

November 25, 2018

Communion Sunday

Preaching: Bill Douglas

Songs of Ascent

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight;
Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;
Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high Tower:
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High king of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of All.

Jesus What A Friend

Jesus, what a Friend for sinners! Jesus, Lover of my Soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Jesus, what a Strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him.
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my Strength, my victory wins.

Chorus: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Hallelujah, what a Friend!

Saving, helping, keeping, loving,

He is with me to the end. Oh Jesus, what a Friend!

Jesus, what a Help in sorrow! While the billows over me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking, He, my Comfort, helps my soul.

Jesus, what a Guide and Keeper! While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night o'tertakes me, He, my Pilot, hears my cry. *(Chorus)*

Jesus! I do now receive Him, More than all in Him I find.
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine.

(Chorus)

Oh Jesus, what a Friend! Oh Jesus, what a Friend! Oh Jesus, what a Friend!

I Will Glory in My Redeemer

I will glory in my Redeemer, Whose priceless blood has ransomed me.
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails, And hung Him on that judgment tree.

I will glory in my Redeemer, Who crushed the power of sin and death.
My only Savior before the holy Judge: The Lamb who is my righteousness,
The Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer. My life He bought, my love He owns.

I have no longings for another, I'm satisfied in Him alone.

I will glory in my Redeemer, His faithfulness my standing place.
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me, My feet are firm, held by His grace,
My feet are firm, held by His grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer, Who carries me on eagles' wings.
He crowns my life with lovingkindness, His triumph song I'll ever sing.

I will glory in my Redeemer, Who waits for me at gates of gold.
And when He calls me, it will be paradise, His face forever to behold,
His face forever to behold

Call To Worship

For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame. You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Hymn# 198

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!

A helper just he comes to thee, his chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness, his scepter, pity in distress

Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord abide!
Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.

So come, my Sovereign, enter in! Let new and nobler life begin!
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.

Prayers of Invocation

Our great and gracious God, Creator, Rock, Almighty and worthy of all praise, draw near to us today. We worship you because in your righteousness you did not stand far off but have come to us by sending the Redeemer who is both the Eternal God and a true man. He is the great and true Word of God who reveals the way of Salvation. He the only mediator and ransom to cover our guilt. He is the great and true King of Glory who subdues nations to himself, who rules over and defends his children and will one day return to conquer all his enemies. We welcome his work in us today as we sing, as we pray and as we listen to his word. Give us new life, train us to submission and come and reign over us Ancient of Days. In His Name we pray. Amen.

Hymn # 715

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home:
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied:
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown:
first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day all offenses purge away;
give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;
there forever purified, in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

Prayers Of Confession

Promise Of Pardoning Grace *(From Titus 2)*

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Ministry Minute *Alison Ross, WIC Retreat*

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 *John 1:1-14*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. 9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Sermon

May God grant that we contemplate the mysteries of his heavenly wisdom with truly increasing devotion, to his glory and our edification. Amen.

John 1:1-14

“Let me tell you about the most important life ever lived and how that life joins to your life to bring you to God.”

The Living Word who never had a beginning but who was, and is and is to come.

The One who is the Beginner and Maker of all – including you and your whole life.

The One who brings Life into all the cities of men covered by the dust of death.

The Great and True Light that breaks through our darkness.

To all who receive him he brings Truth, Reconciliation, Life and Light.

Confession of Faith – Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary;
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell. * The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven; and is seated at the right hand
Of God the Father Almighty;
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; **
The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Died a true death and bore the full weight of the wrath of God as the Redeemer*

*** This phrase means the true, universal invisible church in all ages*

Hymn# 247

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain:
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! Tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favor, vouchsafe to me thy grace.

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Hymn# 247

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest Friend,
for this, thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

Benediction

Nunc Dimittis

Hymn #170

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and for evermore be thine.

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

Congratulations to Blake and Jennifer Corcoran on the birth of their daughter,
Ellen Leigh, born on November 17th, weighing 8lbs 5oz.

ADVENT

Helpers are needed to decorate the church for Advent on **Saturday, December 1 from 9 AM-noon**. Please bring fresh-cut Christmas greenery if you have any to share.

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in honor/memorial of, the cost is **\$5.00 per poinsettia**. The deadline for ordering is **November 30th**. Direct checks to SAPC with "Poinsettia" and who it is in memory or honor of in the memo line.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Annual Christmas Dinner will be held at **St. Andrews on Thursday, December 6th, at 6pm**. This *adult only* event is \$10 per adult. There will be childcare provided, for \$5 per child, *for those who register their children prior to the event*. Please sign up online or in the narthex. Contact the church office with any questions.

Contact Diane McGowan, 706.315.8521 if you would like to help with decorations, or if you have antlers or large round tables (that seat 8) that we could borrow

YOUTH

Nov 25 — Youth Group (5:30p)

Dec 2 — Gingerbread House Contest (5:30p)

KIDS

Children's Christmas Pageant will take place on
Sunday December 9 at 5:30 PM.

All St. Andrews family and friends are invited to this special re-telling of the Christmas story. Students ages 4 years old-6th grade may participate. Please sign up to on the clipboards in the Narthex. Costumes will be available for pick up today in room 109. Contact Mrs. Bess for more info.

WOMEN

You're invited! The Annual Women's Retreat is **FEBRUARY 8-10**.
Retreat will be at Callaway Gardens.

Monthly Calendar at St. Andrews

NOVEMBER

- 25, Sun—** **Communion Sunday**
No Sunday School, includes Youth (Advent Schedule)
Youth Group (5:30p)
- 26, Mon—** Moms in Prayer (9:00a)
- 30, Fri—** Women's Early Morning Study (6:30a)

DECEMBER

- 1, Sat—** Decorating the Church (9:00a)
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- 2, Sun—** *Advent Begins! (No Sunday School, includes Youth)*
Youth Group—Gingerbread House Contest (5:30p)
- 3, Mon—** Moms in Prayer (9:00a)
- 6, Thurs—** **Christmas Dinner** (6:00p)
- 7, Fri—** Women's Early Morning Study (6:30a)
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- 9, Sun—** *Advent! (No Sunday School, includes Youth)*
Christmas Pageant (5:30p)
No Youth Group
- 10, Mon—** Moms in Prayer (9:00a)
- 14, Fri—** Women's Early Morning Study (6:30a)

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 25: Allen Whitley & Dan Gwaltney

December 2 : Billy & Janet Whitley

December 9: Ted & Liz Thorne

Children's Church:

November 25: David and Cheryl Smith, Blake Schoonover

December 2 : Brett & Jackie Horne, Jack Phillips

December 9: Diane McGowan, Cordy Phillips, Bethany Adams

Nursery Volunteers:

November 25: Mary Simpson

December 2 : Paula Anderson

December 9: Lydia Wescott

COVENANT FAMILY NEEDS

- **Expectant Mothers** — Traci Howell
- **Foster Care Families** — Matt & Katherine Maxey
- **Families Adopting** — Mathes & Caitlin Ballard

St. Andrews Missionaries — Young Life - Greater Columbus, GA

- **St Andrews Ministries** — Deacons
- Please pray for those in our church family who are recovering from surgeries, accidents, cancer treatments, and other illnesses:

Sam Killeffer — Addie Jackson

- Please pray for Ruth Dicken's mother, *Patricia Levine* who was in a bad car accident this week, with a long road of recovery ahead.
- Please pray for Louann Buck's father, Frank Clements, who is in rehab following a brain hemorrhage. Pray for Louann and her brothers as they care for him.

**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 Coppedge)
 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.



