

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

February 25, 2024

— Gathering in God's Presence —

Prelude

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

Call to Worship: Taken from Isaiah 12

Give thanks to the Lord,
call upon his name,

make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.

**Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.**

Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

**Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;**

**for the Lord God is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.**

— 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.*

Help My Unbelief

I know the Lord is nigh, and would but cannot pray,
For Satan meets me when I try, and frights my soul away,
And frights my soul away.

I would but can't repent, though I endeavor oft;
This stony heart can ne'er relent 'till Jesus makes it soft,
'till Jesus makes it soft.

Chorus:

Help my unbelief, Help my unbelief.
Help my unbelief, My help must come from Thee.

I would but cannot love, though wooed by love divine;
No arguments have power to move a soul as base as mine.
A soul so base as mine.

I would but cannot rest, in God's most holy will;
I know what He appoints is best, and murmur at it still,
I murmur at it still.

(Chorus)

Isaiah 43

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,
And the waves will not overcome you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name, You are Mine.

Chorus:

Men: For I am the Lord your God,

Women: I am the Lord your God,

Men: I am the Lord your God

Women: I am

Together: The Holy One of Israel, Your Saviour!

(Repeat)

Men: I am the Lord,

Women: Do not fear,

Men: I am the Lord,

Women: Do not fear.

(Repeat)

When you walk through the fire you'll not be burned,
And the flames will not consume you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name, You are Mine.
(Chorus)

Together, last time only: I am the Lord.

Greeting

Grace to you and peace, from God our Father, the Father of mercies and
God of all comfort.

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Prayer of Invocation

Heavenly Father, you are gracious and compassionate, abounding in steadfast love and mercy. Come among us this morning as we gather to worship you. We come with thanksgiving in our hearts for your grace to us. You have given us your word, which is truth itself. You have done all that is necessary for our salvation. You have set your Spirit in our hearts, so that we are equipped for every good work. For each of these, we praise you. We worship you this morning, in joyful anticipation of your return, and we offer our lives to you, for the glory of your name. Amen.

Song of Praise

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.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM—
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

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.

— Receiving of New Members —

**Jack & Libbie Key, Gabriel & Jeshua Parish,
Morgan & Cassie Quattlebaum, Mary Jo Noel**

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation, as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study (pursue) its purity and peace?

— Baptism —

Henry David Taunton

What we Believe about Baptism—Taken From the New City Catechism:

What is baptism?

Baptism is the washing with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; it signifies and seals our adoption into Christ, our cleansing from sin, and our commitment to belong to the Lord and to his church.

Is baptism with water the washing away of sin itself?

No, only the blood of Christ and the renewal of the Holy Spirit can cleanse us from sin.

The covenant promises:

Acts 2:39: For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.

Gen 17:7: And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

Titus 3:4-7: But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Reading from the French Reformed Baptismal Liturgy:

For you, little child, Jesus Christ has come, he has fought, he has suffered. For you he entered the shadow of Gethsemane and the horror of Calvary. For you he uttered the cry, "It is finished!" For you he rose from the dead and ascended into heaven and there he intercedes – for you, little child, even though you do not know it. But in this way the word of the Gospel becomes true. "We love him, because he first loved us."

Vows for Parents:

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Congregational Vow:

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of these children?

Confession of Faith- taken from The New City Catechism

Deuteronomy 11:1

You shall therefore love the Lord your God and keep his charge, his statutes, his rules, and his commandments always.

Q 6: How can we glorify God?

We glorify God by enjoying him, loving him, trusting him, and by obeying his will, commands, and law.

Corporate Prayers of Confession:

In you, O Lord, do we take refuge; may we never be put to shame!

Father, deliver and rescue us, from our sin. Incline your ear to us, and save us! Be our rock of refuge, and a fortress for our souls, to which we may continually come - and find grace, because of Jesus' work on our behalf, on the cross.

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

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Song of Assurance

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

(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: Romans 1:18-23 (page 883 in the pew Bible)

Sermon — Wes Simmons , Senior Pastor

Notes:

— Being Sent Out into God's World —

Song of Celebration

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: 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 —

Bible and Life

Bible and Life meets at 9:30am on Sundays before worship.

Children's Ministry

VBS

VBS this year will be **June 3-7**. Mark your calendars!

Daylight Savings

Just a reminder that the clocks will "Spring forward" on **Mar 10!**

Men's Ministry

Men's Bible Study

Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study is taking a break and will resume **Mar 19** from 8:00-9:00am.

Women's Ministry

Bible Study

Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets from 9:30-11:00am until **Mar 5**. Childcare is available for ages 0-4. We will be going through the book of Job, taught by Bill Douglas.

Early Morning Bible Study

Join Liz Brooks for a Bible Study in the Moseley House on Thursday mornings from 6-7:00am. We will also be studying the book of Job.

2024 Women's Retreat

Women, please join us for our Women's Retreat at Callaway Gardens, **Mar 1-3**. Sarah Cord (who spoke last time at Callaway) will be going over the life of Caleb and his "Undivided Heart" towards the Lord. You can sign up on the app or on our website. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

— Easter Announcements —

Bible & Life

There will be no Bible & Life on Easter Sunday.

Easter Choir

If you are interested in being a part of the Easter Choir, please sign up using the sheets in the Narthex.

Easter Egg Hunt—Donations

Candy and small trinket donations are needed! Candy should be individually wrapped and be able to fit into a plastic Easter Egg. Please drop items in the Easter Egg collection basket in the Narthex.

Palm Sunday

All children PreK-6th Grade are invited to participate in a Palm Sunday Processional on Sunday **Mar 24**. No sign-up necessary. Children should meet Mrs. Marie out in front of the church at 10:25 AM on Sunday, **Mar 24** to participate. After the processional ends, children will return to sit with their family for the remainder of the worship service. If you have any questions contact Marie at children@standrewscolumbus.org

Good Friday

Please join us for a Good Friday service on **Mar 29** at 5:00pm at St. Andrews.
(Note: this is a time change from prior years)

Youth Ministry

Youth Group meets weekly at the Moseley House Sundays beginning at 5:30 and is open to all students 7th grade to 12th grade. *Please contact the office with questions!*

Children's Church Volunteers

Feb 25—Bridgette Blake, Amelia Estes, Emily Simmons, Kate Simmons

Mar 3—Cam Addison, Lulu Highley, Andie Addison, Grace Johnson

Mar 10—Linda Bennett, Kaity Stewart, Lucy Brooks, Bradley Brooks

Church Family Needs & Weekly Prayers

Expectant Mothers— Jennifer Corcoran, Lindsey Fortin,
Kathleen Whitley

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

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 — 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 and Leadership

Senior Pastor—Wes Simmons

Assistant Pastor —Jeff Barkhouse

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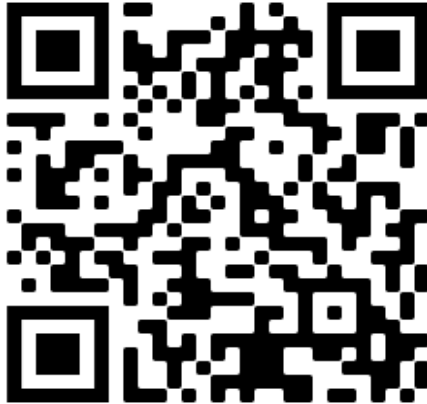
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WELCOME VISITORS

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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