





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 29, 2021

## —— Gathering in God's Presence ——

### Prelude

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

### Call to Worship: Psalm 33:1-8

Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous!

Praise befits the upright.

Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre;

make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

Sing to him a new song;

play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

**For the word of the Lord is upright,**

**and all his work is done in faithfulness.**

**He loves righteousness and justice;**

**the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.**

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,

and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap;

he puts the deeps in storehouses.

**Let all the earth fear the Lord;**

**let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!**

# Songs of Ascent

## **Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand**

Ten thousand times ten thousand in sparkling raiment bright,  
The armies of the ransomed saints throng up the steep of light:  
‘Tis finished, all is finished, their fight with death and sin:  
Fling open wide the golden gates, and let the victors in.

What rush of alleluias fill all the earth and sky!  
What ringing of a thousand harps bespeaks the triumph nigh!  
O day for which creation and all its tribes were made;  
O joy, for all its former woes, a thousand-fold repaid!

O then what raptured greetings on Canaan’s happy shore;  
What knitting severed friendship up where partings are no more!  
Then eyes with joy shall sparkle, that brimmed with tears of late;  
Orphans no longer fatherless, nor widows desolate.

Bring near thy great salvation, Thou Lamb for sinners slain;  
Fill up the roll of Thine elect, then take Thy power, and reign:  
Appear, Desire of Nations, Thine exiles long for home;  
Show in the heaven Thy promised sign, Thou Prince and Savior, come.

## **Jesus, Lover of My Soul**

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;  
Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on Thee;  
Leave, oh, leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want, more than all in Thee I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is Thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of Thee;  
Spring Thou up within my heart; rise to all eternity.

## **Complete In Thee**

Complete in Thee, no work of mine could take, dear Lord the place of Thine.  
Thy blood hath pardon bought for me, and I shall stand complete in Thee.

Complete in Thee, each want supplied, and no good thing to me denied,  
Since Thou my portion, Lord, will be, I ask no more, complete in Thee!

*Chorus:*

*Yea, justified! O blessed thought! And sanctified! Salvation wrought!  
Thy blood hath pardon bought for me, And glorified, I, too, shall be!*

Complete in Thee, no more shall sin, Thy grace has conquered, reign within;  
Thy blood shall bid the tempter flee, and I shall stand, complete in Thee!  
*(Chorus)*

Dear Saviour! When before Thy bar all tribes and tongues assembled are,  
Among Thy chosen will I be, at Thy right hand, complete in Thee!  
*(Chorus)*

## **Greeting**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

# — Offering God Our Praises —

## **Prayer of Invocation**

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## **Song of Praise**

### **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Oh that day when, freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed then in blood-washed linen how I'll sing Thy sovereign grace.  
Come my Lord, no longer tarry; take my ransomed soul away,  
Send Thine angels now to carry me to realms of endless day!

## **Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism**

Q 53: What do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit?

**First, He is, together with the Father and the Son, true and eternal God.  
Second, He is also given to me, to make me by true faith share in Christ  
and all His benefits, to comfort me, and to remain with me forever.**

## **Corporate Prayers of Confession: Psalm 32:1-7**

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

**For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.  
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

**I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Therefore let everyone who is godly  
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;  
Surely in the rush of great waters,  
they shall not reach him.

**You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

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

## **Silent Prayers of Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardoning Grace: Psalm 34:4-5, 8**

I sought the Lord, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.  
Those who look to him are radiant,  
and their faces shall never be ashamed.  
Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

## **Song of Praise**

### **O God Beyond All Praising**

O God beyond all praising, we worship You today  
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
For we can only wonder at every gift You send,  
At blessings without number and mercies without end:  
We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your Word,  
We honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
That we who know Your favor may serve You as our King;  
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still:  
To marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,  
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

## **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 3:1-4** (page 727 in pew Bible)

Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”

**Sermon—Wes Simmons, Senior Pastor**

*I'm just a beggar, telling other beggars where I found bread.* - Steve Brown

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

## **Song of Dismissal**

### **O Church, Arise**

O Church, arise, and put your armour on;  
Hear the call of Christ our Captain.  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth,  
We'll stand against the devil's lies;  
An army bold, whose battle-cry is Love,  
Reaching out to those in darkness.

## **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

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## Bible and Life

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

Bring your chair and a lunch and join us for Lunch on the Lawn on Sunday, **September 5**, immediately following the worship service! There will be no Bible and Life classes that day.

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## Children's Ministry

CLUBTIME meets **tonight**. Students should be working on Lesson 1 in their booklets, Psalm 119:9-10.

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## Small Groups

Small groups are kicking back off! If you are interested in joining a small group this fall, please see the sign up clipboards that are located under the tv in the narthex. Contact the church office with any questions.

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## Women

Mom's in prayer meets Mondays at 9:30 in the Mosely House

The women's ministry team would love to invite you to join us in our Titus Two, sisters in Christ program. We ask that you fill out a survey via our app!

We will have a kick-off party in the Moseley House **September 17**, at 7pm. We hope you can join us, even if you are not able to join the program at this time. If you have any questions please call/text Juli Pope (706) 442-5854.

### Women's Fall Study

Beginning **September 7**—Tuesday Mornings, 9:30-11am: Steadfast by Courtney Doctor. Nursery will be provided. Books are \$10.00 each.

# 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 29**—Youth Group 5:30-7:30

**Sept 3**—Chick-Fil-A Breakfast and Devotion—**6:52 AM** @ Mosely House

**Sept 5** —No Youth Group—Labor Day

# Children's Church Volunteers

**Aug 29**—Diane McGowan, Aracelis Williams, Bethany Adams, Klein Adams

**Sept 5**—Stephanie Schuster, Katie Edmonson, Bradley Brooks, Lucy Brooks

**Sept 12**—Amy Rhodes, Cam Addison, Olivia Rhodes, Andie Addison, Emily Simmons

# Covenant Family Needs

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

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

**St. Andrews Missionaries**— Pioneers

**St Andrews Ministries**— Pastor & Staff

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**

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**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**

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**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 ——

Praying for REST. ... Hebrews 4:1-13

Sovereign Lord, who rested on the seventh day, I bring before you ...

**Mon:** Busyness in the city — “Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest” (v 11).

From weekend getaways to new experiences, so much of our culture’s pursuit of leisure is really a misplaced desire for the perfect rest of the new creation. Give thanks for this ultimate rest that is promised to you in Christ. Pray for yourself and others you care about to “make every effort to enter” it through faith in Christ.

**Tues:** Sundays in the city — “There remains then a Sabbath-rest for the people of God” (v 9).

Give thanks for God’s provision of a day of rest every week—a foretaste of the rest that we will one day fully enjoy in God’s presence. Pray that each week you would rest not only by stopping work, but by “recreation” through listening to God’s word. Pray that God’s people would prioritize meeting together on Sunday to do this.

**Wed:** Rest in the city — “For anyone who enters God’s rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his” (v 10).

Despite a huge leisure industry and many labor saving innovations, city life is often fraught and busy. Pray that, as someone who has entered God’s rest, you would have a good pattern of work and rest in your life. Pray for wisdom about how much work you should do, and for guidance on what to say yes and no to.

**Thu:** Witness in the city — “For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword” (v 12).

Sports and hobbies can be fruitful contexts for sharing our lives and our faith, as people relax and open up. Pray for three people you spend regular leisure time with who do not know Christ. Pray for opportunities to show them how “alive and active” God’s word really is.

**Fri:** Leisure in the city — “Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight” (v13).

All our hobbies and leisure time are under God’s authority. We can’t compartmentalize our spare time as something belonging to ourselves— it too is God’s. Pray that you, and every Christian, would use all your time in a way that honors him.

*( \*adapted from the ‘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.*

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**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.

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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.

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**Thanks for visiting with us today.**