I show to thee;  
not faithless, but believing be." *Alleluia! Alleluia!*

No longer Thomas then denied; he saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
"Thou art my Lord and God." he cried. *Alleluia! Alleluia!*

How blest are they who have not seen, and yet whose faith hath constant  
been; for they eternal life shall win. *Alleluia! Alleluia!*

On this most holy day of days, to God your hearts and voices raise  
in laud and jubilee and praise. *Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*(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: Luke 24:1-12** (page 831 in the pew Bible)

**Sermon — Wes Simmons, Senior Pastor**

**Notes:**

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

## **Song of Dismissal**

### **Christ the Lord is Risen Today**

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
following our exalted Head; Alleluia!  
made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia!  
ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

## **Benediction: Romans 15:13**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

**Amen. Thanks be to God!**

Go in His Peace!

## **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!

# **Easter Lilies in Remembrance/Honor of**

## **2025**

Tony & Lydia Westcott	Harry Archer Theodora Westcott Clayton & Jane Sawyer
Matthew & Aileen Phelps	Emerson Phelps Edith Phelps
Mike Willett	Jim & Lotte Willett
Jeff & Sarah Barkhouse	Kreiger Dr. Bob Marsh
Clark & Pilar Cobb	Jane Cobb
Sarah Steed	Bart Steed

## — Announcements —

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### **Bible and Life**

Bible and Life classes begin at 9:30 and nursery is provided.

### **Summer Bible and Life**

We will be having a 5 week Bible and Life session titled *“What kind of friend are you?”* beginning June 1.

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### **Congregational Meeting**

We will be having a congregational meeting immediately following worship on **May 18**. This meeting is to nominate officers.

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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 Judges beginning at 6:00am.—See the app for location.

#### **Women’s Bible Study**

Join us for a mini spring study on the New Testament Canon Tuesdays from 9:30-11am. Nursery is provided.

#### **Women’s Prayer Ministry**

Join us **Mondays** in room 108 from 9:30-10:30am. This group meets weekly to pray. Women’s Prayer Ministry will not be meeting this Monday **April 21**.

#### **Watercolor Night**

Women's Watercolor Night is **April 25** from 7-9:00 pm at the Moseley House. All art supplies will be provided.

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### **Men’s Ministry**

#### **Men’s Bible Study**

Men’s Tuesday Morning Bible Study is will resume **April 22** from 8:00-9:00 am.

# — Announcements —

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## Children's Ministry

### Rooted

Rooted meets next **April 27** from 5:30-7:15.

### VBS

Save the Date! VBS 2025 is **June 9-13!** Details to come!.

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## Parking and Seating

Isn't it exciting to see so many people at SAPC? As we continue to have large Sunday morning crowds, help us make the most of our space. Please be mindful to leave space on the ends of the rows so our ushers can find seats. Also, our parking lot is filling up and people are parking on Hancock Road. Please help us by riding together with family members so that we can keep people safe and off the road. Thank you for your help!

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## Office Hours

The office will be closed on Monday **April 21, 2025**. If you have any questions please call or stop by the office on Tuesday.

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## Youth Ministry

Youth Group meets weekly at the Moseley House Sundays beginning at 5:30 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.*

**April 20**—No Youth Group

**April 27**—Youth Group (Iron Chef) @ Moseley House—**5:00pm**

## Children's Church Volunteers

**April 20**—Sara Barkhouse, Cam Addison, Kayla Dodds, Andie Addison

**April 27**—Kaity Stewart, Alicia Mason, Bo Blake, Josie Blake, Tony Blake

**May 4**—Ashley Etchechury, Heather O'Shields, Annely Blake Maxey,  
Henry Maxey

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## Small Groups

Interested in joining a small group? Do you have questions about small groups? Contact Josh Schuster at (706) 662-0192 or [josh.schuster21@gmail.com](mailto:josh.schuster21@gmail.com).

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## Church Family Needs & Weekly Prayers

**Expectant Mothers**— Emily Peake, Jennifer Corcoran  
Sarah Scarborough, Caroline Kennon

**St. Andrews Missionaries**— Trail Life

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

## **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 & Ruth (dec.) Mitchell (France)

Chris & Donnette Brock (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)

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** (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

**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

The office can be reached at [office@standrewscolumbus.org](mailto:office@standrewscolumbus.org)

## Elders of St. Andrews

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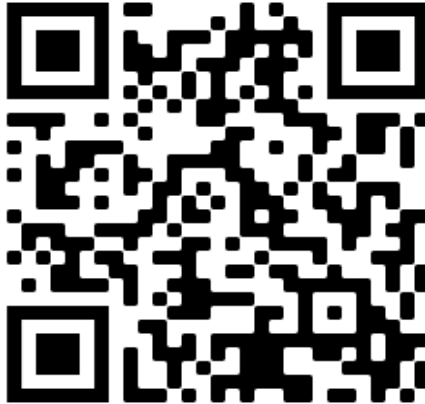
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## WELCOME VISITORS

*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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