

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

May 14, 2023

—— Gathering in God's Presence ——

Prelude

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

Call to Worship: Taken from 2 Samuel 22

The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation,
my stronghold and my refuge.

**I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies.**

I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations,
and sing praises to your name.

**Great salvation he brings to his people,
and shows steadfast love to his anointed.**

—— Offering God Our Praises ——

Songs of Ascent

Come Thou Fount

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God:
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it –
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

Help My Unbelief

I know the Lord is nigh, and would but cannot pray,
For Satan meets me when I try, and frights my soul away,
And frights my soul away.

I would but can't repent, though I endeavor oft;
This stony heart can ne'er relent 'till Jesus makes it soft,
'till Jesus makes it soft.

Chorus:

Help my unbelief, Help my unbelief.

Help my unbelief, My help must come from Thee.

I would but cannot love, though wooed by love divine;
No arguments have power to move a soul as base as mine.
A soul so base as mine.

I would but cannot rest, in God's most holy will;
I know what He appoints is best, and murmur at it still,
I murmur at it still.

(Chorus)

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

Chorus:

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
(Chorus)

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!
(Chorus)

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

O Lord God Almighty, you are our Creator, Redeemer and King of Glory. In your faithful guarding of your people, you do not slumber or sleep. This morning as we call on your name, sing songs of praise to you, pray, hear your word read and taught, and bring our lives to you, we ask you to come and dwell among us. We pray in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who takes away the sin of the world. Amen.

Song of Praise

It Is Well With My Soul

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Chorus:

*It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
(Chorus)

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
(Chorus)

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.
(Chorus)

Confession of Faith: taken from The Heidelberg Catechism

Q 38: Why did he suffer “under Pontius Pilate” as judge?

So that he, though innocent, might be condemned by an earthly judge, and so free us from the severe judgment of God that was to fall on us.

Q 39: Is it significant that he was “crucified” instead of dying some other way?

Yes. By this I am convinced that he shouldered the curse which lay on me, since death by crucifixion was cursed by God.

Corporate Prayers of Confession: Taken from Psalm 139

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me, and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

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

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardoning Grace: From Romans 8:32-34

If God is for us who can be against us?

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died - more than that who was raised - who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

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Song of Assurance

Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of men,
from the best bliss that earth imparts we turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; thou savest those that on thee call;
to them that seek thee thou art good, to them that find thee all in all.

We taste thee, O thou living bread, and long to feast upon thee still;
we drink of thee, the fountain-head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee, where'er our changeful lot is cast;
glad when thy gracious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.

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 7:54-60 (page 861 in the pew Bible)

Sermon — Wes Simmons, Senior Pastor

Notes:

Song of Dismissal

Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright;
chase the dark night of sin away, shed o'er the world thy holy light.

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 complete for the Spring session. Classes will resume again in the Fall.

Children's Ministry

VBS

VBS registration is live on the app. VBS will be held **June 19-23**. If you would like to volunteer with us, please fill out the sheet in the Narthex.

Usher Recruitment

We are recruiting users for 2023/2024! If you would like more information about serving in this way, please contact the office.

Men's Ministry

B4

B4 will be starting on **June 7**. Details coming soon to the app!

Women's Ministry

Moms in Prayer

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

Mother/Daughter Tea

Join us for a Mother/Daughter Tea on **May 21** from 4:00-6:00pm at the Moseley House.

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.*

May 14—No Youth Group—Mothers Day

May 21—No Youth Group

Children's Church Volunteers

May 14—Marie Baum, Bridgette Blake, Grace Johnson, Josie Blake, Tony Blake

May 21—Janet Whitley, Kelly Brown, Bethany Adams, Klein Adams, Emily Simmons

May 28—Katie Edmonson, Linda Bennett, Lucy Brooks, Bradley Brooks

Church Family Needs & Weekly Prayers

Expectant Mothers— Jada Gilliam, Jessica Secrest, Erin Stuver, Caroline Kennon, Bridget Adams, Margaret Taunton

Foster Care Families—Matt & Katherine Maxey; Mitch & Amy Jaeger, Daniel & Jenny Hord

St. Andrews Missionaries— Reformed University Fellowship (RUF)

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 — Charles Kendrick-Holmes — Tom Appleby (Sarah Zevac's father) — 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 Ministry—Grant Gilliam

Assistant Pastor of Mission—Jeff Barkhouse

Director of Children's Ministry—Marie Baum

Director of Communications & Administration—Margaret Taunton

Director of Operations—Patrick Peake

Coordinator of Music & Worship—Bob Ross

Nursery Coordinator—Juli Pope

Church Administrator—Jennifer Schoonover

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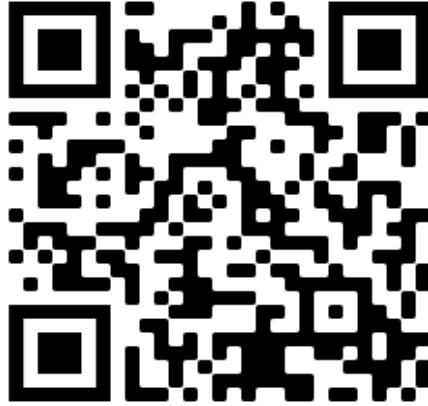
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WELCOME VISITORS

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.



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 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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