



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 8, 2023

— Gathering in God's Presence —

Prelude

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

Ministry Minute: Embrace Grace—Dorothy Bryant

Call to Worship: Psalm 96:1-6

Oh sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!

**Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

**For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.**

Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!

**Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

— Offering God Our Praises —

Songs of Ascent

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!

Refrain:

*O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!

(Refrain)

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light.

(Refrain)

And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care!

(Refrain)

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

(Refrain)

Ancient of Days

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one King reigning over all
So I will not fear for this truth remains
That my God is, the Ancient of Days

Refrain:

None above Him, none before Him

All of time in His hands

For His throne it shall remain and ever stand

All the power, all the glory

I will trust in His name

For my God is, the Ancient of Days

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul
He is here with me, I am not alone
O His love is sure, and He knows my name
For my God is, the Ancient of Days
(Refrain)

Though I may not see what the future brings
I will watch and wait for the Saviour King
Then my joy complete, standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days
(Refrain)

For my God is, the Ancient of Days

Tender Mercy

Hear my cry for mercy as I call to You,
As I lift my hands in Spirit and in Truth:

Chorus:

Men: *We cry mercy*

Women: *In the name of the Father most Holy,*

Men: *We cry mercy*

Women: *In the name of the Son Who was slain,*

Men: *Lord have mercy*

Women: *In the name of the Spirit indwelling,*

Together: *Tender mercy Lord!*

Men: *You are mercy*

Women: *In the name of the Father most Holy,*

Men: *You are mercy*

Women: *In the name of the Son Who was slain,*

Men: *Lord have mercy*

Women: *In the name of the Spirit indwelling,*

Together: *Tender mercy Lord!*

(Repeat last line of chorus after second verse.)

In Your tender mercy brought by grace through faith,
I will lift my heart toward Your most Holy place:

(Chorus)

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

Almighty God, you pour out the spirit of grace and supplication on all who desire it. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Heidelberg Catechism

Q3: From where do you know your sins and misery?

From the law of God.

Q4: What does God's law require of us?

Christ teaches us this in a summary in Matthew 22: You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

Corporate Prayers of Confession: Taken from Psalm 139

Lord, we say with the psalmist:

“Where shall I go from your Spirit?
Or where shall I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there!
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!
If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me.”

Lord, Your presence is inescapable. You see us. You know us inside and out. You know our sin, the areas of our lives where we resist your presence and rule, and the idols that we so desperately cling to. Forgive us, we pray, through the blood of Jesus, our atoning sacrifice for sin. Restore to us the joy of our salvation. Fill us anew with your peace.

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

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardoning Grace: From Romans 1 and 5, and Colossians 1

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Song of Request

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds
of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and
authority.

Words of pow'r that can never fail—let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Offering and Special Music

—— Hearing and Responding to God's Word ——
- The Book of Acts Series -

Scripture Reading: Acts 1:1-11 (page 855 in the pew Bible)

Sermon — Wes Simmons, Senior Pastor

Notes:

— Being Sent Out into God's World —

Song of Dismissal

Speak O Lord

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—

Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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 & Life

Bible and Life classes meet at 9:30am for adults, youth, and children.

End Of Year Giving Statements

Please be sure to check your email for your end of year statement. If you are still in need of a printed copy, please contact the church office.

Marriage Conference

Register now for the St. Andrews Marriage Conference **Jan 20-22**.

Communicants Class

There will be a Communicants Class for students in Grades 3-6. The class will take place during the Sunday School hour, beginning Sunday **Jan 15-Feb 12** from 9:30-10:15 am. Please contact the office at office@standrewscolumbus.org if you have any questions.

Men's Ministry

Fireside Chat

There will be a fireside chat on Friday **Jan 13**. Details can be found on the app.

Men's Bible Study

Bible Study will resume **Tuesday Jan 10** at 8:00am.

Women's Ministry

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will resume **Jan 17** at 9:30am. Childcare is provided.

Women's Lunch

All women are invited to join us for lunch in the Moseley House immediately following the service on **Jan 15**. If you need help finding childcare, please contact the church office.

Moms in Prayer

Moms in Prayer will resume Mon **Jan 9** at 9:30am.

CLUBTIME

CLUBTIME, a program for kids in 1st-6th grade, will meet again on **tonight from 5:30-7:30pm** at St. Andrews.

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 8—Youth Group 5:30-7:30 @ the Moseley House

Jan 15—Youth Group 5:30-7:30 @ the Moseley House

Children's Church Volunteers

Jan 8—Marie Baum, Bridgette Blake, Grace Johnson, Josie Blake

Jan 15—Janet Whitley, Kelly Brown, Bethany Adams, Klein Adams,
Emily Simmons

Jan 22—Katie Edmonson, Linda Bennett, Lucy Brooks, Bradley Brooks

Congratulations to Jonah & Moriah Yeh on the birth of their daughter, Phoebe Elizabeth, born on January 1, 2023.

Church Family Needs

Expectant Mothers—Kathleen Whitley, Megan Huwe, Courtney Catoe,
Emily Ward, Jessica Secrest, Anna Grider,
Katherine Fahling, Jada Gilliam

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

St. Andrews Missionaries—Pioneers

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 recovering from surgeries, accidents, cancer treatments and other illnesses:

Susan Clickner — Addie Jackson —

Don Foster — Charles Kendrick-Holmes — Neil Tipton — Tom Appleby

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)

Louisiana State University (Joshua Johnston)

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 & Director of Youth—Grant Gilliam

Assistant Pastor of Mission—Jeff Barkhouse

Director of Children—Marie Baum

Director of Ministries—Amy Jaeger

Director of Communications & Administration—Margaret Taunton

Coordinator of Music & Worship—Bob Ross

Nursery Coordinator—Juli Pope

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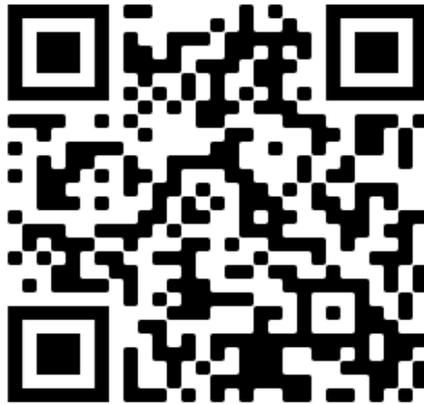
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WELCOME VISITORS

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 cherish 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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