

Eugene Peterson reminds us to "notice the ways that Jesus uses to lead us as we walk in this God-created, God saved, God-ruled, God blessed world. Jesus is an alternative to the dominant ways of this world, not a supplement to them."

People who do not know God and his risen Son, Jesus of Nazareth, can only be expected to walk the way of the world – of self importance, self promotion, self satisfaction and self seeking. But the Jesus way is the opposite direction and against the flow of the crowd. Those who follow Him are on a lifelong pilgrimage and the only certainties are 1) His presence with us and 2) how the journey ends.

The Jesus way is the way of faith – not the way of sight.

The Jesus way is the way of God's word – not the way of the voices of men.

The Jesus way is the way of service – not the way of being served.

The Jesus way is the way of joy – not always the way of happiness.

The Jesus way is the way of life – and the only way to life that there is.

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 4, 2018

Preaching: Bill Douglas

Leading Worship: Duncan Cantrell

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.
Come ye needy, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.

Chorus:

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Saviour, O, there are ten thousand charms!

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better, You will never come at all.
Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him.

(Chorus)

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.

(Chorus)

Come All Ye Pining

Lord, we adore thy boundless grace, the heights and depths unknown,
Of pardon, life, and joy, and peace, in thy beloved Son.

Chorus:

Come, all ye pining, hungry poor, the Saviour's bounty taste;
Behold a never-failing store for every willing guest.

O wondrous gifts of love divine, Dear Source of every good;
Jesus, in thee what glories shine! How rich thy flowing blood!

(Chorus)

Here shall your numerous wants receive a free, a full supply;
He has unmeasured bliss to give, and joys that never die.

(Chorus)

God of My Life

God of my life, to Thee I call; Afflicted, at Thy feet I fall;
When the great water floods prevail Leave not my trembling heart to fail!
Poor tho I am, despised, forgot, Yet God, my God, forgets me not;
And he is safe, and must succeed, For whom the Lord is sure to plead.

Friend of the friendless and the saint, Where should I lodge my deep complaint?
Where but with Thee, whose open door Invites the helpless and the poor!
Poor tho I am, despised, forgot, Yet God, my God, forgets me not;
And he is safe, and must succeed, For whom the Lord is sure to plead.

Did ever mourner plead with Thee, And Thou refuse that mourner's plea?
Does not the Word still fixed remain That none shall seek Thy face in vain?
Poor tho I am, despised, forgot, Yet God, my God, forgets me not;
And he is safe, and must succeed, For whom the Lord is sure to plead.

That were a grief I could not bear, Didst Thou not hear and answer prayer;
But a prayer hearing, answering God Supports me under every load.
Poor tho I am, despised, forgot, Yet God, my God, forgets me not;
And he is safe, and must succeed, For whom the Lord is sure to plead.

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

Refrain:

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
(Refrain)

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!
(Refrain)

Call to Worship *(From Psalm 118)*

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Let those who fear the LORD say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous:

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Prayers of Invocation

O Most High, you who dwell in unapproachable light and who possess glory that goes beyond our understanding, yet have remembered us and have come down to bring salvation, hear our prayers. Do not stand far off. Do not count our sins and transgressions against us. Come to this place where we are called to worship you and set the blessings of your covenant love upon our lives. Give us faith by the power of your Spirit so that we will believe the words we will sing to your praise. Give us the new life that only the Spirit can bestow so that we are quick to say "yes" to your commands. Meet with us in every element of our worship today so that we are transformed, with new hearts leading to new obedience. Glorify your name in the lives of your people. We pray in the name of our Savior whose death is ransom for us. Amen

Hymn # 100

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

Prayers of Confession

Promise of Pardoning Grace (From I Peter 2)

For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” . . . The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” . . . But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Missions Minute – Alpha & Omega Church in Kosovo

Speak Oh Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail—let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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; Proverbs 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.

8 The wisdom of the prudent is to discern his way, but the folly of fools is deceiving.

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 2:8-10 ; Proverbs 14:8

By grace: The sovereign, loving, purposes of God like nothing else we ever encounter.

The undeserved, unmerited blessing, favor and covenant love of God.

The choice of God to fully save by doing 100% of what is required to forgive, rescue, redeem and reconcile.

Grace is both exhilarating and threatening; welcome good news and an offensive absolute.

Wisdom and understanding our way. (road, path, highway, & manner, conduct, impulse.)

Our way is outer habits, patterns ,practices and steps of our day. Where we are going.

It is even more inner convictions and impulses including our addictions to our own advancement and -- at times -- the self-serving schemes by which we go.

The dark side of our way includes attachment to idols and ways of self salvation.

Grace blocks and interrupts our way and sets us on a new one. Grace demands repentance.

We are on the wrong road. We are going the wrong way. We are going according to wrong -ness in the heart.

Grace gives us more than and abundantly beyond. Grace gives us, not counterfeits or pale substitutes but the real thing, deep, true and lasting.

Grace is from Christ crucified and joins us to Christ risen.

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

Mission Minute

This morning our Missions Minute is Nazi Berisha who is pastor of the Alpha & Omega Church in Ferrizaj. ST. Andrews has a special relationship with this church in the predominantly Muslim country of Kosovo.

Time Change Breakfast

Don't forget to set your clocks forward on **March 11th!** In lieu of Sunday School, please join us for a fellowship breakfast at 9:45 in the Narthex.

Inquirer's Class

New to St. Andrews? Inquirer's Class begins March 18! You are invited to learn about the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA); what we believe and why. It will run for 4 consecutive Sundays, **March 18 & 25, and April 1 & 8, 9:30-10:30** in the small group room (directly behind the restrooms). It will be led by Pastor Bill Douglas and the elders. This class is a requirement for church membership.

CLUBTIME

CLUBTIME meets next on March 11. Students should be working on Lesson 4 (Psalm 121:1-5) in the new blue devotional booklet.

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

MARCH

4, Sun— Sunday School (9:30)

Middle School Boys Small Group (4:30)

Youth (5:30)

5, Mon— Moms in Prayer (9:00)

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

11, Sun— *Time Change: Set your clocks forward!*

Time Change Fellowship (9:45)

Middle School Boys Small Group (4:30)

CLUBTIME (5:30)

Youth (5:30)

12, Mon— Moms in Prayer (9:00)

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

18, Sun— Sunday School (9:30)

Middle School Boys Small Group (4:30)

Youth (5:30)

19, Mon— Moms in Prayer (9:00)

22, Thurs— Thursdays Apron

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

25, Sun— Middle School Boys Small Group (4:30)

CLUBTIME (5:30)

Youth (5:30)

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 4: Chris & Betty Schuster
March 11: Duncan & Mary Lou Cantrell
March 18: Drew & Amy Rhodes

Children's Church:

March 4: Bryce & Kristin Ciancio
March 11: John & Jennifer Anderson
March 18: Bess Kendrick Holmes & Sydney Brasseaux

Nursery Volunteers:

March 4: Jacque Leersen
March 11: Cam Addison
March 18: Bridget Blake

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 — 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
- 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
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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.



