



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 26, 2021

— Gathering in God's Presence —

Prelude

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

Call to Worship: Taken from Psalm 149

Praise the Lord!

**Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!**

Let Israel be glad in his Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

**For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with salvation.**

Let the godly exult in glory!

Praise the Lord!

Songs of Ascent

King of Saints

Jesus Christ, God's Holy Lamb, we will laud Thy lovely name;
We were saved by God's decree, and all our debt was paid by Thee.
Thou has washed us in Thy blood, made us kings and priests to God;
Take this tribute of the poor: less we can't, we can't give more.

Chorus:

*Souls redeemed your voices raise! Sing your dear Redeemer's praise;
Worthy Thou of love and laud, King of Saints, Incarnate God.*

Righteous are Thy ways and true; endless honors are Thy due;
Grace and glory in Thee shine; matchless mercy, love divine.
We for whom Thou once was slain, we Thy ransomed sinner train,
In this one request agree, "Spirit, make us more like Thee." (*Chorus*)

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*)

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)

Greeting

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

— Offering God Our Praises —

Prayer of Invocation

Lord of heaven and earth, You have called us to this place to worship You today. You have rescued us from our sins and called us to be Your children so that we might glorify You and enjoy You forever. Help us today, we pray, to sing Your praises and hear Your Word, so that we may continue to be transformed, to be more like our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. We make all our prayers in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Song of Praise

Lift High the Cross

Refrain:

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Come, brethren, follow where our Savior trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.
(Refrain)

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw men unto thee.
(Refrain)

Thy kingdom come, that earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace.
(Refrain)

For thy blest cross which doth for us atone,
creation's praises rise before thy throne.
(Refrain)

Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism

Q 56: What do you believe concerning the forgiveness of sins?

I believe that God, because of Christ's satisfaction, will no more remember my sins, nor my sinful nature, against which I have to struggle all my life, but He will graciously grant me the righteousness of Christ, that I may never come into condemnation.

Corporate Prayers of Confession:

Our most gracious Heavenly Father, we confess our sins to You because You alone are powerful enough and merciful enough to forgive our guilt. Show us how great our need is, and show us how great the grace of our Savior Jesus is.

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 I Peter 2

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Song of Assurance

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness, That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.

Words of pow'r that can never fail—let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Offering and Choral Music

Children of the Heavenly Father

Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather.
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever.
Unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.

Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh.
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them safe and holy.

(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 4:9-11 (page 727 in pew Bible)

But God said to Jonah, “Do you do well to be angry for the plant?” And he said, “Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die.” ¹⁰And the Lord said, “You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?”

Sermon—Wes Simmons, Senior Pastor

Did Jonah eventually take to heart the lessons learned from this counseling session, which was in the form of a debate with God? The text doesn't say...but the intention is clear. The question is put to the reader. Where are your passions? Is God's heart YOUR heart? – Bryan Estelle

—— Being Sent Out into God's World ——

Song of Dismissal

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—

Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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 —

Congratulations to Joe and Joanna Wishart on the birth of their son, Nolan Joseph born September 16, measuring 8 pounds 3 ounces and 20 inches long.

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.

Bible and Life

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

Children's Ministry

CLUBTIME meets **tonight**. Students should be working on lesson 3 , Psalm 119:12

Save the date:

Our Fall Festival will be **October 24!** More details to come!

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. Find more information and RSVP on the app!

Women's Ministry

Mom's 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 is provided.

Women's Brunch

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

Youth Ministry

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 26—Youth Group 5:30-7:30, Moseley House

Oct 2—Mother/Daughter Tea/Brunch 10:30am—12:30pm

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

Children's Church Volunteers

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

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

Oct 10—Marie Baum, Katie Edmonson, Bethany Adams, Bradley Brooks,
Lucy Brooks

Church Family Needs

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

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

St. Andrews Missionaries— Truth Spring Academy

St Andrews Ministries— Youth 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 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

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

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 **CRIME AND GANGS**. ... Luke 15:11-24

God of justice and hope, please bring people in this city from darkness to light as you work through...

Mon: UNGODLY HEARTS — “The younger [son] said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate'" (v 12).

All of us have selfish instincts - but for some, the pain of life and the sin in their heart combine to produce powerful desires for control, power, respect or comfort. Ask God to reorient the hearts of those involved in crime in your city, so they would come to see how wonderful it is to live within God's ways.

Tues: UNGODLY LIVES — “The younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living" (v 13).

Wayward desires lead to wayward actions. Distorted hearts can easily lead to drug use, burglary or knife/gun crime. Spend some time lamenting the crime in your city. Pray for God to intervene, so that as hearts turn to Christ, lives would increasingly reflect his justice and peace.

Wed: UNGODLY CONSEQUENCES — “He began to be in need" (v 14).

All crime has consequences. It is an affront to God, and hurts both the victim and the perpetrator. Bring before God any specific cases affecting people you love or incidents in the news that are on your heart. Pray that the victims would know true comfort, and that those who have committed the crime would allow the consequences to spur them to change.

Thu: GODLY REPENTANCE — “So he got up and went to his father" (v 20).

True change begins with repentance - returning to our heavenly Father, conscious of our need and with a desire for him. Pray for Christian organizations working with gangs, offenders and prisoners. Ask God to use them to speak clearly of a Father who wants people to turn back to him.

Fri: GODLY ACCEPTANCE — “The father said to his servants, 'Quick!... let's have a feast and celebrate'" (v 23).

Repentance is a wonderful thing. It results in full acceptance by the Lord. It should result in full acceptance by the Lord's people too. Sometimes there need to be boundaries, but always there needs to be love. Thank God for his grace and acceptance shown to all repentant rebels, and pray that your church would love the ex-criminal well.

(*Adapted from *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.

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.