

It is not we who can sustain the Church, nor was it our forefathers, nor will it be our descendants. It was and is and will be the One who says: "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." As it says in Heb. 13: "Jesus Christ, *heri, et hodie, et in secula.*" (Yesterday, today and forever) And in Rev. I: "Which was, and is, and is to come." Verily He is that One, and none other is or can be.

May Christ our dear God and the Bishop of our souls which He has bought with His own precious blood, sustain His little flock by the might of His own Word, that it may increase and grow in grace and knowledge and faith in Him. May He comfort and strengthen it, that it may be firm and steadfast against all the crafts and assaults of Satan and this wicked world, and may He hear its hearty groaning and anxious waiting and longing for the joyful day of His glorious and blessed coming and appearing. May there be an end of this murderous pricking and biting of the heel, of horrible poisonous serpents. And may there come finally the revelation of the glorious liberty and blessedness of the children of God, for which they wait and hope in patience. To which all those who love the appearing of Christ our life will say from the heart, Amen, Amen.

Martin Luther -- d. 1543

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.

November 4, 2018

Preaching: Bill Douglas

Leading in Worship: Jeff Barkhouse & John Mitchell

Songs of Ascent

Come Ye Sinners

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity, joined with power.
He is able, He is able; He is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better, You will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you, 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one lay down, Your head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, weary, worn and sad;
I found in Him my resting place, and He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold I freely give
The living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank from that life-giving stream
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy days be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk 'til pilgrim days are done

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My Comforter, my All in All—here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.

Till on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on Him was laid—here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Call To Worship (*From Isaiah 55*)

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
And he who has no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
And your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Incline your ear, and come to me;
Hear, that your soul may live;
And I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
My steadfast, sure love for David.

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.

Refrain:

It is well, with my soul, It is well, 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. (*Refrain*)

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! (*Refrain*)

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. (*Refrain*)

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Prayers of Invocation

O Sovereign Lord, Redeemer of your people and Lord of all nations, we gather to praise your name. You who are our Mighty Rock sustain us in our weakness and through all of the uncertainties of our days. By your covenant love we ask that you subdue our hearts so that our affections belong to you above all things. As the only Lawgiver in Zion we pray that you rule over us and defend us against the enemies of our souls. Remember your ancient promises to extend your favor to all who call on the name of your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Be pleased with our worship, strengthen our hands and cause your glory to be displayed through your church. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Amen

Hymn # 37

All That I Am I Owe to Thee

All that I am I owe to thee,
thy wisdom, Lord, has fashioned me.
I give my Maker thankful praise,
whose wondrous works my soul amaze.

Ere into being I was brought,
thine eye did see, and in thy thought
my life in all its perfect plan
was ordered ere my days began.

Thy thoughts, O God, how manifold,
more precious unto me than gold!
I muse on their infinity,
awaking I am still with thee.

The wicked thou wilt surely slay;
from me let sinners turn away.
They speak against the name divine;
I count God's enemies as mine.

Search me, O God, my heart discern;
try me, my inmost thought to learn;
and lead me, if in sin I stray,
to choose the everlasting way.

Prayers of Confession

Promise Of Pardoning Grace

Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being praise his holy name.
Praise the Lord, my soul and forget not all his benefits—
Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,
Who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,
The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.
He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;
He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
So great is his love for those who fear him;
As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions
From us.

Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q. 1

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

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.

Hymn 689

Be Still My Soul

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
To guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
And all is darkened in the vale of tears,
Then shall you better know his love, his heart,
Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay
From his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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.)

Prayers of Intercession

Scripture Lesson Ephesians 2:3-7 & Ephesians 4:1-3

3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

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.

Sermon

Benediction

Nunc Dimittis

Hymn #733

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Ephesians 2:3-7 & 4:1-3

Those specific things given in Christ à specific requirements of obedience to Christ.

When we were dead God made us to be alive in Christ → → we would diligently practice “aliveness” by keeping the unity the Spirit places over the church.

Humility (toward God) à gentleness and patience (toward one another)
mutual acceptance (as brothers and sisters) → **unity of the Spirit**

Gentleness – to engage one another without leaving bruises.

Patience – to give as much time toward friendship and love as necessary.

Bearing with one another – because I love you I do not tabulate the cost.

Eager for unity with one another.

The unity of the Spirit is NOT a unity from the ways, beliefs and values that come from the world. Not political, cultural, “tribal” or ideological.

Nothing less than the crucifixion of the Son of God and the rebirth by the Holy Spirit can achieve what is required.

There are doctrinal borders to Biblical unity. Unity is in the Christ of the NT and therefore does not exist outside of the doctrinal, propositional truth about him.

Unity is NOT uniformity.

Which doctrines are “deal breakers?” Doctrines have differing “weights.”

The testimony before the watching world of new life for such a time as this.

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

Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, **November 11th**, following the worship service for the purpose of the members of St. Andrews to vote on the confirmation of Wes Simmons as our next Senior Pastor.

We will have an abbreviated worship service that day with the Congregational Meeting starting around 11:20 AM.

Children in nursery and children's church will remain there for the meeting.

KIDS

The CLUBTIME program scheduled for TONIGHT has been cancelled. Next CLUBTIME will take place on Sunday November 18 from 5:30-7:30 PM. Children should prepare to recite *John 15:12-16* at that final meeting for the semester. If you have questions please contact Bess at kids.SAPC@gmail.com

YOUTH

This Sunday we are meeting at Weracoba Park
(across from Columbus High School) *instead of normal Youth Group.*

What: Flag Football and Pizza!

When: Sunday, November 4th from 4pm-6pm

Where: Weracoba Park

(meeting in the parking lot on the corner of 18th ave and 17th street)

SONG NIGHT

St. Andrews' worship team will be hosting a joint SONG NIGHT with Crosspointe on **Friday, November 16, from 7-9pm at Crosspointe Church.**

Childcare will be provided for children 0-4.

WOMEN

Tuesdays: Margaret Sue Moseley is currently leading the women through the book of John on Tuesdays from **10:00-11:30**. *Nursery is provided for children 4 and under.*

Fridays: The Women's Early Morning Study meets from **6:30-7:30 am at Panera bread**. Please contact Amy Jaeger if you have any questions (706-615-5285).

Monthly Calendar at St. Andrews

NOVEMBER

- 4, Sun—** Church Life Fellowship Breakfast (9:30a)
No Sunday School, Time Change
Youth Group (5:30p)
Clubtime (5:30p)
- 5, Mon—** Moms in Prayer (9:00a)
- 6, Tues—** Women's Study "John" (10:00a)
- 9, Fri—** Women's Early Morning Study (6:30a)
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- 11, Sun—** Sunday School (9:30a)
Congregational Meeting
Youth Group (5:30p)
- 12, Mon—** Moms in Prayer (9:00a)
- 13, Tues—** Women's Study "John" (10:00a)
- 15, Thurs—** Invited, *Women's Book Study* (7:00p)
- 16, Fri—** Women's Early Morning Study (6:30a)
Song Night at Crosspointe (7:00p)
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- 18, Sun—** Sunday School (9:30a)
NO Youth Group
- 19, Mon—** Moms in Prayer (9:00a)
- 20, Tues—** Women's Study "John" (10:00a)
- 22, Thurs—** **Happy Thanksgiving!** *Office Closed*
- 23, Fri—** *Office Closed*

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

706-327-7750

Calendar of the Month

Ushers: Reid Bennett, David Clickner, Joe Kendrick-Holmes, Todd Sheppard
Deacons: Luke Addison, Bill Shirley

Greeters:

November 4: Bobby & Diane McGowan

November 11: Tom & Lauren Johnson

November 18: AJ & Jolyn Morris

Children's Church:

November 4: Brett & Jackie Horne, Jack Phillips

November 11: Diane McGowan, Cordy Phillips, Grace Johnson

November 18: Bess Kendrick-Holmes, Jennifer Stowe, Maggie Foster

November 25: David and Cheryl Smith, Blake Schoonover

Nursery Volunteers:

November 4: Mary Simpson

November 11: Jennifer McGowan

November 18: Elizabeth Thorne

COVENANT FAMILY NEEDS

- **Expectant Mothers** — Jennifer Corcoran, Traci Howell
- **Foster Care Families** — Matt & Katherine Maxey, Andrew & Amanda Harry
- **Families Adopting** — Mathes & Caitlin Ballard
- **St. Andrews Missionaries** — University of South Alabama RUF
(Jacob and Leigh Zoller)
- **St Andrews Ministries** — Youth Ministry Team
- Please pray for those in our church family who are recovering from surgeries, accidents, cancer treatments, and other illnesses:
Sam Killeffer— Elise Jones—Susan Jackson
- 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 be in continuous prayer for our Pastoral Search Committee.

**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)
 University of GA (Ben Coppage)
 University of South Alabama (Jacob and Leigh Zoller)
Valley Rescue Mission (Columbus, GA)
Young Life
 Greater Columbus, GA
 Atlanta, (Slate and Lindsay Fluker)

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

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

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.



