



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

March 5, 2023

— Gathering in God's Presence —

Prelude

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

Call to Worship: From Psalm 95

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

**Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

— Offering God Our Praises —

Songs of Ascent

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight;
Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;
Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high Tower:
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High king of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of All.

Abide With Me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee,
On to the close, Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness.
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heaven He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart, No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free;
For God the just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me, To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, The King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die, My soul is purchased by His blood!
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God, With Christ my Savior and my God!

*Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free;
For God the just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me, To look on Him and pardon me.*

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

O Lord, draw near to us and raise us to newness of life. We ask that You would be pleased to dwell in our praises, this morning. We ask that the Holy Spirit would come upon us to show us the beauty and worthiness of Jesus, who was crucified for sinners. Hear our prayers, because we do not pray in our own name, but in the name of the Lamb of God, Jesus, who takes away the sin of the world. Amen.

Song of Praise

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)

Confession of Faith: taken from The Heidelberg Catechism

Q 27. What do you understand by the providence of God?

God's providence is His almighty and ever present power, whereby, as with His hand, He still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things, come not by chance but by His fatherly hand.

Q 28. What does it benefit us to know that God has created all things and still upholds them by His providence?

We can be patient in adversity, thankful in prosperity, and with a view to the future we can have a firm confidence in our faithful God and Father that no creature shall separate us from His love; for all creatures are so completely in His hand that without His will they cannot so much as move.

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 Ephesians 2

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved!

He has raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, *not* a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Song of Assurance

How Firm A Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

Prayers of Intercession - for Marriages, Families and Singles in our Church

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.)

— Hearing and Responding to God's Word —

Scripture Reading: Acts 3:11-26 (page 857 in the pew Bible)

Sermon — Wes Simmons, Senior Pastor

Notes:

— Being Sent Out into God's World —

Song of Dismissal

How Firm a Foundation

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

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.

Congregational Meeting

The Session of St Andrews Presbyterian Church calls a congregational meeting to be held for all members in good standing, in the sanctuary following worship **today**. The following items of business will be presented:

Election of Trustees (action), a Financial Update (information), & a HR Committee Staffing Report.

Song Night

Join us for a Song Night on **March 19** from 5:30-6:30pm.

Work Day

Join us! St. Andrews is having a Work Day **March 25** from 8:00am - 12:00pm. Check the app for the task lists

Men's Ministry

Men's Bible Study

Bible Study meets next on Tuesday **March 14** at 8:00am. Check the app for the scripture each week.

Women's Ministry

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study meets **Tuesdays** at 9:30am. Childcare is provided.

Moms in Prayer

Moms in Prayer meets on **Mondays** at 9:30am.

Churchwide Devotional

We have started our churchwide Devotional, "40 Days of Prayer." Pick up your booklet in the Narthex if you haven't already!

CLUBTIME

CLUBTIME, a twice a month program for kids in 1st-6th grade, meets **tonight** from 5:30-7:30pm.

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. The first practice will be Sunday, **March 26** during the Bible & Life Hour.

Palm Sunday

All children PreK-5th Grade are invited to participate in a Palm Sunday Processional on Sunday April 10. No sign-up necessary. Children should meet Mrs. Marie out in front of the church at 10:25 AM on Sunday, **April 2** 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 **April 7** at 12:00pm at St. Andrews.

Easter Egg Hunt—Donations

Candy and small trinket donations are needed! Please drop items in the Easter Egg collection basket in the Narthex.

Easter Lunch

Everyone is invited to join us **April 9**, immediately following the worship service, for a potluck Easter lunch. More details to come!

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.*

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

Mar 12—Youth Group 5:30-7:30 @ the Moseley House

Children's Church Volunteers

Mar 5— Ashley Etchechury, Tommy Etchechury, Kayla Dodds,
Annely Blake Maxey, Henry Maxey

Mar 12—Marie Baum, Bridgette Blake, Grace Johnson,
Josie Blake Tony Blake

Mar 19—Janet Whitley, Kelly Brown, Bethany Adams, Klein Adams,
Emily Simmons.

Church Family Needs

Expectant Mothers— Rachel Brown, Anna Grider, Courtney Catoe,
Emily Ward, Katherine Fahling, Jada Gilliam,
Jessica Secrest, Erin Stuver, Erin Waldrep,
Caroline Kennon

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

St. Andrews Missionaries— Women's Ministry Team

St Andrews Ministries— A Jesus Mission

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 — Tom Appleby — Liam Young

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

Church Administrator—Jennifer Schoonover

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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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