

The world does not need more of you, it needs more of God. Your friends do not need more of you they need more of God. And you don't need more of you; you need more of God. For we do not progress in the Christian life by becoming more competent, more knowledgeable, more virtuous, or more energetic. We do not advance in the Christian life by acquiring expertise. Every day and many times each day we need more of God. Back to square one."

Eugene Petersen

Even as we read and agree with these words on Sunday morning we are prone to forget them on Monday. It is hard to keep in mind the quiet truths of God when the claims and offers of the world scream at us from every direction. Worship is the place where we train ourselves – mind, heart and will -- to hear God today with an eye toward walking tomorrow.

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.

March 18, 2018
Preaching: Bill Douglas

Songs of Ascent

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)

Creation Hymn

Creator God who carved the canyons with a painless breath;
Who sends the rains on unmanned fields and tucks the sun to rest;
The dawn is clothed with brilliance and adorned in full array;
Reflections of the Fathers love put wildly on display.

Oh, Sovereign one who fashioned oceans deep by whisper strong;
Who rends the waters from the lands and lends the depths her song;
The fullness of the sky and sea in reverence do they stand
To testify the sovereignty and goodness of your hand.

Hallelujah, all creation sings, holy, holy, glory to the King!

Eternal one who knows no turning, faithful through all things,
Unbroken praise and righteousness adorn your matchless name.
The frailty of created things sustained by Christ alone;
Sufficient is your providence; immortal is your throne.

Hallelujah, all creation sings, holy, holy, glory to the King! (x3)

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! A
ll Thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Call to Worship *(From Isaiah 49)*

This is what the LORD says: "In the time of my favor I will answer you,
and in the day of salvation I will help you;

**I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people,
to restore the land. To say to the captives, 'Come out,'
and to those in darkness, 'Be free!'**

They will neither hunger nor thirst, nor will the desert heat or the sun beat upon them.
He who has compassion on them will guide them and lead them beside springs of water.

**Shout for joy, O heavens; rejoice, O earth; burst into song, O mountains!
For the LORD comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

(Chorus)

We will feast in the house of Zion. We will sing with our hearts restored.
"He has done great things," we will say together, We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire, He is the LORD our God.
We are not consumed, by the flood—Upheld, protected, gathered up. (Chorus)

In the dark of night, before the dawn, My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long? Oh God of Jacob, be my strength. (Chorus)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed—You are the Faithful One.
And from the garden to the grave Bind us together, bring shalom. (Chorus)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayers of Invocation

O Lord God Almighty, you who are holy, holy, holy. We pray to you the exalted King who was, and is, and is to come. Set your Name among us today and give us power for our praises as we come to worship you. Give us faith to believe and obey your word. Give us bright hope as we sing hymns to you and make us glad in your salvation. Give us growing love as we receive your love for us in Christ Jesus. You are worthy to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. We join with all saints and say "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" Amen

Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns; the prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blessed.

Chorus:

*To our King be highest praise
Rising through eternal days
Just and faithful - He shall reign.
Jesus shall reign*

People and realms of every tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on His Name.

(Chorus)

Let every creature rise and bring blessing and honour to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

(Chorus)

Prayers of Confession

Promise of Pardoning Grace (Hebrews 2)

14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. 16 For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham.

Missions Minute – The Gideons

Admission to Sealing Ordinances— Rich and Evie Nichols

Praise My Soul The King of Heaven

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.

Testimonies of God's Grace

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: 8-10; Deuteronomy 4:1-14

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

“And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you. 2 You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you. 3 Your eyes have seen what the Lord did at Baal-peor, for the Lord your God destroyed from among you all the men who followed the Baal of Peor. 4 But you who held fast to the Lord your God are all alive today. 5 See, I have taught you statutes and rules, as the Lord my God commanded me, that you should do them in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. 6 Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ 7 For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? 8 And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? 9 “Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children— 10 how on the day that you stood before the Lord your God at Horeb, the Lord said to me, ‘Gather the people to me, that I may let them hear my words, so that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children so.’ 11 And you came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, while the mountain burned with fire to the heart of heaven, wrapped in darkness, cloud, and gloom. 12 Then the Lord spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the sound of words, but saw no form; there was only a voice. 13 And he declared to you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, that is, the Ten Commandments, and he wrote them on two tablets of stone. 14 And the Lord commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and rules, that you might do them in the land that you are going over to possess.

Sermon

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 all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine.

Ephesians 2:8-10 & Deuteronomy 4:1-14

The NT objection is not to effort and good deeds but to trusting that our efforts can "save" us.

Grace: God alone does freely what we could never do with all our striving.

Faith: It is not our efforts that join us to God but believing his promises.

Our identity (right-ness) is not based on our performance but that we are the work/workmanship of God. (Imago Dei)

In Christ Jesus. It is specifically the finished work of Christ that restores us to our true identity.

Grace based right-ness credited (imputed) to us that restores our status and purpose. (Justification.)

Grace filled new power in us (imparted) that for new obedience in the works we do.

Restored purpose: New ground for a life of glad obedience not done out of fear but out of our redemption.

The fruit of the Spirit displayed the primary areas of calling in our lives.

Overturning the effects of the fall through in our daily work.

Declaring the glory of Christ in service of his kingdom.

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

Thursday's Apron

Ladies, we will be meeting at St. Andrews,

March 22, from 7:00 - 9:00pm

Brooke Douglas will be sharing her knowledge of

WATER COLOR PAINTS

Kits will be provided, **cost is \$5.00**. Bring a smile and a friend :)

EASTER LUNCH

It is one of our great traditions of longest standing that we have a meal together as a church after the service on Easter.

This is for visitors, members, and anyone who is free to join us!

Please plan on this and sign up either online or using one of the sign up lists located in the building.

KIDS

St. Andrews will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt for ages Toddler-2nd grade on Easter Sunday, April 1st, following lunch on the grounds. Donations of candy and small items to stuff in Easter Eggs needed! No chocolates. A collection basket will be in the Narthex on Sunday.

Contact Bess at kids.SAPC@gmail.com for more information.

Inquirer's Class

New to St. Andrews? You are invited to learn about the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA); what we believe and why. It will run for 4 Sundays,

March 18 & 25, and April 1 & 15, 9:30-10:30 in the small group room.

This class is a requirement for church membership.

Play Group

There is a play group meeting on Tuesday mornings, from 10-11:30, at the church. Contact the church office if you have any questions!

Monthly Calendar For St. Andrews

MARCH

- 18, Sun**— Sunday School (9:30a)
Inquire's Class (9:30a)
Middle School Boys Small Group (4:30p)
Youth (5:30p)
- 19, Mon**— Moms in Prayer (9:00a)
- 20, Tues**— Play Group (10:00a)
- 22, Thurs**— Thursdays Apron, *Water Color Painting w/ Brooke Douglas*. (7:00p)
- 23, Fri**— Women's Early Morning Study, "Calm My Anxious Heart" (6:30a)
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- 25, Sun**— Communion Sunday
Sunday School (9:30a)
Inquire's Class (9:30a)
CLUBTIME (5:30p)
- 26, Mon**— Moms in Prayer (9:00a)
- 27, Tues**— Play Group (10:00a)
- 30, Fri**— Women's Early Morning Study, "Calm My Anxious Heart" (6:30a)
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APRIL

- 1, Sun**— Sunday School (9:30a)
Inquire's Class (9:30a)
EASTER LUNCH, everyone is welcome! & EGG HUNT
- 2, Mon**— Moms in Prayer (9:00a)
- 3, Tues**— Play Group (10:00a)
- 5, Thurs**— Titus Two Bible Study (7pm)
- 6, Fri**— Women's Early Morning Study, "Calm My Anxious Heart" (6:30a)

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

706-327-7750

Calendar of the Month

Ushers: Ryan Foster, Aiden Rhodes, Mike Willett, Drew Hammond
Deacons: Morgan Kimball, David Clickner

Greeters:

March 18: Drew & Amy Rhodes
March 25: Bobby & Diane McGowan
April 1: Tom & Lauren Johnson

Children's Church:

March 18: John & Jennifer Anderson
March 25: Alison Ross & Blake Schoonover
April 1: Bryce & Kristin Ciancio

Nursery Volunteers:

March 18: Bridget Blake
March 25: Pilar Cobb
April 1: Lois Cain

COVENANT FAMILY NEEDS

- Expectant Mothers — Mary Lou Cantrell, Danelle McNew, Elise Jones, Heather Cannon, Sarah Steed
- Foster Care Families — Matt & Katherine Maxey, Andrew & Amanda Harry
- St. Andrews Missionaries — Valley Rescue Mission (Columbus, GA)
- St Andrews Ministries— Missions 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
- Please pray for the O'Neals, as Alicia is recovering from hip surgery.
- 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.



