

Worship is training in setting our affections on God. Our hearts will find some object, some activity to take as our focus. We may -- and do -- find poor things to love, things that do not return our love but we will not do completely without something or someone to love. Biblical faith includes the turning of our hearts to our Maker and Redeemer. In worship we sing praises to the God who has purchased us at indescribable cost. We cannot change our own hearts but we can choose to put ourselves in the place where God can overthrow other empty loves and win us to himself.

O great God of highest heaven
Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme
Conquer every rebel power
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me
Make me Yours forevermore

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.



The back of the program has the office phone number and email addresses for the staff.

God has moved you to come to worship him.

We are honored that you are here.

January 21, 2018

Preaching: Bill Douglas

Leading Worship: Mike Stewart & Duncan Cantrell

Songs of Ascent

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus, I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way
From the burning of the noon tide heat and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus, mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me.
And from my smitten heart with tears, two wonders I confess:
The wonders of His glorious love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place:
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face,
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,
My sinful self, my only shame, my glory, all the cross.

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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There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel's veins;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its pow'r
'Til all the ransomed Church of God be saved to sin no more.

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be 'til I die.

When this poor lisping, stammering tongue lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song, I'll sing Thy pow'r to save.
There is a fountain filled with blood Drawn from Emmanuel's veins.

Sing to Jesus

Come and see, look on this mystery: Lord of the universe, nailed to a tree.
Christ our God spilling His holy blood, bowing in anguish His sacred head.

Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame,
Lord of our sinful hearts, He is our great Redeemer!
Sing to Jesus, honor His name,
Sing of His faithfulness, pouring His life out unto death.

Come you weary and He will give you rest. Come you who mourn lay on His breast.
Christ who died, risen in paradise—Giver of mercy, giver of life.

Sing to Jesus, His is the throne;
Now and forever, He is the king of heaven!
Sing to Jesus, we are His own!
Now and forever, sing for the love our God has shown!

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Sing for the love our God has shown!

Sing to Jesus, Sing to Jesus, Sing to Jesus!

Call to Worship *(Psalm 47)*

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.
He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.
He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

**God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!**

God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.
The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Prayers of Invocation & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn 660

O God Beyond All Praising

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

Hymn # 38

Immortal Invisible

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish—but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee,

Prayers of Confession

Promise of Pardoning Grace (from I Peter 1:17-21)

And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing 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.

Ministry Minute: Clemet Arts & Orphan Care

Hymn #449

We Rest on Thee

“We rest on thee” - our shield and our defender!
We go not forth alone against the foe;
Strong in thy strength, safe in thy keeping tender,
“We rest on thee, and in thy name we go,”
Strong in thy strength, safe in thy keeping tender,
“We rest on thee, and in thy name we go.”

Yea, “in the name,” O Captain of salvation!
In thy dear name, all other names above:
Jesus our righteousness, our sure foundation,
Our Prince of glory and our King of love,
Jesus our righteousness, our sure foundation,
Our Prince of glory and our King of love,

“We go” in faith, our own great weakness feeling,
And needing more each day thy grace to know:
Yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,
“We rest on thee, and in thy name we go,”
Yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,
“We rest on thee, and in thy name we go,”

“We rest on thee” our shield and our defender!
Thine is the battle, thine shall be the praise
When passing through the gates of pearly splendor,
Victors we rest with thee, through endless days,
When passing through the gates of pearly splendor,
Victors we rest with thee, through endless days.

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 1:17-20 & Ezekiel 47:1-9

17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, 18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might 20 that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,

Then he brought me back to the door of the temple, and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east). The water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar. 2 Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me around on the outside to the outer gate that faces toward the east; and behold, the water was trickling out on the south side.

3 Going on eastward with a measuring line in his hand, the man measured a thousand cubits, and then led me through the water, and it was ankle-deep. 4 Again he measured a thousand, and led me through the water, and it was knee-deep. Again he measured a thousand, and led me through the water, and it was waist-deep. 5 Again he measured a thousand, and it was a river that I could not pass through, for the water had risen. It was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be passed through. 6 And he said to me, "Son of man, have you seen this?"

Then he led me back to the bank of the river. 7 As I went back, I saw on the bank of the river very many trees on the one side and on the other. 8 And he said to me, "This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and enters the sea; when the water flows into the sea, the water will become fresh. 9 And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes.

Sermon

Hymn # 98

Now Thank We all Our God

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us;
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

Benediction

Nunc Dimittis

Hymn # 98

Now Thank We all Our God

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Ephesians 1:18, 19 & Ezekiel 47:1-9

“The surpassing greatness of his power . . . ”

The life-giving power of that is the ministry of the Holy Spirit

The Christ exalting work that is the purpose of the Spirit in the church.

All who are in Christ are equipped for Christ-exalting alive-ness.

The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament in Ezekiel.

The people of God dwelling in the midst of oppression.

The presence of God among those who are living as exiles. (Ezek. 1:1)

The purpose of God to remember his people and be their shepherd. (Ezek. 34:11-24)

The prophetic word of God that breathes new life into those who were dry bones. (Ezek. 37:1-14)

The power of God by his Spirit to flood the nations with life and grace. (Ezek 47:1-9)

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

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)

NAMI is offering a **free 11-week course** for family, caregivers, and friends of individuals with severe brain disorders (mental illnesses). The curriculum focuses on understanding, caring, and coping related to a comprehensive range of issues. It begins on Sunday, **February 11, from 2:30 – 5:00** at Columbus Hospice. Contact Doris Keene for more info at (706) 392-2944 .

Children's Ministry

CLUBTIME meets next on **January 28**. Bring your own sack supper at 5:30 pm
CLUBTIME activities from **6:00-7:30 PM**.

Students should be working on Lesson 1, Psalm 121:1-2.

Vacation Bible School 2018

- Save the Date! June 18-22. For more info contact Bess
at kids.SAPC@gmail.com

Women's Early Morning Study

The early morning Women's study is kicking off the new year with a new book! Come join us on Friday mornings at **6:30am** at **Panera** as we go through "Calm My Anxious Heart" by Linda Dillow.
Contact Amy Jaeger if you have any questions. (706.615.5285)

Women's Romans Study

The Women's Romans study is back! Join us on Tuesday mornings, from 10-11:30 at St. Andrews. Nursery is provided for children under 5.

Women's Retreat

This year, the retreat will be held at St. Andrews.
Reserve the dates - **February 23th -24th!**

Monthly Calendar For St. Andrews

JANUARY

21, Sun— Sunday School (9:30)

Middle School Boys Small Group (4:30)

Youth (5:30pm)

22, Mon— Moms in Prayer (9:00)

23, Tues— Women's Bible Study, Romans 11 (10:00)

26, Fri— Women's Early Morning Study, “Calm My Anxious Heart” (6:30)

28, Sun— Sunday School (9:30)

Middle School Boys Small Group (4:30)

CLUBTIME (5:30)

Youth (5:30pm)

29, Mon— Moms in Prayer (9:00)

30, Tues— Women's Bible Study, Romans 12 (10:00)

FEBRUARY

2, Fri— Women's Early Morning Study, “Calm My Anxious Heart” (6:30)

4, Sun— Sunday School (9:30)

WIC Luncheon in Sunday School Room

Middle School Boys Small Group (4:30)

Youth - Super Bowl Party! (5:30pm)

5, Mon— Moms in Prayer (9:00)

6, Tues— Women's Bible Study, Romans 13 (10:00)

9, Fri— Women's Early Morning Study, “Calm My Anxious Heart” (6:30)

If you have questions regarding any event,
please contact the church office. **706-327-7750**

Calendar of the Month

Ushers: Mike Willett, Doug Brown, Buddy Cook, Sterling Cannon
Deacons: Ben Wallace, Josh Schuster

Greeters:

January 21: Tyler & Linda Bennett
January 28: Blake & Jennifer Corcoran
February 4: Jeff & Sara Barkhouse

Children's Church:

January 21: Bess Kendrick-Holmes & Sydney Brasseaux
January 28: Alison Ross & Blake Schoonover
February 4: Diane McGowan & Aracelis Williams

Nursery Volunteers:

January 21: Bridget Adams
January 28: Joy Mullins
February 4: Janet Whitley

COVENANT FAMILY NEEDS

- Expectant Mothers — Mary Lou Cantrell, Danelle McNew, Elise Jones, Heather Cannon
- Foster Care Families — Matt & Katherine Maxey
- St. Andrews Missionaries — Pioneers, Tom and Iris Lowder
- St Andrews Ministries— Worship Ministry Team
- Please pray for those in our church family who are recovering from surgeries, accidents, cancer treatments, and other illnesses:
Cheryl Smith — Dorothy Bryant — Jackson Family — Libby Dahlin — Sam Killeffer
- Pray for Susan Jackson who is recovering from surgery on a torn tendon in her ankle and will have restricted mobility for 4-8 weeks.
- 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.

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

Bethany Christian Services (Columbus, GA)
Covenant Theological Seminary (St. Louis, Missouri)
House of Mercy (Columbus, GA)
International Friendship Ministries (Columbus, GA)
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship — Paul and Margaret Tokunaga
Mission to North America (MNA) — Chaplain Ministries
Chaplain Dr. Mike Stewart (Medical Center, Columbus, GA)
Mission to the World (MTW)
 David and Erin Pervis (Ukraine)
 Johan and Stephanie van der Westhuizen (Chile)
 Gary and Tammy Elliott (Bulgaria)
 Pete & Ruth Mitchell (France)
Pioneers
 Tom and Iris Lowder
Reformed University Fellowship (RUF)
 Auburn University (Wes and Nancy Simmons)
 Mercer University (Elliott and Carrie Everitt)
 University of GA (Justin and Elizabeth Clement)
 University of South Alabama (Jacob and Leigh Zoller)
Valley Rescue Mission (Columbus, GA)
Young Life
 Greater Columbus, GA
 Slate and Lindsay Fluker

Elders of St. Andrews 2018

Andy Dickens
Dimon Kendrick-Holmes
AJ Morris
2019
Bill Brouwer
Matt Maxey
2020
Chris Schuster
Greg Johnston
John Mitchell

Deacons of St. Andrews 2018

David Clickner
Dan Gwaltney
Dale Pope
2019
DR McNew
Josh Schuster
Allen Whitley
2020
Morgan Kimball
Bill Shirley
Ben Wallace

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.



