

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 10, 2026

## — 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.*

### Ministry Minute— Chris Schuster, Men's Ministry

### Call to Worship: Psalm 90:1-2

Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

# — 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.*

## Holy Hands

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul;  
Not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.  
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;  
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

*Chorus:*

*These guilty hands are raised, filthy rags are all I bring;  
And I have come to hide beneath Your wings.  
These holy hands are raised, washed in the fountain of Your grace,  
And now I wear Your righteousness.*

Thy work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;  
Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace within.  
Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to Thee  
Can rid me of this dark unrest and set my spirit free.

*(Chorus)*

Thy grace alone, O God, to me can pardon speak;  
Thy power alone, O Lamb of God, can this sore bondage break.  
No other work save Thine, no other blood will do,  
No strength save that which is divine can bear me safely through.

*(Chorus)*

I praise the God of grace, I trust His truth and might;  
He calls me His, I call Him mine: my God, my joy, my light.  
Tis He who saveth me and freely pardon gives.  
I love because He loveth me; I live because He lives.

*(Chorus)*

## O Great God

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart.  
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r.  
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.  
You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forever more.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,  
Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.  
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me,  
Through the gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace.  
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.  
You are worthy to be praised with my evr'y thought and deed.  
O great God of highest heav'n, glorify Your name through me.

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## Greeting

Grace and Peace to you from God Our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!  
According to His great mercy, He has made us *alive*, to a *living* hope,  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead!

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of Invocation

O Lord God Almighty, You are our Creator, Redeemer and King of Glory. In Your faithful guarding of Your people, You do not slumber or sleep. This morning as we call on Your name, sing songs of praise to You, hear Your Word read and taught, and bring our lives to You, we ask that You come and dwell among us. Raise us to newness of life, and help us walk in the good works You have prepared for us. We pray in the name of the Lamb of God, Jesus, who takes away the sin of the world. Amen.

# Old Testament and New Testament Readings

Old Testament: Numbers 17:12-18:7

New Testament: Luke 1:46-55

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

## Song of Praise

### **O Love That Will Not Let Me Go**

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.

# **Confession of Faith - taken from The New City Catechism**

*And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.  
Genesis 1:31*

Question 5. What else did God create?

**God created all things by his powerful Word, and all his creation was very good; everything flourished under his loving rule.**

## **Corporate Prayers of Confession:**

Father, you tell us in your Word that whatever does not come from faith is sin. We confess that we have at times been apathetic towards our faith. We have allowed ourselves to become cynical, and we confess that there have been times when our cynicism has resulted in slander and criticism of others, prayerlessness, and negativity towards your ways - and towards our brothers and sisters in Christ. Forgive us for our lack of faith. In your mercy, hear us, for Jesus' sake. 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 103 & 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**

### **Great is Thy Faithfulness**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

Chorus:

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.  
(Chorus)

## **Prayer for Illumination (for the preaching and hearing of God's Word), 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 7:24-27**

**Sermon — Wes Simmons, Senior Pastor**

**Notes:**

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

## **Song of Dismissal**

### **Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Chorus:

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

## **Benediction - Romans 15:13**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

**Amen. Thanks be to God!**

Go in His Peace!

# — Announcements —

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## Bible & Life Hour

Adult and Youth Bible and Life is currently on a break. There will be a combined Children's Bible and Life class after the voting, during the Congregational Meeting next week (May 17).

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## Women's Ministry

### Early Morning Bible Study

Join us for an early morning Bible Study on Thursdays 6-7:00am! See more info on the app.

### Women's Prayer Ministry

The Women's Prayer Ministry meets Mondays at 9:30am.

### Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study: Caregivers Study

Join us for morning Bible Study on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 @ St. Andrews.

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## Children's Ministry

### Rooted

Rooted, our children's discipleship program, meets **for the last time this semester** next Sunday, **May 17** from 5:30-7:30pm.

### Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2026 registration for **June 8-12** is open! If interested in volunteering please see Marie Baum, Children's Director or Anna Rodeheaver, VBS Director.

### Child Protection Make-Up Session for VBS

There will be a make-up session for the Child Protection Program Sunday, May 31 at 9:30 for those who need it for volunteering for VBS or RENEW.

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## Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting **next week during the Bible and Life hour on May 17**. The purpose of the meeting is to elect Officers (Deacons and Elders) and for the Emergency Response team to present Risk Assessment Findings. Nursery care will be provided. Families with children in PreK-4 and up: Please keep your children with you in the sanctuary for the first part of the meeting so that our Bible & Life teachers may vote. Children will then be dismissed to a group Bible & Life session.

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## **Men's Ministry**

### **Men's Bible Study**

Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets from 8-9:00am at St. Andrews.

### **Men's Retreat**

Men, mark your calendars for a get-away retreat October 22-25. Contact Chris Schuster for more information: 706-718-8632 or [auschuster84@gmail.com](mailto:auschuster84@gmail.com)

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## **Bible Reading Plan for 2026**

For 2026 and 2027, we will be reading through the Bible as a Church Family! Look on the app for "Bible Reading Plan 2026" to see the plan.

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## **Financial Peace University Interest Survey**

Our church hopes to start another Financial Peace University class. These classes have helped nearly 10 million people. If interested, please fill out the survey in the Christian Education & Community section of the App. You can also add your name to a clipboard under the TV in the Narthex.

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## **Merry May: Foster Care Awareness Month**

Merry May is our church's opportunity to encourage and celebrate Foster, Adoptive, and Kinship Families in our city. Give a gift of a summer experience! See the App for more information and a link to give to support the work of Clement Arts.

## 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](mailto:vijay@standrewscolumbus.org) if you have any questions.*

**May 10**— No Youth Group

**May 17**— Youth Group

**May 24**— No Youth Group

## Children's Church Volunteers

**May 10**—Kelly Phillips, Matt Maxey, Rosalie Whitten,  
Caleb Schuster

**May 17**—Amy Rhodes, Kayla Barkhouse, Kate Simmons, Henry Maxey  
Caleb Schuster

**May 24**—Cam Addison, Anna Grider, Julianne Foster, Wade Wallace,  
Andie Addison

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## Church Family Needs & Weekly Prayers

**Expectant Mothers**— Kayla Barkhouse

**St. Andrews Missionaries**— Seneca Pregnancy Clinic

**St. Andrews Ministries**— Small Group 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—Libby Dahlin*

## 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.

## 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)

# **St. Andrews Missionaries and Ministries**



## **Nursery and Young Children Information**

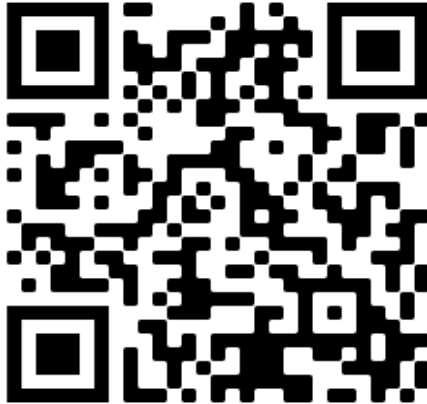


## **Staff and Leadership**



# 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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