



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

September 12, 2021

—— Gathering in God's Presence ——

Prelude

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

Missions Minute: Frank Harrell, MTW Missionary

Call to Worship: Psalm 57:9-11

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to you among the nations.

**For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.**

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!

Let your glory be over all the earth!

Songs of Ascent

My Jesus, I Love Thee

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou has first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

We Will Feast In the House Of Zion

(Chorus)

*We will feast in the house of Zion. We will sing with our hearts restored.
"He has done great things," we will say together, We will feast and weep no more.*

We will not be burned by the fire, He is the LORD our God.
We are not consumed, by the flood—Upheld, protected, gathered up.
(Chorus)

In the dark of night, before the dawn, My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long? Oh God of Jacob, be my strength.
(Chorus)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed—You are the Faithful One.
And from the garden to the grave Bind us together, bring shalom.
(Chorus)

Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer;
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

Refrain

*To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
For my life is wholly bound to His.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!*

The night is dark but I am not forsaken,
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay.
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need, His power is displayed.

Refrain

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
The future sure, the price it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.

Refrain

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.

Refrain

Greeting

Blessed be the God and Father of our 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.

— Offering God Our Praises —

Prayer of Invocation

Heavenly Father, we come before you today acknowledging that our hope is found in You alone. We are sinners, but through Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have redeemed us from our sins, setting us free to worship and serve You. Work in us today by Your Holy Spirit; help us as we sing praises to You, confess our sins to You, and hear Your Word, giving us hearts that are ready to respond in renewed faith and obedience. Use our worship this morning to change us to be more like Jesus. We make all our prayers in the name of Jesus, our great Savior. Amen.

Song of Praise

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears:
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:
Before the throne my Surety stands,
Before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,
His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead;
His blood atoned for ev'ry race,
His blood atoned for ev'ry race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled; His pard'ning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism

Q 55: What do you understand by the communion of saints?

First, that believers, all and everyone, as members of Christ have communion with Him and share in all His treasures and gifts. Second, that everyone is duty-bound to use his gifts readily and cheerfully for the benefit and well-being of the other members.

Corporate Prayers of Confession: Taken from Psalm 57

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,
for in you my soul takes refuge;

In the shadow of your wings I will take refuge

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

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

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 there 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.

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: Jonah 3:4-10 (page 727 in pew Bible)

Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

⁶The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, ⁸but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. ⁹Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish."

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

Sermon—Wes Simmons, Senior Pastor

Repentance means to change your mind, but this is deeper than just an intellectual agreement. It isn't saving repentance just to *understand* the gospel, or *feel* the power of the gospel, or even to agree with the truth of the gospel. It means changing our minds to the depth of our will...and the core of our desires (the affections of our hearts), which will always be expressed in costly behavioral change. – Richard Coekin

There is more mercy in Christ, than there is sin in us. – Richard Sibbes

—— Being Sent Out into God's World ——

Song of Dismissal

Before the Throne of God Above

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!

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

Congratulations to Mathes and Caitltn Ballard on the birth of their daughter, Virginia Wren (Ginnie) born September 1, measuring 7 pounds 4 ounces and 20 inches long.

Bible and Life

Classes will be held immediately after worship. Classroom assignments can be found on the tv in the Narthex.

Children's Ministry

CLUBTIME meets **tonight**. Students should be working on lesson 2, Psalm 119:9-11.

Men's Ministry

All men are invited to join us for a night of dinner & golf at Bull Creek on Thursday, **September 30** at 5pm. Cost is \$20 which includes a shared golf cart and a meal. Please put a designated check in the offering or pay Bobby the day of. Visitors are welcome, adult children included. Find more information and RSVP on the app!

Women

Mom's in prayer meets Mondays at 9:30 in the Moseley House

The women's ministry team would love to invite you to join us in our Titus Two, sisters in Christ program. We ask that you fill out a survey via our app! We will have a kick-off party in the Moseley House **September 17**, at 7pm. We hope you can join us, even if you are not able to join the program at this time. If you have any questions please call/text Juli Pope (706) 442-5854.

Women's Fall Study

Tuesday Mornings, 9:30-11am: Steadfast by Courtney Doctor. Nursery will be provided. Books are \$10.00 each.

Youth

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.*

Sept 12—Waffles & Worship 5:30-7:30 at the Jaeger's house
84 Ossahatchie Circle, Elerslie, GA.

Sept 19—Youth Group 5:30-7:30, Moseley House

Children's Church Volunteers

Sept 12—Amy Rhodes, Cam Addison, Olivia Rhodes, Andie Addison,
Emily Simmons

Sept. 19—Juli Pope, Cheryl Smith, Olivia O'Shields, Grace Johnson

Sept. 26—Alicia Mason, Bess Kendrick-Holmes, Kayla Dodds,
Anneley Blake Maxey

Covenant Family Needs

Expectant Mothers— Joanna Wishart, Chelsey Smith, Kelly Brown,
Erin Waldrep, Kathleen Whitley

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

St. Andrews Missionaries— Seneca Pregnancy Clinic

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 recovering from surgeries, accidents, cancer treatments and other illnesses:

*Delaney Trimble—Susan Clickner — Addie Jackson — Don Foster—
Clint Early (Dorothy Bryant's brother)*

Missionaries and Ministries Supported by St. Andrews

Cru — Albina & Doni Mehmeti (Kosovo)

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)

University of South Alabama (Jacob & Leigh Zoller)

Auburn University (Tanner Crum)

Auburn University RUFi (Mike Alsup)

Mercer University (Marlin Harris)

Columbus State University (Minister Selection Underway)

Valdosta State University (John Gordy)

Louisiana State University (Joshua Johnston)

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 (Rhonda Mobley)

Young Life Greater Columbus, GA (Lauren Johnson)

Atlanta, GA (Slate & Lindsay Fluker)

St. Andrews Staff

Senior Pastor—Wes Simmons

Associate Pastor—Bill Douglas

Children's Director—

Bess Kendrick-Holmes

Communications—Amy Jaeger

Youth Director—Grant Gilliam

Nursery—Heather O'Shields

Music & Worship—Andrew Harry

Office—Jennifer Schoonover

—— Prayers for Our City ——

LIFE IN THE CITY: Praying for **CARE**. ... Luke 10:25-37

Loving Father, there are many in this city who are hurting. Help me and all Christians to offer ...

Mon: INTENTIONAL CARE — “Love the Lord your God' ... and , 'Love your neighbor as yourself" (v 27).

God's love for us never ends. Through Jesus, he provides for our greatest need and equips us to care for others too. Pray that all carers - family members, friends, doctors, nurses, social workers, and therapists would grow in their love of God and their love for others, in response to his great love for them.

Tues: FREQUENT CARE — “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers" (v 30).

We live in a sinful world and we see this in our cities. Sickness, pain and injury can come at any time. Pray that those who are struggling in body or mind wouldn't feel guilty or hopeless in their weakness, but would turn to the Lord and his church in their need.

Wed: COMPASSIONATE CARE — “When [the priest] saw the man, he passes by on the other side. So too, a Levite..." (v 31-32).

We live busy lives- compassion fatigue can plague all those who care. Pray that carers would remain soft hearted and willing to be involved in the complexities of people's lives.

Thu: SACRIFICIAL CARE — “[The Samaritan] went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey. brought him to an inn and took care of him" (v 34).

Thank the Lord for those on the front line in our cities, who sacrifice so much for the good of others in emergencies: ambulance staff, and other first responders. Ask God to sustain them as they tend others.

Fri: CORPORATE CARE — “The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said" (v 35).

Caring isn't designed to be a solitary activity. Pray that the Lord would provide carers with good networks of friends who are able to support them. And pray too for those who provide respite services.

*(*adapted from the '5 Things to Pray For Your City', by Pete Nicholas & Helen Thorne)*

WELCOME VISITORS

Please fill this out and drop it in the offering box.

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.