

“To be a follower of the Crucified means, sooner or later, a personal encounter with the cross. And the cross always entails loss.

The great symbol of Christianity means sacrifice and no one who calls himself a Christian can evade this stark fact.”

These are words written by Christian teacher and author Elisabeth Elliot. Her own life was one of great spiritual depth of which she wrote and taught. There was always a call to join our lives to Jesus Christ. There was also always – as in the quote above – a reminder that such a choice would be exacting and costly. But she also would remind those who heard and who read of the eternal weight of glory and that was the result of the momentary, light affliction.

“Of one thing I am perfectly sure; God’s story never ends with ashes.”

We worship our Savior today whatever our moment holds as we await the day that is coming when all will be summed up in Him..

Bill Douglas, Pastor

WELCOME VISITORS

We are glad to have you as our guest!

As we seek to bring glory to our Father together, we welcome you to join any or all of the events and ministry activities at St. Andrews.

⇒ We invite you to worship God with us, to find us as a place for *encouragement and fellowship*, and to *become a part of this church*.

⇒ We invite you to tell us who you are and let us get to know you, as you get to know and become more familiar with us.

God has moved you to come to worship him.

We are honored that you are here.

January 6, 2019
Preaching: Bill Douglas

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.

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.

Refrain: 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.
(Refrain)

Jesus I Come

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health, out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm, out of life's storms and into
Thy calm, Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold, Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Call to Worship (from Psalm 96)

Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;
Make known among the nations what he has done.
Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.
Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.
He remembers his covenant forever, the promise he made, for a thousand generations
Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day.
Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.
Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
Let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"

The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
'Til, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blessed,
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.

O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Prayers of Invocation

O Lord God Almighty, Ancient of Days, Creator, Redeemer, King of Glory who in your faithful guarding of Israel do not slumber nor sleep. We pray to you the exalted Sovereign Lord who were and are and are to come. We acknowledge that it is not we who can sustain the church but you by your saving grace give us life and preserve us through all of our days. Because of the riches in grace poured on your people in the name of the Savior we have been blessed in abundance. Therefore also grant to us gratitude of mind, patience in all adversity and freedom from worry about tomorrow. We will face many enemies in this year and we can only overcome because you lead us as our Captain. We will be confronted with temptations, afflictions, sorrows but we have your certain word that no power or evil can separate us from our Faithful Savior. This morning as we pray, sing, bring offerings of our lives and hear your word we ask that you dwell among us. Raise us to newness of life and to a New Year of walking in the good works you have prepared for us. We pray in the name of the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Amen

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King—
He the theme of heaven's praises robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come;
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man—
In His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man:
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold,
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope—
Christ in power resurrected as we will be when he comes!
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Prayers of Confession

Promise of Pardoning Grace

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
Nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.
He is like a tree planted by streams of water
That yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.
The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
But the way of the wicked will perish.

Confession of Faith (Heidelberg Catechism Q. 1)

Q. What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong - body and soul, in life and in death - to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Ministry Minute— Men's Ministry, Bobby McGowan

Hymn #580

Lead On, O King Eternal

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest thy tents shall be our home:
Through days of preparation thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,
But deeds of love and mercy, the heav'nly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning where'er thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

Offering

(At this time, the Pre K4 and Kindergarten children are invited to meet their leaders at the back of the sanctuary for Children's Church.)

Scripture Lesson Ephesians 4:1-7

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. 7 But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Sermon

Hymn #7

From All That Dwell below the Skies

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through every land, by every tongue.

In every land begin the song;
To every land the strains belong.
In cheerful sound all voices raise
And fill the world with joyful praise.

Benediction

Nunc Dimittis

Hymn #7

From All That Dwell below the Skies

Eternal are your mercies, Lord;
Eternal truth attends your word.
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns rise and set no more.

Ephesians 4:1-7

The two themes which run through the Book of Ephesians are IDENTITY and POWER

When Paul turns to the “Therefore” chapters the point he makes is “Here is how you are to live according to your identity and equipped by the power you have been given.”

Walk worthy of your calling (new identity) in the church. 4:7-16

Walk worthy of your calling (new identity) according to your renewed mind. 4:17-24

Walk worthy of your calling (new identity) by integrity of life in words and deeds. 4:25-5:5

Walk worthy of your calling (new identity) as children of light in the world’s darkness. 5:6-14

Walk worthy of your calling (new identity) by being filled with the Holy Spirit. 5:15-21

Walk worthy of your calling (new identity) as husbands and wives. 5:22-33

Walk worthy of your calling (new identity) as parents and children. 6:1-4

Walk worthy of your calling (new identity) in your vocations. 6:5-9

Walk worthy of your calling (new identity) by arming yourself for spiritual battle. 6:10-20

Identity: Called into the one true body of Christ, the church.

Power: Called by the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit.

Identity: Called into the one true hope, eternal life.

Power: Called by the one Lord, crucified and raised.

Identity: Called into the one true faith, those precepts once delivered to the saints.

Power: Called by the one true baptism, from the Spirit and signified by sacraments.

Identity and Power: God who is our Father and who is over, through and in all who believe.

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

Children's Ministry

CLUBTIME meets NEXT Sunday **January 13 from 6:00-7:30 PM.**

Early drop off at 5:30 PM.

New devotional guides will be available then with lessons starting on January 14.

"Desserts and Discuss"

Please join the women of St. Andrews for a night of discussion and fellowship this Thursday night, **January 10th, at 7pm**, at Evie Nichol's home.

Men's Ministry

Please join the men of St. Andrews for a time of fellowship, prayer, and planning for the new year at our **2019 Men's Ministry Kick-off breakfast.**

We will have a **FULL BREAKFAST** in the narthex of the sanctuary on Sunday morning **January 13 at 8 a.m.** We will be finished by 9.

SAVE THE DATE

For the **MEN'S SPRING RETREAT!**

April 25-29, 2019 in **GATLINBURG, TENNESSEE**

Come for some or all of these days. You do not want to miss this !

Sunday School Spring Schedule

Currently two classes are available at 9:30 with the following topics:

Jan 6 - Exodus OR The Reliability of the New Testament

Jan 13 - Exodus OR Worship and Music in the History of the church

Jan 20 - Exodus OR Worship and Music in the History of the church

Jan 27 - Missions Conference

Missions Conference

Save the Date!

This years Missions Conference will be held

January 25-27th.

More information to follow.

Women's Ministry

January 20th-The WIC board will be meeting and nominating officers for this next year starting in April. **We are need in several to assist in this vital ministry.**

Please contact Paula or the office to let us know of your willingness.

Monthly Calendar at St. Andrews

JANUARY

- 6, Sun—** Sunday School (9:30a)
Youth Group (5:30p)
- 7, Mon—** Moms in Prayer (9:00a)
- 8, Tues—** Women's Bible Study, with MSM, "John" (10:00a)
- 9, Wed—** School Resumes for Muscogee County
- 10, Thurs—** "Desserts & Discuss" Women's Event (7:00p)
- 11, Fri—** Early Women's Study at Panera (6:30a)
Presbytery Meeting at SAPC
- 12, Sat—** Presbytery Meeting at SAPC

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- 13, Sun—** Men's Ministry Breakfast (8:00a)
Sunday School (9:30a)
Youth Group (5:30p)
CLUBTIME (6:00p)
- 14, Mon—** Moms in Prayer (9:00a)
- 15, Tues—** Women's Bible Study, with MSM, "John" (10:00a)
- 18, Fri—** Early Women's Study at Panera (6:30a)

If you have questions regarding any event,
please contact the church office.

706-327-7750

Calendar of the Month

Ushers: Doug Brown, Max Sheppard, Buddy Cook, Dan Gwaltney
Deacons: Ben Wallace, Josh Schuster

Greeters:

January 6: Tyler & Linda Bennett
January 13: Blake & Jennifer Corcoran
January 20: Jeff & Sara Barkhouse

Children's Church:

January 6: Amy Jaeger, Olivia O'Shields, and Grace Johnson
January 13: Diane McGowan, Cordy Phillips, Bethany Adams
January 20: Bess K-H, Jennifer Stowe, Maggie Foster

Nursery Volunteers:

January 6: Alicia Mason
January 13: Bridget Adams

COVENANT FAMILY NEEDS

- **Expectant Mothers** — Molly Parker
- **Foster Care Families** — Matt & Katherine Maxey
- **Families Adopting** — Mathes & Caitlin Ballard
- **St. Andrews Missionaries** — International Friendship Ministry
- **St Andrews Ministries** — Pastor & Staff
- Please pray for Cliff and Joy Mullins as they mourn the loss of his mother, Marjorie Mullins. She was living in Knoxville, TN.
- **Please pray for those in our church family who are recovering from surgeries, accidents, cancer treatments, and other illnesses:**

*Sam Killeffer — Addie Jackson — Bill Harrison — Sara Brouwer
Patricia Levine — Frank Clements — Susan Clickner*

**MISSIONARIES AND MINISTRIES
SUPPORTED BY ST. ANDREWS**

Bethany Christian Services (Columbus, GA)

International Friendship Ministries (Columbus, GA)

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship — Paul and Margaret Tokunaga

Mission to North America (MNA) — Chaplain Ministries

Mission to the World (MTW)

Gary and Tammy Elliott (Bulgaria)

Pete & Ruth Mitchell (France)

Terry & Alicia Newton (Medical)

David and Erin Pervis (Ukraine)

Johan and Stephanie van der Westhuizen (Chile)

Pioneers

Nazmi & Albana Berisha

Jacob & Leah Carr

Tom & Iris Lowder

Reformed University Fellowship (RUF)

Auburn University (Wes and Nancy Simmons)

University of Georgia (Ben Coppedge)

University of South Alabama (Jacob and Leigh Zoller)

Georgia Southern University (Joshua Keel)

Mercer University (Marlin Harris)

Truth Spring Academy (Columbus, GA)

Valley Rescue Mission (Columbus, GA)

Young Life

Greater Columbus, GA (Lauren Johnson)

Atlanta, (Slate and Lindsay Fluker)

Deacons of St. Andrews

2019

DR McNew

Josh Schuster

Allen Whitley

2020

Morgan Kimball

Bill Shirley

Ben Wallace

2021

Luke Addison

Mitch Jaeger

Mike Willett

Elders of St. Andrews

2019

Bill Brouwer

Matt Maxey

2020

Chris Schuster

Greg Johnston

John Mitchell

2021

Steve Adams

Clark Cobb

Tim Dodds

Ted Thorne

The Purpose of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church:

We exist to glorify and enjoy God as His called-out people:

Who are called together to worship God,

To be instructed in the Scriptures,

To be conformed to God's truth,

To reach out into our world with the news of the gospel.



