

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 March 10, 2024

## — Gathering in God's Presence —

## Prelude

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

## Call to Worship: From Psalm 96

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

#### For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

## - Offering God Our Praises —

## Songs of Ascent

## Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder, Let us praise the Savior's name! He has hushed the law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame: He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies, Called us by His grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes: He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood, He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptation threatens hard to bear us down! For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqueror's crown: He, Who washed us with His blood, He, Who washed us with His blood, He, Who washed us with His blood, Soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy's store; When through grace in Christ our trust is Justice smiles and asks no more: He, Who washed us with His blood, He, Who washed us with His blood, He, Who washed us with His blood, Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high; Here they trusted Him before us, now their praises fill the sky: Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou art worthy Lamb of God!

## Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Jesus, I my cross have taken all to leave and follow Thee. Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shall be. Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known. Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior, too. Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like them, untrue. O while Thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might, Foes may hate and friends disown me, show Thy face and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me, 'twill but drive me to Thy breast. Life with trials hard may press me; Heav'n will bring me sweeter rest. Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me while Thy love is left to me; Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Soul, then take thy full salvation, rise o'er sin and fear and care, Joy to find in every station, something still to do or bear. Think what Spirit dwells within thee, think what Father's smiles are thine, Think that Jesus died to win thee, child of heav'n, canst thou repine.

Haste thee on from grace to glory, armed by faith, and winged by prayer. Heav'n's eternal days before thee, God's own hand shall guide us there. Soon shall close thy earthly mission, soon shall pass thy pilgrim days, Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

## Jesus! What A Friend For Sinners

Jesus, what a Friend for sinners! Jesus, Lover of my Soul; Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Jesus, what a Strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him. Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my Strength, my victory wins.

Chorus:

Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end. Oh Jesus, what a Friend!

Jesus, what a Help in sorrow! While the billows over me roll, Even when my heart is breaking, He, my Comfort, helps my soul.

Jesus, what a Guide and Keeper! While the tempest still is high, Storms about me, night o'ertakes me, He, my Pilot, hears my cry. *(Chorus)* 

Jesus! I do now receive Him, More than all in Him I find. He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine. *(Chorus)* 

Oh Jesus, what a Friend! Oh Jesus, what a Friend! Oh Jesus, what a Friend!

## Greeting

Grace and Peace to you from God Our Father and the 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.

## **Prayer of Invocation**

O Lord God Almighty, you are our Creator, Redeemer and King of Glory. In your faithful guarding of your people, you do not slumber or sleep. This morning as we call on your name, sing songs of praise to you, pray, hear your word read and taught, and bring our lives to you, we ask that you come and dwell among us. We pray in the name of the Lamb of God, Jesus, who takes away the sin of the world. Amen.

## Song of Trust

#### He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast. I could never keep my hold Through life's fearful path; For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

*Chorus: He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast; For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.* 

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast; Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last; Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. *(Chorus)* 

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast 'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last! *(Chorus)* 

## Confession of Faith- taken from The New City Catechism

Exodus 20:3 You shall have no other gods before me.

Q 8: What is the law of God stated in the Ten Commandments?

You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below—you shall not bow down to them or worship them. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not covet.

## Corporate Prayers of Confession: Adapted from Jeremiah 2:13

Heavenly Father, the Prophet Jeremiah said this about the people of Israel: *"For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water."* 

Father, if I'm honest, I know he is saying this about *me* and my *heart, too*. Forgive me for the many ways, times and circumstances in which I have forsaken you, the fountain of living waters, seeking to fill up my life in other ways, to satisfy the thirst of my heart in other people and other things. Forgive me, cleanse me, heal me, renew me. Satisfy me this morning with your steadfast love.

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

## **Silent Prayers of Confession**

## Assurance of Pardoning Grace: I John 4:9-10

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

## Song of Praise

## Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

*Refrain: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!* 

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love; when He had purged our stains, He took his seat above. *(Refrain)* 

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n; the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n. *(Refrain)* 

## **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 2:1-11 (pages 883-884 in the pew Bible)

Sermon — Wes Simmons, Senior Pastor

Notes:

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

## Song of Hope

## Rejoice, the Lord Is King

He sits at God's right hand till all His foes submit, and bow to His command, and fall beneath His feet.

*Refrain: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!* 

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and take His servants up to their eternal home. *(Refrain)* 

## 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 meets at 9:30am on Sundays before worship.

## Children's Ministry

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

## Youth

#### Fundraiser

Need a babysitter for a night out? The Youth Group will be raising funds for their Summer Trip by hosting a night of babysitting (along with the Youth Volunteers) at the Moseley House on **Mar 29** while parents go on a date or spend a quiet night at home. All proceeds will go to RENEW 2024!

## Men's Ministry

#### Men's Bible Study

Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study is taking a break and will resume **Mar 19** from 8:00-9:00am.

#### Men's Breakfast

Join us for breakfast on Mar 21 at 7:00am at the Moseley House.

## Women's Ministry

#### **Bible Study**

Join us Tuesday mornings at 9:30 beginning **Mar 19**! We will be studying the book Contentment by Melissa Kruger taught by Kaity Stewart and Amy Rhodes.

#### Early Morning Bible Study

The Early Morning Thursday study is doing The Wisdom of God by Nancy Guthrie. This study meets Thursday mornings at 6:00am at the Moseley House.

#### **Bible & Life**

There will be no Bible & Life on Easter Sunday.

#### **Easter Choir**

If you are interested in being a part of the Easter Choir, please sign up using the sheets in the Narthex.

## Easter Egg Hunt—Donations

Candy and small trinket donations are needed! Candy should be individually wrapped and be able to fit into a plastic Easter Egg. Please drop items in the Easter Egg collection basket in the Narthex.

## Palm Sunday

All children PreK-6th Grade are invited to participate in a Palm Sunday Processional on Sunday **Mar 24**. No sign-up necessary. Children should meet Mrs. Marie out in front of the church at 10:25 AM on Sunday, **Mar 24** to participate. After the processional ends, children will return to sit with their family for the remainder of the worship service. If you have any questions contact Marie at <u>children@standrewscolumbus.org</u>

## **Good Friday**

Please join us for a Good Friday service of scripture meditation and prayer on **Mar 29** at 5:00pm at St. Andrews. *(Note: this is a time change from prior years)* Nursery will be available for children 0-2

## **Easter Lunch**

Stay tuned for more information about a potluck lunch following worship on Easter Sunday.

#### Youth Ministry

Youth Group meets weekly at the Moseley House Sundays beginning at 5:30 and is open to all students 7th grade to 12th grade. *Please contact the office with questions!* 

Mar 10—Youth Group @ Moseley House Mar 15—Middle School girls meal prep for Clement Arts Mar 17—Youth Group @ Moseley House

#### Children's Church Volunteers

Mar 10—Linda Bennett, Kaity Stewart, Lucy Brooks, Bradley Brooks Mar 17—Amy Rhodes, Julie Eggleston, Oliva Rhodes, Julianne Foster Mar 24—Bridgette Blake, Amelia Estes, Josie Blake, Kayla Dodds

# Congratulations to Blake & Jennifer Corcoran on the birth of their son, Thomas Blake — born on March 6!

## **Church Family Needs & Weekly Prayers**

Expectant Mothers— Kathleen Whitley

Foster Care Families— Matt & Katherine Maxey; Daniel & Jenny Hord St. Andrews Missionaries— Teen Challenge Columbus Women's Home St. Andrews Ministries— Worship 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 <u>sapc.womensministry@gmail.com</u>

## 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 and Leadership

Senior Pastor—Wes Simmons Assistant Pastor —Jeff Barkhouse Pastoral Intern—Thomas Gibbs Director of Children's Ministry—Marie Baum Director of Communications & Administration—Margaret Taunton Music & Worship Coordinator—Bob Ross Nursery Coordinator—Juli Pope Financial Assistant—Ashley Etchechury Church Administrator—Jennifer Schoonover Office Hours—Monday - Thursday 10:00am—2:00pm

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#### **Elders of St. Andrews**

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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.

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