

“Our heaven is in the bud and growing up until the harvest.”

This sentence is from a letter by the Scottish pastor Samuel Rutherford. In this letter he gives comfort and instruction to one who is weary from long spiritual battles and who is weary. Rutherford speaks of the power of Christ to carry his own through every storm.

I find Christ and His cross not unpleasant or troublesome guests, as men would call them. No, I think patience makes the water Christ gives us good wine, and His cross silver and gold. We have a good reason for continuing to wait: before long our Master will be back for us and shine His light into the whole world, making visible the blacks and whites. Happy are those who will be found ready. Our hour-glass doesn't have long enough to run for us to become weary. In fact, time itself will dissolve our cares and sorrow. Our heaven is in the bud and growing up until the harvest. Don't worry about the storm when you're sailing in Christ's ship: no passenger will ever fall overboard. Even the most sea-sick passenger is sure to come to land safely.

Samuel Rutherford, 1637

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.

February 11 2018
Preaching: Bill Douglas
Leading Worship: Duncan Cantrell

Songs of Ascent

Come Thou Fount

Come, Thou Fount of every 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 Thy redeeming 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, Wandering 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 Thy grace now, like a fetter, Bind my wandering 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.

Oh that day when, freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothèd then in blood-washed linen how I'll sing Thy sovereign grace.
Come my Lord, no longer tarry; take my ransomed soul away,
Send Thine angels now to carry me to realms of endless day!

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam!

Refrain: O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice! (Refrain)

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on Him cast your care! (Refrain)

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One! (Refrain)

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.

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 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.
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 is my strength and song. He is become my salvation.

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Prayers of Invocation *(based on Psalm 19)*

Your law O LORD is perfect, reviving the soul.

Your statutes are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

Your precepts O LORD are right, giving joy to the heart.

and your commands are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

May they be for us more precious than gold, than much pure gold;
sweeter than honey from the comb.

By these may we, your servants be warned;

Grant us faith to keep them and lay hold of your rewards

Give to us holy discernment to know our errors and forgive our hidden faults.

Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over us.

May the words of our mouth and the meditation of the heart

be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen

Praise My Soul

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me, his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
in his arms he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

Prayers of Confession

Promise of Pardoning Grace *from Colossians 2*

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, 14 having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. 15 And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Hymn #34

The God of Abraham Praise

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of Everlasting Days, and God of Love;
Jehovah, great I AM! by earth and heaven confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.

The God of Abraham praise, at whose supreme command
From earth I rise, and seek the joys at his right hand.
I all on earth forsake, its wisdom, fame, and pow'r,
And him my only portion make, my shield and tow'r.

He by himself hath sworn, I on his oath depend;
I shall, on eagle's wings upborne, to heav'n ascend:
I shall behold his face, I shall his power adore,
And sing the wonders of his grace for evermore.

The goodly land I see, With peace and plenty blest,
A land of sacred liberty And endless rest;
There milk and honey flow, And oil and wine abound,
And trees of life for ever grow, With mercy crowned.

There dwells the Lord our King, The Lord our righteousness;
Triumphant over the world and sin, The Prince of Peace
On Zion's sacred height His kingdom still maintains,
And glorious with his saints in light For ever reigns.

The whole triumphant host Give thanks to God on high;
Hail Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, They ever cry:
Hail Abraham's God and mine! I join the heavenly lays
All might and majesty are thine, And endless praise.

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 2: 4-5; Nehemiah 8: 9-18*

4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. 10 Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." 11 So the Levites calmed all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved." 12 And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them. On the second day the heads of fathers' houses of all the people, with the priests and the Levites, came together to Ezra the scribe in order to study the words of the Law. 14 And they found it written in the Law that the Lord had commanded by Moses that the people of Israel should dwell in booths during the feast of the seventh month, 15 and that they should proclaim it and publish it in all their towns and in Jerusalem, "Go out to the hills and bring branches of olive, wild olive, myrtle, palm, and other leafy trees to make booths, as it is written." 16 So the people went out and brought them and made booths for themselves, each on his roof, and in their courts and in the courts of the house of God, and in the square at the Water Gate and in the square at the Gate of Ephraim. 17 And all the assembly of those who had returned from the captivity made booths and lived in the booths, for from the days of Jeshua the son of Nun to that day the people of Israel had not done so. And there was very great rejoicing. 18 And day by day, from the first day to the last day, he read from the Book of the Law of God. They kept the feast seven days, and on the eighth day there was a solemn assembly, according to the rule.

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 2:4-5 & Nehemiah 8:9-18

“But God”: The display of the preeminent supremacy of Jesus Christ

God— who is rich in mercy overflowing *in Jesus Christ*

God- because of his great love revealed *in Jesus Christ*

God- who when we were alive made us alive *together with Jesus Christ*

We are saved by grace that comes *only by Jesus Christ*

(The redemption that comes through Christ does not just spring up in the NT but grows from the eternal purposes of God revealed in all the Bible)

The Festival of Booths. The celebration of new life God has given freely to his people.

Joy in scarcity -- because we have God who is rich in mercy

Joy in all situations and places -- because God dwells wherever his people are.

The joy of the Lord is our strength — gratitude, patience and freedom from worry.

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

Women's Retreat

This year, the retreat will be held at St. Andrews. **February 23th -24th!**
Friday 7-9pm & Saturday 9am-3pm. *Sign up online or in church office.*

CLUBTIME

Meets **THIS** Sunday night, February 11.

Students should be working on *Lesson 2* and preparing to recite *Psalm 121:1-3*.

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.

T4G

“**Together for the Gospel**” is a **3 day conference in Kentucky**, where **men** from around the nation and from different denominations come together to worship a Holy God as one Church and study the Word of God.

This years theme is “*Distinct from the world.*”

Speakers include: John Piper, John MacArthur, Thabiti Anyabwile, Albert Mohler, and Kevin DeYoung, to name a few.

For more information contact Chris Schuster— 706-718-8632

Monthly Calendar For St. Andrews

FEBRUARY

11, Sun— Sunday School (9:30)

Middle School Boys Small Group (4:30)

CLUBTIME (5:30)

Youth (5:30)

12, Mon— Moms in Prayer (9:00)

13, Tues— Women's Bible Study, Romans 14 (10:00)

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

18, Sun— Sunday School (9:30)

19, Mon— Moms in Prayer (9:00)

20, Tues— Women's Bible Study, Romans 15 (10:00)

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

WIC Retreat (7-9pm)

24, Sat— WIC Retreat (9am-3pm)

25, Sun— Sunday School (9:30)

Communion Sunday

Middle School Boys Small Group (4:30)

CLUBTIME (5:30)

Youth (5:30)

26, Mon— Moms in Prayer (9:00)

27, Tues— Women's Bible Study, Romans Review (10:00)

MARCH

2, 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: Lois Cain, Brett Horne, Parker Bennett, Rodney Milner
Deacons: DR McNew, Bill Shirley

Greeters:

February 11: Ryan & Ashley Foster
February 18: Greg & Susan Johnston
February 25: Todd & Rachel Sheppard

Children's Church:

February 11: John & Jennifer Anderson
February 18: Bess Kendrick-Holmes & Sydney Brasseaux & Grace Johnson
February 25: Alison Ross & Blake Schoonover

Nursery Volunteers:

February 11: Jolyn Morris
February 18: Brooke Douglas
February 25: Samantha Depue

COVENANT FAMILY NEEDS

- Expectant Mothers — Mary Lou Cantrell, Danelle McNew, Elise Jones, Heather Cannon
- Foster Care Families — Matt & Katherine Maxey, Andrew & Amanda Harry
- St. Andrews Missionaries — RUF: University of GA (Justin and Elizabeth Clement)
- St Andrews Ministries— Children's 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.



