

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

July 20, 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: Psalm 95:1-7

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
And his hands formed the dry land.
Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

**For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

—— Offering God Our Praises ——

Songs of Ascent

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)

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong.
Who holds our days within his hand? What comes apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Chorus:

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal; O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good. God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh, Unto the shore, the rock of Christ.
(*Chorus*)

Unto the grave what shall we sing? "Christ he lives, Christ he lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be destroyed.
And we will feast in endless joy, When Christ is ours forever more.
(*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

O great God, according to your limitless mercy and abounding grace, you have fulfilled your promises and have sent your own Son to be our Savior. He has redeemed and ransomed us by his own blood, and calls us here to worship, today. Give us gladness in our worship, because of our great salvation. Help us to celebrate this good news, what has been done for us in the gospel of Jesus.

Give us hearts ready to hear your word, faith to believe your great promises to us, and lives of new obedience. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Amen.

Song of Praise

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when
strivings cease!

My Comforter, my All in All—here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on Him was laid—here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand.
Till He returns or calls me home here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Corporate Prayers of Confession:

Our great Redeemer and only Hope, you do not deal with us according to our transgressions nor do you hold our sins against us. So we come freely confessing that we have transgressed against your clear commands. We have not loved you with our whole heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.

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 1 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.

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: Matthew 13:31-33 (pages 768 in the pew Bible)

Sermon — Bill Douglas

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.¹

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,²
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

¹*Died a true death.*

²*The Church Universal.*

Song of Preparation

What Wondrous Love Is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down;
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

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

What Wondrous Love Is This

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on.

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 is on a break for the Summer. We will resume classes again in August.

Women's Ministry

Early Morning Bible Study

Join us for an early morning Bible Study on Thursdays! We are doing a study on Luke beginning at 6:00am.—See the app for location.

Women's Prayer Ministry

The Women's Prayer Ministry is on break for the Summer.

Women's Bible Study

For our summer study, we will be hearing testimonies from women in our church and sharing how God has shaped our stories. The study will meet in Room 107 on Tuesdays from through **July 29**.

Service Project

There will be a Women's Service Project this Thursday, **July 24** from 7-9 in the Moseley House. Our Ladies will be making snacks for International Friendship Ministries, one of our Missions partners.

A Note from the Session

As in previous years, the Session will be filling the pulpit with men from our church preaching in the month of July. This has several benefits. One, it gives us the opportunity to hear Pastors Bill Douglas and Tim Grider, along with Youth Director, Vijay Rawal. Second, it will let these men pursue their passion for preaching God's Word, and allow us as a congregation to help them by actively and joyfully participating. Third, our Senior Pastor will be able to rest on Sunday for a short season and worship with his family, as many pastors do in the PCA. Pastor Wes is still serving throughout the month and redeeming the hours not used for sermon preparation to care for the church and its mission in other ways. He will return to the pulpit on the first Sunday in August. Please join us in encouraging and praying for all of these men during this time of renewal and growth.

Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting immediately following worship on **Aug 10**. This brief meeting is to discuss staffing, facilities, finances, and ministry. Nursery will be provided for 0-4.

— Announcements —

Men's Ministry

B4

Believing Brothers Breaking Bread (B4) will take place **July 23** at the Moseley House. Please plan to join us for food, fellowship and reflection on developing Biblical friendships. For more information, contact Bobby McGowan at mcgowanfamily4@yahoo.com.

Men's Bible Study

Men's Tuesday morning Bible Study meets Tuesdays through **July 29** from 8:00-9:00am.

Shark Trip

The 2025 Men's Shark Trip will be **Sept 25-28**. The cost will be \$150 or less depending on the number of attendees. Cost covers housing and one evening meal. All fishing gear is provided. A minimum of 10 men are needed to book the trip. To reserve your place: Please make a verbal commitment to Chris Schuster or Dale Pope. Payment deadline will be posted at a later date, but we need to know if you plan to come ASAP. Chris: 706-718-8632, auschuster84@gmail.com
Dale: 434-209-2073, itsdalebert@gmail.com

Children's Ministry

Our summer reading program is in full swing! Kids are encouraged to read the book of Matthew directly from the Bible and check off each chapter using the chapter log. If you need a chapter log, print it from the app, or reach out to Mrs. Marie for a copy! For those that complete the challenge, there will be a Kona Ice truck visiting our church on **July 29** at 12:30. So get busy reading God's Word and then come celebrate with a cold treat!

St. Andrews 101

Are you interested in learning more about St. Andrews and what we believe? The next St. Andrews 101 class will be Saturday morning **Sept 6**. This class is required for membership but is not an obligation to join. Please see the "Churchwide Events" section of the app for more information and registration.

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 if you have any questions.*

July 20—No Youth Group

July 27—Youth Group (Pool Party) - @ the Smith's home

Small Groups

Interested in joining a small group? Do you have questions about small groups? Contact Bill Brouwer at (559) 799-3982 or billbrouwer2010@gmail.com.

Children's Church Volunteers

July 20—Amy Rhodes, Kayla Barkhouse, Kate Simmons, Henry Maxey

July 27—Cam Addison, Anna Rodeheaver, Andie Addison, Caleb Schuster

Aug 3— Katherine Fahling, Claire Sproul, Leah Rodeheaver, Abigail Rodeheaver, Rebekah Rodehaver

Church Family Needs & Weekly Prayers

St. Andrews Missionaries—18.26 Network

St. Andrews Ministries—Pioneers

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

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)

Kent State University (Cordelia Phillips)

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

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

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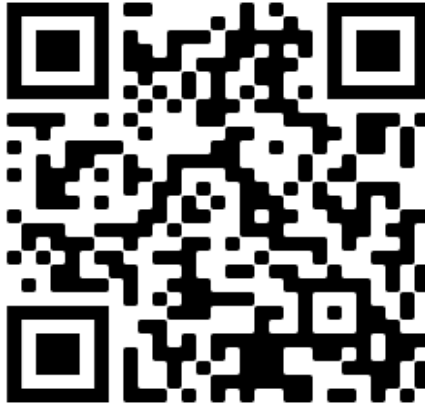
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WELCOME VISITORS

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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