



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 27, 2022

The First Sunday of Advent

— Gathering in God's Presence —

Prelude

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

Call to Worship: Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

— Offering God Our Praises —

Songs of Ascent

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood;
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Greeting

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,
who gave himself for our sins.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of Invocation

God of grace, You have given us minds to know You, hearts to love You, and voices to sing Your praise. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we may celebrate Your glory, and worship You in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song of Praise

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near,
the Savior of the world is here.

Redeemer, come! I open wide
my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!
Let me thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in me reveal.

So come, my Sovereign, enter in!
Let new and nobler life begin!
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,
until the glorious crown be won.

Confession of Faith: Taken from The New City Catechism

Q 48: What is the church?

God chooses and preserves for himself a community elected for eternal life and united by faith, who love, follow, learn from, and worship God together.

God sends out this community to proclaim the gospel and prefigure Christ's kingdom by the quality of their life together and their love for one another.

Corporate Prayers of Confession

God of our salvation, in Christ You have done great things for us, and our hearts are filled with joy. By Your power You lifted us out of the wasteland of sin and brought us, with joy, into Your kingdom.

We confess that often we try to replace Your gift of salvation with our own efforts. We try to complete what is already perfect; we try to add to what is already full; we try to earn what we already have. Forgive us for our foolishness and short-sightedness. Help us to focus on Your grace, that You freely pour out on us every day.

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

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardoning Grace: The Bethlehem Candle - Harry & Lydia Westcott

Why do we light the Advent candles?

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. He who follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the Light of Life."

What is the meaning of the first lighted candle?

The first candle is the Bethlehem candle whose light bears witness to the Savior, the only Mediator between God and Man, who was born in Bethlehem.

Peter says, "Know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God."

What does the gospel say about this Mediator born in Bethlehem?

From the Gospel of John, "So Jesus said to them . . . I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

Lighting of The First Advent Candle

Song of Assurance

What Child is This?

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate,
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through;
the cross be borne for me, for you:
hail, hail the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
the virgin sings her lullaby:
joy, joy for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary.

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 —

The Parables of Salvation

Scripture Reading: Luke 13:22-30 (page 820 in the pew Bible)

Sermon—Grant Gilliam, Assistant Pastor and Director of Youth

Notes:

— Being Sent Out into God's World —

Song of Dismissal

Angels from the Realms of Glory

All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son;
evermore your voices raising
to th'eternal Three in One:

Chorus:

*Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.*

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 is finished for the Fall. Classes will resume in January.

Marriage Conference

Mark your calendars! St. Andrews will be hosting a marriage conference **Jan 20-22, 2023**. Register now on the app!

Men's Ministry

Fireside Chat

Save the date! The next Fireside Chat is Friday **Dec 9**.

Women's Ministry

Christmas Movie Night & Cookie Swap

All women are invited to join us for a Christmas Movie & Cookie swap on Friday, **Dec 2** at 7pm in the Moseley House. Bring a cookie & recipe to share!

Moms in Prayer

Moms in Prayer meets Mondays at 9:30am at the Moseley House. We will break from meeting beginning Monday **Nov 28- Monday Jan 2**. If you have a concern and would like to request prayer from the church you may complete a request through the app under Prayer (Ministry & Resources).

Advent Announcements

Advent Choir

If you are interested in singing in the Advent Choir, please sign up on the sign up sheet located in the narthex.

Christmas Dinner

All adults are invited to our Annual Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, **Dec 7** at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. Register now on the app by **Nov 30!**

Christmas Pageant

The annual children's Christmas Pageant will be performed on Sunday **Dec 11** at 5:30 PM. If your child is in PreK4 -6th Grade and would like to participate, please sign-up on the list in the Narthex. Rehearsals will take place on Sunday **Dec 4** and Friday **Dec 9**. Costumes are provided and available to select today. Volunteers needed to assist with the pageant can also sign-up on the table in the Narthex. If you need additional info please contact Bess Kendrick-Holmes at children@standrewscolumbus.org

Advent Devotional

Advent Devotionals are available on the tables in the narthex. Please take one for your family or to give to others!

Clement Arts—Giving Tree

Please help us provide a family-fun experience for local foster families this Christmas! You can donate via the QR code on the tree in the narthex, by visiting clement-arts.org, or by check to St. Andrews with "Christmas Project" in the memo. **The deadline for donations is Nov 30!**

Christmas Office Hours

The church office will be closed **Dec 26-30**.

Poinsettia's 2022

"In Memorial or Honor Of"



Harry & Lydia Westcott	Mr. & Mrs. Harry Archer Westcott Mr. & Mrs. Clayton Sawyer, Sr.
Chris & Betty Schuster	David & Betty Neel
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Dimon & Bess Kendrick-Holmes	Douglas & Norma Haynes Charles & Barbara Kendrick-Holmes
John & Margie Mitchell	Erma & Lea Hoopes Bruce L. Hoopes Mary Belle & Pete Mitchell Matthew B. Mitchell
Jim & Susan Jackson	Susannah Joy Jackson

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.*

Nov 27— No Youth Group

Dec 2— Guys Night

Dec 4— Youth Group 5:30—7:30pm @ Moseley House

Children's Church Volunteers

Nov 27— Janet Whitley, Kelly Brown, Lucy Brooks, Bradley Brooks

Dec 4— Katie Edmonson, Linda Bennett, Kayla Dodds,
Annely Blake Maxey, Henry Maxey

Dec 11— Marie Baum, Bridgette Blake, Grace Johnson, Josie Blake,
Tony Blake

Church Family Needs

Expectant Mothers— Moriah Yeh, 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— Marannook

St Andrews Ministries— Men's 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 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

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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.*



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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