

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

January 7, 2024

— Gathering in God's Presence —

Prelude

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

Missions Minute: 2024 Missions Conference, Bridget Adams

Call to Worship: from Psalm 113

Praise the Lord!

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!

Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time forth and forevermore!

From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the Lord is to be praised!

**The Lord is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens!**

**Who is like the Lord our God,
who is seated on high,
who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth?**

...Praise the Lord!

— Offering God Our Praises —

Songs of Ascent

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.
All o'er those wide extended plains, shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away.

Chorus:

Men: *I am bound*

Women: *I am bound,*

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Women: *I am bound,*

Together: *I am bound for Promised Land!*

(Repeat)

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.

(Chorus)

When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face, and in His bosom rest?

(Chorus)

Pass Me Not

Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.

Refrain:

*Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.*

Let me at Thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief,
Kneeling there in deep contrition: help my unbelief.

(Refrain)

Trusting only in Thy merit, would I seek Thy face;
Heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by Thy grace.

(Refrain)

Thou the Spring of all my comfort, more than life to me,
Whom have I on earth beside Thee? Whom in heav'n but Thee?

(Refrain)

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.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;
has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

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!

Greeting

To those who are *called, beloved* in God the Father and *kept* for Jesus Christ: May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Prayer of Invocation

Our great Redeemer, whose great glory we sing about this morning, draw near to us here, in this place, and fill us as we worship you. You alone are our comfort and our peace. You are the author and perfecter of our faith. The whole work of redemption is yours alone.

We ask that you rule over our minds, hearts and wills, that you make us alive within, by the work of your Spirit, and that you equip us for all the good works, which you call us to.

We make all our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and King, Amen.

Song of Praise

His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore;
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Chorus:

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new every morn;
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more!*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam,
What Father, so tender, is calling us home.
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.
(Chorus)

What riches of kindness he lavished on us;
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.
(Chorus)

Confession of Faith - taken from The New City Catechism

Romans 14:7-8

For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

Q 1: What is our only hope in life and death?

That we are not our own but belong, body and soul, both in life and death, to God and to our Savior Jesus Christ.

Corporate Prayers of Confession:

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our mouths are afraid to say, what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed by the work of Your Spirit. Grant us grace to grow more and more into Your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

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 John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

Song of Assurance

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.

Prayers of Intercession: Praying over a New Year

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: Philippians 3:1-11 (page 922 in the pew Bible)

Sermon — Wes Simmons, Senior Pastor

Notes:

—— Being Sent Out into God's World ——

Song of Dismissal

In Christ Alone

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.

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 has started for the Spring Semester. Please see the insert for schedule details.

Children's Ministry

Rooted starts back **tonight!** We will continue learning Old Testament stories and working on memorizing scripture. Kindergartners—6th graders, come join us from 5:30-7:00pm!

Men's Ministry

Men's Bible Study

Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study will resume on **Jan 9** from 8:00-9:00 am. Please see the app for the Bible verse that we will be studying.

Women's Ministry

The regular Tuesday Morning Bible will resume in **Jan 23**.

Spring Kickoff Luncheon

Join us for a Women's Spring Kickoff Luncheon on **Jan 21** in the Moseley House after worship. More details to come!

St. Andrews 101

Are you interested in learning more about St. Andrews and what we believe? Join us for our membership class, SA 101, on Saturday **Jan 20** from 8:30-12:00. A light breakfast will be served and nursery will be provided if needed.

Registration is available on the app.

— Announcements —

2024 Common Book

Join us in 2024 in reading the book “Sunday Matters.” Books can be purchased in the office for \$15.

Missions Conference

Save the date! **Feb 2-4** will be our annual Missions Conference. More details to come!

Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting immediately following worship on **Jan 21**. Nursery will be available. All members are encouraged to attend.

Staffing Update

Please join us in welcoming Thomas Gibbs to the Staff at St. Andrews. He will be our pastoral intern this spring.

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.*

Jan 7— Youth Group 5:30-7:00

Jan 14— Youth Group 5:30-7:00

Children's Church Volunteers

Jan 7— Cam Addison, Lulu Highley, Andie Addison, Grace Johnson

Jan 14— Linda Bennett, Kaity Stewart, Lucy Brooks, Bradley Brooks

Congratulations to Mathes & Caitlin Ballard on the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Anne — born on December 28!

Church Family Needs & Weekly Prayers

Expectant Mothers— Jennifer Corcoran, Lindsey Fortin

Foster Care Families— Matt & Katherine Maxey; Daniel & Jenny Hord

St. Andrews Missionaries— 18.26 Network

St. Andrews Ministries— Missions Ministry Team

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 — Charles Kendrick-Holmes —
Louann Buck — 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

Missionaries and Ministries Supported by St. Andrews

A Jesus Mission (Doni & Albina Mehmeti)

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)

Auburn University (Tanner Crum)

Auburn University RUF International (Mike Alsup)

Mercer University (Marlin Harris)

Columbus State University (Tim Grider)

Valdosta State University (John Gordy)

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 (Amanda Taylor)

Truth Spring Academy (Carrie Strickland)

Valley Rescue Mission (Vann Ellison)

Young Life Greater Columbus, GA (Lauren Johnson)

St. Andrews Staff

Senior Pastor—Wes Simmons

Assistant Pastor of Youth Ministry and Christian Education—Grant Gilliam

Assistant Pastor —Jeff Barkhouse

Director of Children's Ministry—Marie Baum

Director of Communications & Administration—Margaret Taunton

Coordinator of Music & Worship—Bob Ross

Nursery Coordinator—Juli Pope

Financial Assistant—Ashley Etchechury

Church Administrator—Jennifer Schoonover

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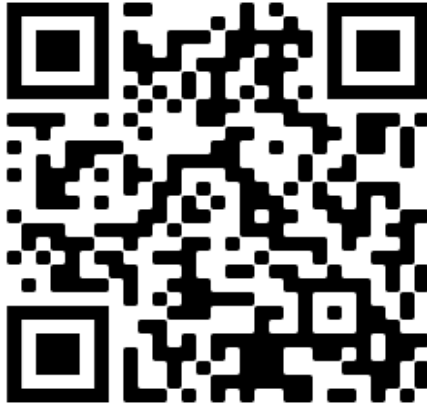
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WELCOME VISITORS

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.



Elders will be in the back of the church to answer questions after the worship service.

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 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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