

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

November 9, 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: from Psalm 113

Praise the Lord!

Praise, O servants of the Lord,  
praise the name of the Lord!  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
from this time forth and forevermore!  
From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
the name of the Lord is to be praised!

**The Lord is high above all nations,  
and his glory above the heavens!  
Who is like the Lord our God,  
who is seated on high,  
who looks far down  
on the heavens and the earth?**

**...Praise the Lord!**

# —— Offering God Our Praises ——

## Songs of Ascent

### All Must Be Well

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well.  
Free and changeless is His favor, all is well.  
Precious is the blood that healed us, perfect is the grace that sealed us,  
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us, all must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well.  
Ours is such a full salvation, all is well.  
Happy, still in God confiding, fruitful, if in Christ abiding,  
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding, all must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow, all will be well.  
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, "All is well."  
On our Father's love relying, Jesus every need supplying,  
Yes in living or in dying, all must be well.

*On our Father's love relying, Jesus every need supplying;  
Yes in living or in dying, all must be well.*

## 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, what a Guide and Keeper!  
While the tempest still is high,  
Storms about me, night o'ertakes me,  
He, my Pilot, hears my cry.  
(Chorus)

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!*

## 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

Heavenly Father, draw near to us and raise us to newness of life. We ask that You would dwell in our praises, this morning. We ask that the Holy Spirit would come upon us. We ask that You would give us Your joy, peace and the assurance that we are yours, that we are the children of God. 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

### O God Beyond All Praising

O God beyond all praising, we worship You today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
For we can only wonder at every gift You send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your Word,  
we honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know Your favor may serve You as our King;  
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still:  
To marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

# — Baptism —

Philip Adams Kennon, Benjamin William Corcoran

## 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.

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. — Titus 3:4-7

## **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

*Titus 3:4–6 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.*

Question 35: Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through faith alone, where does this faith come from?

**All the gifts we receive from Christ we receive through the Holy Spirit, including faith itself.**

## Corporate Prayers of Confession:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son.

But instead of living in that freedom, we confess today that we often live as slaves, rather than sons and daughters. Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we live in our chains. Instead of pursuing your Kingdom purposes, we cling to our short-sighted agendas.

Forgive us. Cleanse us. Heal us. Remind us who we are, in Jesus. We ask all of this in His great name.

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 2 Corinthians 5**

God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them...

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

## **Song of Assurance**

### **O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, He sets the pris'ner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

## **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 16:1-16**

**Sermon — Wes Simmons, Senior Pastor**

**Notes:**

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

## **Song of Dismissal**

### **O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

He speaks and, list'ning to His voice, new life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

## **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!

**Congregational Meeting**  
-Emergency Response Plan  
-Session Update

# — Announcements —

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## Bible and Life

Bible and Life meets Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15am.

There will be a Volunteer Training *during* the Bible and Life hour on **Nov 16**. This will be for all people how volunteer with ministries that include children under 18.

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## Congregational Meeting

We will be having a Congregational Meeting immediately following worship **today**. The topic of the meeting is Emergency Response and a Session Update.

Please note that the Nursery workers will stay late to keep the little ones in the Nursery during the meeting. However, there will NOT be childcare for PreK 4 and up, so please keep your children with you in the sanctuary for this brief meeting.

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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 Habakkuk beginning at 6:00am.—See the app for location.

### Women's Prayer Ministry

The Women's Prayer Ministry meets Mondays at 9:30am. We will be meeting off site for the next few weeks, please see the app for more info.

### Women's Fall Bible Study

The Women's Fall Bible study meets on Tuesday mornings at 9:30, in Room 111/112. We will be using Lydia Brownback's book "Habakkuk: Learning to Live By Faith". Childcare is provided for children ages 4 and under.

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## Children's Ministry

Rooted meets next **Nov 16** from 5:30-7:30.

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## Men's Ministry

### Men's Bible Study

Men's Tuesday morning. Bible study meets 8-9:00am at St. Andrews.

### Men's Fellowship and Bible Study

There will be a Men's event on Thursday, **Nov 20** from 6:30-8:30 in the Moseley House. See the App for more details!

# — Advent Announcements —

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## Advent 2025

It's hard to believe that Advent begins *this month*. As a reminder, Advent is the four Sundays leading up to Christmas Day!

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## Christmas Dinner: Save the date

Make plans to join us for one of St. Andrews' most beloved traditions: Christmas Dinner! Christmas Dinner will be Sunday, **Dec 7**. Please sign up on the app!

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## Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes: It's All About Jesus!

Join us in filling Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes through Samaritan's Purse. A shoebox bursting with stuffed animals, toys and games is a tangible gift to spread the love of Jesus and introduce a child to the Gospel in his/her own language. Pick up a box (or two) today and check out the "Missions" section of the app for more information. Boxes are due back by Sunday, **Nov 16**.

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## Christmas Pageant

Save the date! The Annual St. Andrews Christmas Pageant is **Dec 14**! Parents please register your children on the app. If you are interested in helping with the pageant or providing finger food for the reception, please sign up on the app or email Mrs. Marie at [children@standrewscolumbus.org](mailto:children@standrewscolumbus.org).

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## Poinsettia Memorial

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in honor/memory of a loved one, the cost is \$5.00 per poinsettia. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or email the office. The deadline for ordering is **Nov 25**. Direct checks to SAPC, in the memo line please write "Poinsettia" and who it is in memory or honor of. Please make sure to write the name of the person you are honoring clearly so that there is no confusion on the correct spelling.

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## Advent Choir

Members and regular visitors are invited to join our Advent Choir. Practice will be at 9:25am in the sanctuary on Nov 30, Dec 7, and Dec 14. We'll sing during the worship service on **Dec 14**. Please sign up in the narthex, or send your contact info to [music@standrewscolumbus.org](mailto:music@standrewscolumbus.org), specifying "Advent Choir".

## 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.*

**Nov 9**—No Youth Group

**Nov 16**—Youth Group @ the Moseley House

## Small Groups

Interested in joining a small group? Do you have questions about small groups? Contact Wayne Logan at (606) 521-9470 or [wayne@standrewscolumbus.org](mailto:wayne@standrewscolumbus.org).

## Children's Church Volunteers

**Nov 9**—Sara Barkhouse, Amy Rhodes, Julianne Foster, Wade Wallace

**Nov 16**—Kaity Stewart, Kayla Barkhouse, Rosalie Whitten, Caleb Schuster

**Nov 23**—Cam Addison, Anna Rodeheaver, Bradley Brooks, Lucy Brooks, Andie Addison

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## Church Family Needs & Weekly Prayers

**Expectant Mothers**—Katherine Fahling, Sydney Alexander, Kathleen Whitley

**St. Andrews Missionaries**—Mission to North America (MNA)

**St. Andrews Ministries**—Missions Ministry Team

**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 — Larry Williams*

## 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 (Kenya)

**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)**

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, Kenyatta Ward)

Kent State University (Cordelia Wilson)

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

**Director of Christian Education**—Wayne Logan

**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

The office can be reached at [office@standrewscolumbus.org](mailto:office@standrewscolumbus.org)

### Elders of St. Andrews

Steve Adams  
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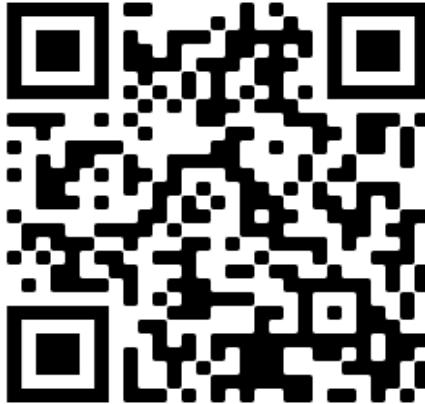
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## WELCOME VISITORS

*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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