

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

May 18 , 2025  
Communion Sunday

—— Gathering in God's Presence ——

## Prelude

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

## Call to Worship: Isaiah 12:2-6

**“Behold, God is my salvation;  
I will trust, and will not be afraid;  
For the Lord God is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.”**

With *joy* you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the Lord,  
call upon his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples,  
proclaim that his name is exalted.

“Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done *gloriously*,  
let this be made known in all the earth.  
*Shout*, and *sing for joy*, O inhabitant of Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

# — Offering God Our Praises —

## Songs of Ascent

### Power Of The Cross

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then Nailed to a cross of wood.

*Chorus:*

*This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;  
Took the blame, bore the wrath—We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face, Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

*(Chorus)*

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath Quakes as its Maker bows  
His head. Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life; "Finished!" the vict'ry  
cry.

*(Chorus)*

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, For through Your suffering I am  
free.  
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live, Won through Your selfless love.

*Chorus:*

*This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God—slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.*

## **Come, All Ye Pining**

Lord, we adore thy boundless grace, the heights and depths unknown,  
Of pardon, life, and joy, and peace, in thy beloved Son.

*Chorus:*

*Come, all ye pining, hungry poor, the Saviour's bounty taste;  
Behold a never-failing store for every willing guest.*

O wondrous gifts of love divine, Dear Source of every good;  
Jesus, in thee what glories shine! How rich thy flowing blood!  
*(Chorus)*

Here shall your numerous wants receive a free, a full supply;  
He has unmeasured bliss to give, and joys that never die.  
*(Chorus)*

## **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

Lord of heaven and earth, we gather here today in Your name, to worship You. Help us to lift our voices together, to *sing for joy* of Your great salvation. Help our unbelief and help us to worship You. We make all our prayers in the name of the risen, reigning, Lord Jesus Christ, who has redeemed us from all our sins. Amen.

## Song of Praise

### Jesus I Come

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.  
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of my sickness into Thy health, out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm, out of life's storms and into Thy calm,  
Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, out of despair into raptures above,  
Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of the depths of ruin untold, Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

## **Corporate Prayers of Confession:**

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

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 66:20**

Blessed be God,  
because he *has not* rejected my prayer  
or removed his steadfast love from me!

## **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 11:1-10** (page 890 in the pew Bible)

**Sermon — Wes Simmons, Senior Pastor**

**Notes:**

# — Communing at the Lord's Table —

## Confessing what we believe, using The Apostle's Creed:

I believe in God the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.<sup>1</sup>  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,<sup>2</sup>  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

<sup>1</sup>*Died a true death.*

<sup>2</sup>*The Church Universal.*

# Song of Preparation

## Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small;  
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all."

*Chorus:*

*Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;*

*Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.*

For nothing good have I whereby Thy grace to claim;  
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

*(Chorus)*

Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow'r, and Thine alone,  
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone.

*(Chorus)*

# The Great Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God! **It is good and right to do so!**

It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise & magnify your glorious name, ever more praising you and *singing*:

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all  
creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

# Prayer of Thanksgiving

# Invitation to the Table

1 Corinthians 5:7-8: “For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival.”

*The Table of the Lord Jesus Christ is offered freely to all who have placed their faith in Jesus alone for salvation, as He is offered to us in the gospel. It is for those who are members of a church body, have been baptized, and those who are walking with Jesus in repentance and faith. To all of those who are Christians, but who might be struggling in your faith, you are invited and welcomed to come, that you might be further spiritually strengthened.*

*Scripture warns against taking the Lord’s Supper if you are not trusting in Jesus alone for salvation, or if you are harboring unrepentant sin or unforgiveness in your heart. To do so would be both dangerous and inauthentic. Instead, we would invite you to refrain from taking this meal, and instead consider Christ – and all His benefits to you, as He is offered to you, by faith - and we would encourage you to move towards repentance and faith in Jesus.*

## **Words of Institution**

1 Corinthians 11:23-26:

“The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We break bread in the name of Father, Son and Holy Spirit! And we declare the great mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **Receiving Communion Together**

*(After coming forward and receiving your elements please hold them, so we can all take them together.)*

## **Closing Prayer**

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

## Song of Celebration

### Jesus Paid It All

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,  
“Jesus died, my soul to save!” my lips shall still repeat.  
*(Chorus)*

*Chorus:*

*Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;*

*Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.*

## 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**

Bible and Life classes begin at 9:30 and nursery is provided. There is NO Bible and Life class on **May 25**.

## **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**. This will be a joint class with Adults and Youth.

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## **Congregational Meeting**

We will be having a congregational meeting immediately following worship **today**. This meeting is to elect church officers and a brief financial update. Nominee photos and biographies are on the app, and are available in the Narthex. The nominees are as follows: For **Deacon**: Matt Edmonson, Brett Horne, Leroy Ward. For **Elder**: Mathes Ballard, Bill Brouwer, Daniel Hord, Warner Kennon, Bobby McGowan.

Please note that the Nursery workers will stay late to keep the little ones in the Nursery during the meeting. However, there will NOT be childcare for PreK 4 and up, so please keep your children with you in the sanctuary for this brief meeting. Children's Church kids will be brought back to the sanctuary during the Song of Preparation before Communion.

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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 Prayer Ministry**

Join us **Mondays** in room 108 from 9:30-10:30am. This group meets weekly to pray through **May 19**. We will then take a break for the summer and resume on **Aug 11**.

### **Mother-Daughter Tea**

Our annual Mother-Daughter Tea will be **today** at 2:30pm the Moseley House. This is an event for ALL women within our church, including our sweet little ones. Please feel free to bring your mom, your child (young or grown), your aunt, grandmother or friend. This will be a "high tea" style event, so wear your finest afternoon duds, bring the ladies in your life and we'll have a nice day together!

# — Announcements —

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## Men's Ministry

### Men's Bible Study

Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets from 8:00-9:00 am. There is no Bible and Life on **May 25**.

### B4

Believing Brothers Breaking Bread (B4) will take place **June 4, June 18, July 9** and **July 23**. Please plan to join us for food, fellowship and reflection on developing biblical friendships. Check the app for the location as the date draws near. For more information, contact Bobby McGowan at [mcgowanfamily4@yahoo.com](mailto:mcgowanfamily4@yahoo.com).

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## Children's Ministry

### Rooted

Our final meeting of the year will be **tonight** from 5:30-7:15.

### VBS- "Let There Be Light!"

VBS 2025 is about to blast off! Please use the link on the app to register your child(ren) for "Let There Be Light" happening **June 9-13**, from 9:00-12:00! If you have any questions, contact MissionControl: [children@standrewscolumbus.org](mailto:children@standrewscolumbus.org).

### VBS- Volunteers

Our Volunteers are "Out of this World!" We're counting down to an amazing 2025 VBS and need volunteers like you to keep us in orbit! Please use the link on the app to register to Volunteer (and to register for nursery-age childcare while you are volunteering). There will be a quick meeting for all VBS Volunteers after church on Sunday, **June 1** in Room 111/112. Please make plans to attend this meeting. If you are unable to attend, see Anna Rodeheaver or Marie Baum to receive your VBS Volunteer Packet.

### VBS- Snacks

If you are interested in bringing snacks for VBS kids and/or VBS volunteers sign up on the app or contact the office at [office@standrewscolumbus.org](mailto:office@standrewscolumbus.org) or Mrs. Marie at [children@standrewscolumbus.org](mailto:children@standrewscolumbus.org)

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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.*

**May 18**—Youth Group @ Moseley House

**May 25**— No Youth Group

## Children's Church Volunteers

**May 18**—Kaity Stewart, Cam Addison, Bradley Brooks, Lucy Brooks

**May 25**— Amelia Estes, Angela Hancock, Leah Rodeheaver, Rebeckah Rodeheaver, Abigail Rodeheaver

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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, Caroline Kennon

**St. Andrews Missionaries**— Clement Arts

**St. Andrews Ministries**— Deacons

**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)

## **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!

## **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

Clark Cobb

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Phil Engstrom

John Mitchell

Nathan Rodeheaver

Steve Adams

Drew Rhodes

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

### Deacons of St. Andrews

Blake Corcoran

Mike Willett

Daniel Hord

Ben Wallace

John Simpson

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Tommy Etchechury

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Joey Nichols

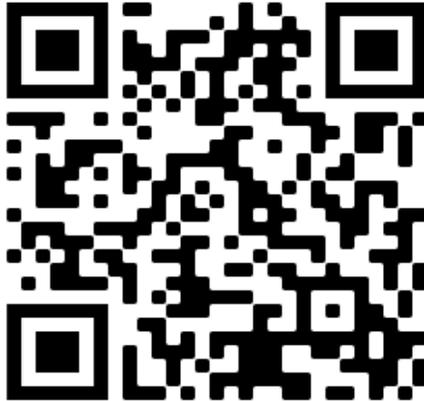
Matthew Phelps

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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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