

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 13, 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 134**

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,  
who stand by night in the house of the Lord!  
Lift up your hands to the holy place  
and bless the Lord!  
May the Lord bless you from Zion,  
he who made heaven and earth!

# —— Offering God Our Praises ——

## Songs of Ascent

### He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold Through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

*Chorus:*

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.  
(Chorus)

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!  
(Chorus)

# **Holy, Holy, Holy**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

## **All I Have is Christ**

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way,  
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.  
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will,  
And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still.

*Chorus:*

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.*

*Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!*

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost,  
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross.  
And I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place.  
You bore the wrath reserved for me; now all I know is grace.  
(*Chorus*)

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone and live so all might see  
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me.  
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose,  
And let my song forever be my only boast is You.  
(*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

O Lord, our God, we trust Your promise to be among us as we gather. We come in the name of Christ alone, drawn by Your Spirit, eager to hear Your Word. Fill our hearts with Your Spirit, and help us to worship You in spirit and in truth. We make our prayers in the name of our great Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Song of Praise

### Jesus! What A Friend For Sinners

Jesus, what a Friend for sinners!  
Jesus, Lover of my Soul;  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,  
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Jesus, what a Strength in weakness!  
Let me hide myself in Him.  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,  
He, my Strength, my victory wins.

*Chorus:*

*Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.  
Oh Jesus, what a Friend!*

Jesus, what a Help in sorrow!  
While the billows over me roll,  
Even when my heart is breaking,  
He, my Comfort, helps my soul.

Jesus! I do now receive Him,  
More than all in Him I find.  
He hath granted me forgiveness,  
I am His, and He is mine.  
(Chorus)

*Oh Jesus, what a Friend! Oh Jesus, what a Friend!  
Oh Jesus, what a Friend!*

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

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace  
Isaiah 9:6*

Q 21: What sort of Redeemer is needed to bring us back to God?

**One who is truly human and also truly God.**

## **Corporate Prayers of Confession: Taken from Psalm 130**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice!

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

**But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.**

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

## **Silent Prayers of Confession**



# Assurance of Pardoning Grace: From 2 Corinthians 5

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

## Song of Assurance

### Rejoice the Lord is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King:  
Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,  
And triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns,  
The God of truth and love;  
When He has purged our stains,  
He took his seat above;  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail,  
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus giv'n:  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

## 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: Mark 12:1-12** (pages 796-797 in the pew Bible)

**Sermon — Tim Grider, RUF Campus Minister at Columbus State University**

**Notes:**

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

## **Song of Dismissal**

### **Rejoice the Lord is King**

Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Our Lord and judge shall come  
And take His servants up  
To their eternal home:  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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

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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**

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**.

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### **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. Last, 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.

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### **Youth—RENEW**

Join us in praying for all of our Youth, the volunteers, and Vijay as they are serving at Truth Spring Academy and will follow that up with an exciting adventure trip. Volunteers are still needed as well as meals for this hungry group! Please go to the app to sign up and get more information as to what is needed!

## — Announcements —

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### 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](mailto: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 on the beautiful beaches of Northwest Florida. There will be three nights of exciting fishing along with free time to visit the surrounding area. 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](mailto:auschuster84@gmail.com)  
Dale: 434-209-2073, [itsdalebert@gmail.com](mailto:itsdalebert@gmail.com)

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### Children's Ministry

#### Rooted

Rooted is on break for the Summer.

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### 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.

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### 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.

## 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.*

**RENEW 2025!**

**No Youth Group 7/20**

## 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](mailto:billbrouwer2010@gmail.com).

## Children's Church Volunteers

**July 13**—Sara Barkhouse, Kaity Stewart, Wade Wallace

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

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

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## Church Family Needs & Weekly Prayers

**St. Andrews Missionaries**—18.26 Network

**St. Andrews Ministries**— Women's 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*

*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 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)

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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

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## Elders of St. Andrews

Clark Cobb  
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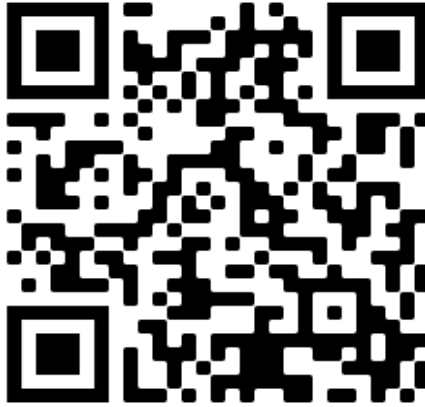
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## WELCOME VISITORS

*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.*



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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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