

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 28, 2025

—— 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: From Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, *he is God!*

**It is he who made us, and we are *his*;
we are *his people*, and *the sheep of his pasture*.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the Lord is *good*;

**his *steadfast love* endures forever,
and his *faithfulness* to all generations.**

—— Offering God Our Praises ——

Songs of Ascent

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.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight;
Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;
Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high Tower:
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High king of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of All.

We Will Feast In the House Of Zion

(Chorus)

We will feast in the house of Zion. We will sing with our hearts restored.

"He has done great things," we will say together, We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire, He is the LORD our God.

We are not consumed, by the flood—Upheld, protected, gathered up.

(Chorus)

In the dark of night, before the dawn, My soul, be not afraid

For the promised morning, oh how long? Oh God of Jacob, be my strength.

(Chorus)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed—You are the Faithful One.

And from the garden to the grave Bind us together, bring shalom.

(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.

Prayer of Invocation

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being: You have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness would keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Song of Praise

I Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

—— Receiving of New Members ——

**Kelly Stowe, Meredith (Mary) Hord, Andie Addison, Sam Addison
Jon Alexander, Sydney Alexander, John Basie, Marana Basie,
Joseph Griggs, Marian Griggs, Jordan Inman, Kathleen Inman,
Anna Kathryn Inman, Carly Inman, Samuel Inman,
Andrew Koontz, Jody Koontz, Jacob Waddell, Callie Waddell**

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation, as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study (pursue) its purity and peace?

—— Baptism ——

Alexander Thayer Macgregor, Samuel Parker Stowe,
Meredith Wren (Mary) Hord, Wyatt Franklin Scarborough

What we Believe about Baptism—Taken From the New City Catechism:

What is baptism?

Baptism is the washing with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; it signifies and seals our adoption into Christ, our cleansing from sin, and our commitment to belong to the Lord and to his church.

Is baptism with water the washing away of sin itself?

No, only the blood of Christ and the renewal of the Holy Spirit can cleanse us from sin.

The covenant promises:

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. — Titus 3:4-7

Reading from the French Reformed Baptismal Liturgy:

For you, little child, Jesus Christ has come, he has fought, he has suffered. For you he entered the shadow of Gethsemane and the horror of Calvary. For you he uttered the cry, "It is finished!" For you he rose from the dead and ascended into heaven and there he intercedes – for you, little child, even though you do not know it. But in this way the word of the Gospel becomes true. "We love him, because he first loved us."

Vows for Parents:

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Congregational Vow:

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of these children?

Confession of Faith - taken from The New City Catechism

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20

Question 30: What is faith in Jesus Christ?

Faith in Jesus Christ is acknowledging the truth of everything that God has revealed in his Word, trusting in him, and also receiving and resting on him alone for salvation as he is offered to us in the gospel.

Corporate Prayers of Confession: Psalm 79:9-11

Help us, O God of our salvation,
for the glory of your name;

**Deliver us, and forgive our sins,
for your name's sake.**

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 103 and Romans 5

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. As far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. Indeed, while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Song of Assurance

O Worship the King

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Offering and Special Music

Lord From Sorrows Deep I Call (Psalm 42)

Lord, from sorrows deep I call when my hope is shaken;
torn and ruined from the fall, hear my desperation.
For so long I've pled and prayed, " God come to my rescue! "
Even so, the thorn remains; still my heart will praise You.

Storms within my troubled soul, questions without answers;
on my faith these billows roll - God be now my shelter.
Why are you cast down my soul? Hope in Him who saves you.
When the fires have all grown cold, cause this heart to praise You.

Should my life be torn from me, every worldly pleasure;
when all I possess is grief, God be then my treasure.
Be my vision in the night; be my hope and refuge.
'Til my faith is turned to sight, Lord my heart will praise You.

Oh, my soul, put your hope in God, my help, my rock, I will praise Him.
Sing, oh sing, through the raging storm; You're still my God, my salvation.

(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 14:13-23 (page 892-893 in the pew Bible)

Sermon — Wes Simmons, Senior Pastor

Notes:

—— Being Sent Out into God's World ——

Song of Dismissal

O Worship the King

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

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 Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15am.

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.

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.

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.

Men's Ministry

Men's Bible Study

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

— Announcements —

Information Update

We are updating our church database and directory, and need *EVERYONE* to fill out the update form. 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!

Children's Ministry

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

Fall Festival

Fall Festival will be **Oct. 26** from 4:30-6:00! We are collecting candy donations in the Narthex. If you are interested in volunteering please sign up on the app!

Church-Wide Workday

Join the Deacons on Saturday **Oct 25** (8:00am-12:00pm) as we tackle some projects around the church building

Youth Ministry

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

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 if you have any questions.*

Sept 28—Youth Group @ Moseley House

Oct 5—No Youth Group

Fall Camp—Oct 17-19

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.

Children's Church Volunteers

Sept 28—Cam Addison, Anna Rodeheaver, Caleb Schuster, Wade Wallace

Oct 5—Kaity Stewart, Claire Sproul, Bradley Brooks, Lucy Brooks

Oct 12—Sarah Barkhouse, Katherine Fahling, Klein Adams, Clara Adams

Church Family Needs & Weekly Prayers

Expectant Mothers—Katherine Fahling

St. Andrews Missionaries—Young Life

St. Andrews Ministries—Women's 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

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
- 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)

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. 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

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

The office can be reached at office@standrewscolumbus.org

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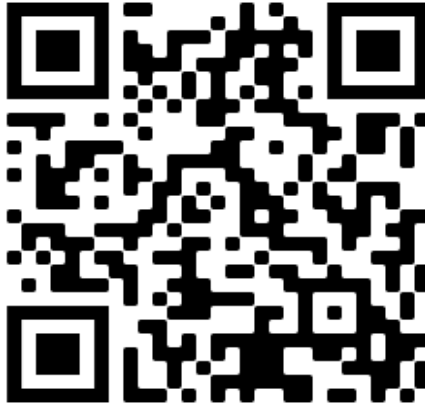
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WELCOME VISITORS

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.



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.

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.

Thanks for visiting with us today.

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