

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

April 13 , 2025

Palm Sunday

Communion Sunday

—— Gathering in God's Presence ——

Reading of Preparation: Revelation 7:9-12

"After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Prelude

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

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!

—— Offering God Our Praises ——

Songs of Ascent

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

Jesus, I my cross have taken all to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while Thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me, show Thy face and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me, 'twill but drive me to Thy breast.
Life with trials hard may press me; Heav'n will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me while Thy love is left to me;
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Soul, then take thy full salvation, rise o'er sin and fear and care,
Joy to find in every station, something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, think what Father's smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee, child of heav'n, canst thou repine.

Haste thee on from grace to glory, armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heav'n's eternal days before thee, God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*****(seated, children process in with palms)***

All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!

The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present:
To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!
All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Greeting

Grace to you and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of Invocation

We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ, Who entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and King by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Just as we carry these branches, may we follow Christ in the way of the cross, that in both dying and rising with him, we may enter into your Kingdom, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Song of Praise

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Corporate Prayers of Confession: Taken from Psalm 139

Lord, we say with the psalmist:

“Where shall I go from your Spirit?
Or where shall I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there!
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!
If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me.”

Lord, Your presence is inescapable. You see us. You know us inside and out. You know our sin, the areas of our lives where we resist your presence and rule, and the idols that we so desperately cling to. Forgive us, we pray, through the blood of Jesus, our atoning sacrifice for sin. Restore to us the joy of our salvation. Fill us anew with your peace.

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 & Romans 8

For Christ came into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world should be saved through him.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Hosanna! Amen!

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: Luke 19:28-44 (pages 825-826 in the pew Bible)

Sermon — Wes Simmons, Senior Pastor

Notes:

—— Communing at the Lord's Table ——

Confessing what we believe about coming to the Table of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Pastor: What right do we have to dine at the table of Jesus?

Congregation: **We have every right to dine at his Table.**

Pastor: What gives us this right?

Congregation: **We have this right because Jesus came not for the strong, but for the weak; not for the righteous, but for sinners; not for the self-sufficient, but for those who know they need rescue.**

Pastor: To all who are weary and need rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who feel worthless and wonder if God even cares; to all who are weak and frail and desire strength; to all who sin and need a Savior – Jesus welcomes into his circle, adopts into his family, and reserves a place at his Table.

Congregation: **For he is the mighty friend of sinners and the justifier of those who have no excuses left.**

Pastor: What does this Table, and the gospel of Jesus, require of us?

Congregation: **Nothing is required but repentance and faith, in Jesus.**

Pastor: Christ is bread to the hungry, water to the thirsty, a garment to the naked, healing to the wounded, and whatever a soul can desire, is found in him.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Song of Preparation

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be, as long as life endures.

The Great Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them up to the Lord!**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God! **It is good and right to do so!**

It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise & magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and *singing*:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Invitation to the Table

1 Corinthians 5:7-8: “For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival.”

The Table of the Lord Jesus Christ is offered freely to all who have placed their faith in Jesus alone for salvation, as He is offered to us in the gospel. It is for those who are members of a church body, have been baptized, and those who are walking with Jesus in repentance and faith. To all of those who are Christians, but who might be struggling in your faith, you are invited and welcomed to come, that you might be further spiritually strengthened.

Scripture warns against taking the Lord's Supper if you are not trusting in Jesus alone for salvation, or if you are harboring unrepentant sin or unforgiveness in your heart. To do so would be both dangerous and inauthentic. Instead, we would invite you to refrain from taking this meal, and instead consider Christ – and all His benefits to you, as He is offered to you, by faith - and we would encourage you to move towards repentance and faith in Jesus.

Words of Institution

1 Corinthians 11:23-26:

“The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We break bread in the name of Father, Son and Holy Spirit! And we declare the great mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Taking the Sacrament of Communion Together

(After coming forward and receiving your elements please hold them, so we can all take them together.)

Closing Prayer

—— Being Sent Out into God's World ——

Song of Celebration

Amazing Grace

And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.

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!

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
- 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!

— Announcements —

Bible and Life

Bible and Life classes begin at 9:30 and nursery is provided.

Summer Bible and Life

We will be having a 5 week Bible and Life session titled “*What kind of friend are you?*” beginning **June 1**.

Women’s Ministry

Early Morning Bible Study

Join us for an early morning Bible Study on Thursdays! We are doing a study on Judges beginning at 6:00am.—See the app for location.

Women’s Bible Study

Join us for a mini spring study on the New Testament Canon Tuesdays from 9:30-11am. Nursery is provided.

Women’s Prayer Ministry

Join us **Mondays** in room 108 from 9:30-10:30am. This group meets weekly to pray.

Watercolor Night

Save the date—**April 25** from 7-9:00 is the Women's Watercolor Night.

Men’s Ministry

Men’s Bible Study

Men’s Tuesday Morning Bible Study is on a break and will resume **April 22**.

Children’s Ministry

Rooted

Rooted meets next **tonight** from 5:30-7:15.

VBS

Save the Date! VBS 2025 is **June 9-13**! Details to come!.

— Easter Announcements —

Good Friday

Please join us for a Good Friday service of scripture meditation and prayer on **April 18** at 4:30pm at St. Andrews. Nursery will be available for children 4 and under for this reflective and solemn service.

Easter Lunch

Please join us for an Easter Lunch celebration immediately following worship on Easter Sunday **April 20**. More details can be found on the app!

Easter Egg Hunt—Donations

Candy donations are needed! Candy should be individually wrapped and can be dropped off in the Easter Candy collection basket in the Narthex.

Come help Mrs. Marie stuff the Candy Bags on Tues, **April 15** from 1:00-3:00pm at St. Andrews! Email children@standrewscolumbus.org for more information!

Easter Lilies

If you are interested in purchasing an Easter Lily in honor of someone please email the office at office@standrewscolumbus.org with the name of the person. Lilies are \$10/each.

Parking and Seating

Isn't it exciting to see so many people at SAPC? As we continue to have large Sunday morning crowds, help us make the most of our space. Please be mindful to leave space on the ends of the rows so our ushers can find seats. Also, our parking lot is filling up and people are parking on Hancock Road. Please help us by riding together with family members so that we can keep people safe and off the road. Thank you for your help!

Youth Ministry

Youth Group meets weekly at the Moseley House Sundays beginning at 5:30 and is open to all students 6th grade to 12th grade. *Please contact Vijay Rawal at vijay@standrewscolumbus.org if you have any questions.*

April 13—Youth Group @ Moseley House

April 20—No Youth Group

Children's Church Volunteers

April 13—Amy Rhodes, Kayla Barkhouse, Julianna Foster, Kate Simmons

April 20—Sara Barkhouse, Cam Addison, Kayla Dodds, Andie Addison

April 27—Kaity Stewart, Marie Baum, Bo Blake, Josie Blake, Tony Blake

Small Groups

Interested in joining a small group? Do you have questions about small groups? Contact Josh Schuster at (706) 662-0192 or josh.schuster21@gmail.com.

Church Family Needs & Weekly Prayers

Expectant Mothers— Emily Peake, Jennifer Corcoran
Sarah Scarborough, Caroline Kennon

St. Andrews Missionaries— Teen Challenge Global

St. Andrews Ministries— Session

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

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

Clement Arts (Carmen Overton)

Eden's Hope (Haley Reed)

International Friendship Ministries (Ron Collins)

Marannook (Taylor Teel)

MercyMed of Columbus (Billy Holbrook)

Mission Enablers International David Taylor (Turkey)

Mission to North America (MNA) Chaplain Ministries (Michael Stewart)

Mission to the World (MTW)

Pete & Ruth (dec.) Mitchell (France)

Chris & Donnette Brock (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)

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 (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)

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. 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

Senior Pastor—Wes Simmons

Assistant Pastor —Jeff Barkhouse

Director of Children's Ministry—Marie Baum

Youth Director—Vijay Rawal

Music & Worship Coordinator—Bob Ross

Nursery Coordinator—Juli Pope

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Office Hours—Monday– Thursday 9:00am—3:00pm

And by appointment

The office can be reached at office@standrewscolumbus.org

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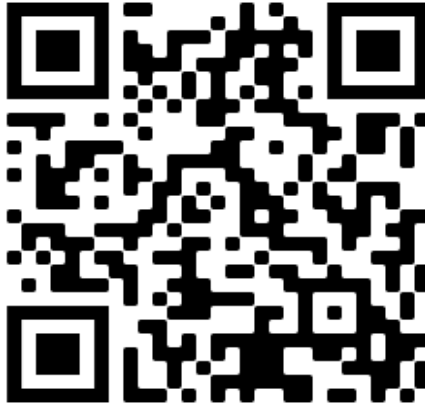
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WELCOME VISITORS

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.



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.

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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